VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 9th day of January in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Auditor Joe Gries.

Joe Gries: Good morning, everyone. I'd like to open the January 9th, 2013 County Council regular meeting and I will ask Teri 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	
Councilmember Shetler	X	

*Arrived shortly after roll call

Joe Gries: Okay, we have six members present and one absent. If everyone would please stand and join me in the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Joe Gries: Okay, the next item on the agenda, I'll call for a motion for the president for 2013.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to appoint Tom Shetler.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

Joe Gries: Okay, we have a motion and a second and we'll call for the roll please. And as Councilwoman Koehler Lindsey comes in, we'll repeat the motion which is for Tom Shetler to be the Council president for 2013.

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: Aye. I had to be different.

Joe Gries: It's all yours, Tom.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President Shetler: Thank you. I appreciate the vote of confidence and at this time I would like to call for the election of the Vice President of the County Council. Do I have a motion for Vice President?

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion for Pete Swaim.

President Shetler: Motion for Pete Swaim for Vice President. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: Its been seconded. 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: Abstain.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being six members for and one abstention, the motion carries.

(Motion carries 6-0/Councilmember Swaim abstained from vote)

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL ATTORNEY

President Shetler: Appointment of County Council Attorney.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that we elect Jeffrey Ahlers.

President Shetler: Motion for appointment of Jeff Ahlers as our County Council Attorney.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved 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.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven members for and none opposed, congratulations.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

President Shetler: Next, appointment of Committee Chairpersons, the Finance

Chairman for the coming year, Councilman Raben, and Personnel Chairman for the coming year, Angela Koehler Lindsey. I don't think we need a motion for approval on that. You guys just couldn't say no, so we appreciate your service and also want to acknowledge and appreciate Mike Goebel's service last year as the Personnel Chairman and taking care of that role for us last year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Shetler: Next we need a motion for approval of the minutes from the December 5th meeting and then several budget meetings that were August 28, 29, September 12 & 26 and civil taxing units which was the 12th and 26th of September, so for all of those in one motion.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: 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 motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

PROSECUTOR IV-D

President Shetler: Next then is Councilman Raben for the appropriation ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning and happy new year, everyone. Alright, Mr. President, first on the agenda, as far as General fund requests, we only have one appropriation request and that's in the amount of $10,958. As everyone is aware, we really don't know what our picture looks like for 2013. Joe, correct me if I'm wrong, we should receive our budget order probably late February, early March.

Joe Gries: We should. The time line is going to be very similar to last year. Everything is falling into place about the same time.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, bear in mind that we did approve a budget last fall. Every office, every county department has a fully funded budget. As far as this request today for the Prosecutor's office, there are funds in that account to fund this position. You know, it would run out eventually later on in the year, but it would be my intent that we not make any appropriation requests today. I'll ask that our Executive Assistant refile this request along with one other we'll face here in a little bit. But put them back on the agenda for February. We may or may not have our budget order back. We may have to extend them into March, but anyway, with that

being said, I'm going to move for at least today, Prosecutor IV-D's request in the amount of $10,958 be set in at zero.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, 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: The motion carries.

PROSECUTOR IV-D		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1081-1400-1081 **1000-1400-140038**	**Enforcement Ofcr.**	**9,313**	**0**
1081-1900 **1000-1400-190000**	**FICA**	**713**	**0**
1081-1910 **1000-1400-191000**	**PERF**	**932**	**0**
Total		**10,958**	**0**

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: I might at this time ask our County Auditor to give us a very brief synopsis of particularly the last five or six years of where our cash balance has began at the beginning of the year and where we are today, 2013, and in respect to also the tax caps and how those are beginning to have a serious affect on our cash flow because I think that's really what we're talking about at this point, is managing our cash as well as the expenses of the operation as well.

Joe Gries: And that's what I tried to outline for the Councilmembers in an email as well. Essentially, back in 2009, we had a beginning of the year cash balance in the General fund of $10,870,000. Over the last five years, that has continued to drop significantly, and we are starting 2013 with a balance of just of 3.6 million, so you can see that we dropped 7.2 million in the last five years. The cash balance is essentially an indication of where we are health wise as far as our finance for the General fund. Over those years, we've seen an increase in tax caps from $160,000 up to last year was nearly $2 million we were unable to collect because of tax caps. That's just money that comes off the top of taxpayers' bills, we can't bill it, we can't collect it and so we just lose those revenues. Once we receive our budget order, as Councilman Raben indicated, we will know the tax rates, we will be able to calculate the bills and we will see what our tax cap situation will be this year. Looking down the line, it looks like it probably could go up, so we may see more than $2 million of a loss for 2013. So that's kind of where the General fund is and what we're expecting. Once we have more information, we'll be providing that to Councilmembers and give you a very good idea of how 2013, and hopefully maybe even further down the line, looks.

President Shetler: Alright. Thank you. Anybody have any questions of the County Auditor? Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Just an observation, I believe most people are feeling that the health of government is in pretty good shape, Indiana-wise, because we keep reading in the paper the surplus is going up because of their increased tax revenues. That does not affect us. In fact, ours has declined, so we're in a totally unique situation in that regard. While the money is generating toward Indianapolis, its not really coming this way. We're not getting more of the share, we're getting, actually, a lot less. What, 200% less since – is that correct?

Joe Gries: As far as property taxes or...

Councilmember Goebel: Say we started with 10 million approximately?

Joe Gries: That's a cash balance at the start of the year, that tells us what we have to start the year. Then we start paying our bills and that balance dwindles until we receive property tax payments and the COIT monthly, but yeah, it has significantly dropped.

Councilmember Goebel: We've been acting very responsibly and warning the different departments and other individuals, that we don't have the funds that we had at one time. I think this is obviously proof. So we still have to stand our guard. That's all. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Of that 10 million, the lion share of that is probably our interest on our investments along with COIT itself.

Joe Gries: COIT has dropped over the years, the interest on investments, back in 2007 we received $4 million dollars a year, and last year I think we were probably in the neighborhood of $250,000. Also, combine that with the tax caps, that's where we're hit.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Shetler: Alright. So that means we have to sharpen the pencil, we have to learn to say no more often and we're going to have to emphasize a little stronger cooperation as much as we can between offices to share help, people, supplies, whatever they're able to do to help cut corners and cut costs. That's kind of the bottom line here. Just have to tighten the belt. Okay, transfers?

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPEAL & TRANSFER

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Next under Health department we have a transfer from FICA and PERF and Insurance in the amount of $15,269, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Raben: For repeal.

President Shetler: Okay, it's a repeal. Okay. We have a motion –

(Inaudible)

President Shetler: Is that repeal, Gary, is that still viable or is that –

Gary Heck: I believe both the repeal and the transfer were withdrawn. They show withdrawn on the agenda under number 8 –

President Shetler: That is correct?

Gary Heck: That is correct. Other than reading it into the record, I don't know that you need to take any action at all.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll withdrawn my motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll withdraw my second.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
2130-1900 **1159-0000-190000**	**FICA**	**3,005**	**Withdrawn**
2130-1910 **1159-0000-191000**	**PERF**	**3,928**	**Withdrawn**
2130-1920 **1159-0000-192000**	**Insurance**	**8,336**	**Withdrawn**
Total		**15,269**	**Withdrawn**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 2130-1450 **1159-0000-115945**	**Disease Inter-vention Specialist**	**39,275**	**Withdrawn**
To: 2130-4224 **1159-0000-422400**	**STD Clinic**	**39,275**	**Withdrawn**

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

ASSESSOR **COMMISSIONERS**
SUPERIOR COURT

President Shetler: So there are no repeals and then the transfers, we have Assessors, Veterans Services, Commissioners and Superior Court.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, as Council President Shetler stated, the Assessor, Veterans, Commissioners and Superior Court transfers, I'll move that they be accepted as listed.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion –

Councilmember Raben: Oh, excuse me, we'll have to exclude, strike that, I'll amend my motion to accept the Assessor's transfer in the amount of $16,000, Commissioners in the amount of $65,426, and Superior Court $2,220, and we'll

defer the transfer for Veterans Services.

President Shetler: The seconder?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes, I'll agree.

President Shetler: So we have an amended motion for approval on three of the late transfer requests. 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
From: 1090-1390-1090 1000-1090-109139	Real Estate Deputy	16,000	16,000
To: 1090-1971 1000-1090-197100	Accrued Payments	16,000	16,000

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3610 1000-1300-361000	Legal Services	65,426	65,426
To: 1300-1120-1300 1000-1300-130112	County Attorney	55,610	55,610
1300-1900 1000-1300-190000	FICA	4,255	4,255
1300-1910 1000-1300-191000	PERF	5,561	5,561

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1000-1370-305000 1370-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	2,200	2,200
To: 1000-1370-305400 1370-3054	Juvenile Home Detention	2,200	2,200

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VETERANS SERVICES

President Shetler: Then we have the issue on the Veterans Services.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, on Veterans Services, currently, this individual is under part-time. The request is to take this person to full-time with benefits. Again, as we stated earlier in the meeting, until we receive a budget order, at this time, we'll need to leave this individual on a part-time basis until we can make an appropriation to take this to a full-time position.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Terry: Is this person by any chance already doing the full-time hours, or this says January 21 they would have?

Councilmember Raben: This person is part-time currently. And Paul is in the audience if –

Paul Dupont: Paul Dupont, County Service Officer.

Councilmember Terry: I was just asking because the calculation was based on them starting and I just wanted to know if that person is doing any more hours than the part-time.

Paul Dupont: No, she's still doing her four days a week, 32 hours.

President Shetler: Okay. Any other questions?

VETERANS SERVICES		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1270-1990 **1000-1270-199000**	**Extra Help**	**15,760**	**0**
To: 1270-1130-1270 **1000-1270-127113**	**Clerk/Typist**	**15,760**	**0**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE CO.12-12-008 REGARDING INVESTMENTS
SECOND AND FINAL READING

President Shetler: Underneath old business is the second reading of the ordinance concerning the County Investment Policy. Everybody should still have a copy of that sitting on their desks. It's ordinance 12-12-008, and one that we've had lengthy discussion on. Basically, what we need is a motion for approval and a second.

Councilmember Raben: Do we need to read the ordinance number into the record as well? Okay, I'll move approval, that we approve the Vanderburgh County Council ordinance number 12-12-008, which is the investment resolution for county investments.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll second.

President Shetler: 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

President Shetler: Okay, I think each one of you have gotten your Council liaison appointments. If anybody has any questions about that or reservations or problems, please let me or Sandie know about that. For the most part, they're pretty much intact from what they were last year. A few minor changes here and there. So if anybody has any issues on any of those, let me know.

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE JOB STUDY

President Shetler: The members of the Personnel Administration Committee, the Job Study, I'll read those into the record. Appointments would be Angela Koehler Lindsey is the Chairman, myself as President, Jim Raben as the Finance Chairman, Mike Goebel as the County Council minority party representative, Judge Trockman as the County judge representative, Marsha Abell as County Commissioner rep, Bill Fluty as the Republican elected county officeholder, Stephanie Terry as the Democrat elected officeholder, Doug Brown as the executive classification rep, Robert Goedde as the POLE classification representative, Wallace Corbitt as the PAT classification rep, Lynn Underwood COMOT classification rep. In addition to that, we also have in assistance our assistant Sandie Deig, County Council Exec Assistant, Sarah Nunn, the County Council Administrative Assistant, Jeffrey Ahlers our County Council Attorney, and Tim Deisher, Job Study Consultant.

MEETING DATES & TIMES

President Shetler: The County Council dates and meeting times. I will let you know that, and I guess submit this as part of the record so that will be for the whole year and not read this all off, the dates. But I do want to point out that the Personnel & Finance dates and times will be at 3:00 p.m. as opposed to 8:30. That's a way to kind of juggle schedules here and stuff.

Councilmember Goebel: What time was that?

President Shetler: That will be at 3:00 on the Personnel & Finance, and that's for the

dates, and then the regular Council meetings will be left at the 8:30.

Councilmember Goebel: Is that time open for –

President Shetler: For the room?

Councilmember Goebel: For change? I thought we had agreed that it was going to be a little later in the afternoon. But that will be alright.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel's question was, was it to be a little bit later in the afternoon or what were you thinking, Mike, 3:30 or 4:00 or –

Councilmember Goebel: 5'ish. But if its 3:00, its 3:00.

(Inaudible)

President Shetler: Okay, there's an overtime question if it goes beyond 5:00, so that's the issue there.

Councilmember Goebel: Let's just let it go as is.

Councilmember Raben: Can we, in the fall, can we change that?

President Shetler: I would think that –

Sandie Deig: Just confirming with the Building Authority, but I'm sure we could –

Councilmember Raben: For September, October and November, could we possibly go back to the morning schedule, could we not or –

Sandie Deig: We can sure ask.

President Shetler: We can certainly look at being a little bit more flexible on –

Councilmember Terry: And I may have missed the early discussion. What was the reason for the change in our regular meeting?

President Shetler: It's really to accommodate schedules with, well quite frankly, two teachers being involved and trying to accommodate that and compromising that the best we possibly could to try to get those schedules fed into here. I know six, seven, eight years ago, the County Council met regularly, I think in the afternoon, 3:30. And then changed it full-time, so we were just trying to find a way to split the baby. So this is kind of what the compromise worked out to be, so here we are. But I'm open to other suggestions and if we can accommodate that with room times we certainly would look at other possibilities here. There's also the budget hearings that are down here and that's August the 20th and 21st and that will be from 9:00 to noon, and then on September 11th from 9 to noon, and September 25th at 9:00 in the morning.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

President Shetler: I also have a list of appointments. Again, without getting into – Jeff, do I need to read these in?

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on) the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, I think, by statute, likes to have their appointment separate, so if you

could take that separate and then you can probably approve the rest of them in total.

President Shetler: I think all of you have a list of the County Council list of appointments for the year 2013. At the top of the list there, I need a separate motion for Jeremy Meeks' appointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. That is a one year term that would expire at the end of 2013, so I need a motion for appointment of Jeremy Meeks for the ABC.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: 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...overwhelmingly, it sounded like.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

President Shetler: I have a list of other names here of different appointments without going through this lengthy list here, simply like to submit this as part of the record and part of the minutes of our meeting, and be a part of our appointments for the year 2013. Any questions or objections? Hearing none, okay, so if I could get a motion for approval?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'd like to submit the other appointments and approve them.

President Shetler: Okay, so its been moved and I have a second from?

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, I have a motion and a second. And 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 7-0)

2013 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next, approval of the 2013 amended salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we have four pages, Sarah, have you passed these out to everyone? The salary ordinance amendments? Oh, you're doing the actual salary ordinance or the amendments? The ordinance, okay.

President Shetler: So I need approval for the 2013 amended salary ordinance.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll 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 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY AND HIRE PART-TIME HELP

President Shetler: Request to fill Court Reporter vacancy and hire part-time help. I don't know if I should say we're blessed or we're honored or we're what, but we are grateful that we have such support here.

Maggie Lloyd: I'm just going to address basically the court reporter replacement. As we all know, Judge Kiely is no longer a Superior Court Judge, he's Circuit Court Judge. His Superior Court staff, the Court Reporter retired, Jeanene Heldt. We are waiting for the Governor to appoint the new Superior Court Judge, but there is already the line item for the Court Reporter for that particular Judge, when the Judge is appointed. We just need to make sure that when the Judge gets appointed, which could be this week if it's the current Governor, or it could be later if it's the new Governor, on the appointment, we just need to make sure that the new Judge can hire a Court Reporter. So we're seeking permission. And in regards to the salary, the new Judge is the one who would decide which Court Reporter who he or she is hiring, so we don't know exactly what the salary would be. We have currently budgeted what Jeanene Heldt's salary was and it could be less if they hire someone outside the system or it could be more and they would have to come to Council if it would be more for that salary. We would just need to make sure that the new Judge can hire someone.

President Shetler: How much experience did Ms. Heldt have?

Maggie Lloyd: How much what?

President Shetler: How much experience or what was her tenure?

Maggie Lloyd: About ten years, I think. She was in Circuit Court before then. She was –

President Shetler: So more towards the top than towards the bottom, so the pay level was – it's unlikely that we're going to hire someone that's going to have much more experience.

Maggie Lloyd: Correct, I think odds are it would be less, but since I'm not the one that would be hiring, I can't guarantee.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any other questions?

Councilmember Goebel: What's the date when the buy-out becomes cost neutral?

President Shetler: Do you know that by chance, Sandie?

Councilmember Goebel: As long as they stipulate when the new Judge is appointed –

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Goebel: The new Judge will have to wait until that is satisfied, is that correct?

Maggie Lloyd: The Court Reporter is an essential employee and we normally haven't had to wait because this new Judge may have hearings and may have trials very early on because Judge Kiely did have an active docket, it didn't go away, we're just having people cover it for now, but we're, basically, it's always been an essential position in the past, that we've been able to –

Councilmember Goebel: Will the appointment come from our current Governor or Governor elect, or do you know?

Maggie Lloyd: Don't know for sure. We were under the impression initially it was the current Governor. So if that happens, the appointment should come this week, but depending on who the Governor would hire, they may have to shut down an office, so they may not actually start as soon as the appointment comes. I just don't know.

Councilmember Goebel: I was going to say, if it was Governor Pence, it might be a little while before the appointment comes through.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Judge, you say you're currently covering the docket, so do you have –

Maggie Lloyd: We have our senior Judges coming in and covering –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Who is doing the court reporting, though?

Maggie Lloyd: Well, we have a Riding Bailiff that's covering some of the duties but we haven't had any trials that have actually had to occur because I don't know if this Riding Bailiff could handle a jury trial. So we would need a Court Reporter and possibly we would have to loan one of ours if they're available. It will just be sort of an emergency crunch, if we have to get staff to cover it because we already have all

the Court Reporters already assigned to different duties and court coverage.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Is that a schedule that can be delayed if you don't – you know, if you have to? Just kind of asking what your process would have to be if this appointment didn't occur.

Maggie Lloyd: Well, we do have the Senior Judges available, so...and we've been shifting staffing to make sure that that Senior Judge has appropriate staff to get things done. I'm not sure if anybody can give a call to the Governor to get it done quicker, but we're hoping to get it this week, in all honestly. I mean, I know that the individuals who had applied have already been interviewed by the current administration, so we're assuming it will be this administration that appoints.

President Shetler: What's the last day, forgive me for my – is it the 12th or –

Maggie Lloyd: I thought it was the 11th. Is it Friday the 11th? Friday the 11th, I think.

President Shetler: He gets sworn in, I think, is it the 12th, the swearing in?

Councilmember Goebel: I thought I read the 14th.

Maggie Lloyd: I would think this may be the current Governor's last day Friday, and then Monday swearing in the new Governor, I'm thinking.

Councilmember Swaim: Judge, does the current rotation in Superior Court make this worse or better this month or what division is assigned to his former court?

Maggie Lloyd: Well, the new Judge is currently doing a civil docket, which could be good, could be bad. I don't know what Judge Kiely's former docket had, so I don't know if he had any trials scheduled this month or what, but there's always, even in our civil months we do have court appearances, protective order hearings, various hearings, some are judgement hearings, so you still need to go to court and need the Court Reporter.

Councilmember Raben: Correct me if I'm – I might turn to our legal counsel or the County Auditor, but in this case, we could suspend our own rules, take care of the buy-out, fund the new position, but it would require an appropriation at some point through the course of the year. But it's our own rule that states you have to buy-out your position, the old position before you can bring the new person in, and that's normally done on the regular payroll schedule. So I guess we'll just cross the bridge as we get a little closer and we don't really know what the buy-out is, what I understand, or we do?

Maggie Lloyd: We have Jeanene's buyout number.

Sandie Deig: There is a balance right now of $40,620 in that account after Mrs. Heldt's buyout.

Councilmember Raben: After we take care of the buy-out. So again, it's a matter of suspending our own rules. We can work with you. I don't know, but if you're talking about prior to our February 1st meeting, we may have to act on this today. I'll lean to the President on what his pleasure is here, but –

President Shetler: I think we ought to go ahead and approve it, is that –

Councilmember Goebel: Is it not possible, the candidate for the position will come under that $40,000?

Maggie Lloyd: Oh, it's very possible that they will be under, but –

Councilmember Goebel: Can you work that way?

Maggie Lloyd: The requirements for the Court Reporter, there are a lot of skills more so than other positions, is the problem.

President Shetler: And each day that goes by, we're buying some time.

Maggie Lloyd: Correct.

President Shetler: So –

Maggie Lloyd: We're just hoping that it happens soon.

President Shetler: Yeah, we need a motion for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I would make a motion, in this case it sounds like we need to suspend our rules and make a motion for approval, this is an emergency situation that needs to be taken care of.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Other than, the new Judge needs to understand that we do have a salary ordinance, guidelines, which have been established for the last 25 or 30 years for Vanderburgh County, so it will need to follow, I think it's the Oliver system, so the salary will have to be based on how it falls in line with our salary ordinance.

Maggie Lloyd: And if it's under, we'll need to come back, if it's over, we'll need to come back for the – am I correct on that?

President Shetler: Well, if it's under, we'll just take the money.

Maggie Lloyd: You'll just rejoice and move on, if it's over, we'll come back and –

Councilmember Raben: How long was this current employee an employee with Vanderburgh County.

Maggie Lloyd: The one who has just retired was about ten years.

Councilmember Raben: I would find it hard to believe that anyone coming in new would exceed –

Maggie Lloyd: Yeah, somebody in the system with the skills, but like I said, I'm not the Judge hiring.

Councilmember Raben: Even with a high skill set, I don't think, I don't think it will be possible to come in at a higher rate, would it?

Sandie Deig: Someone new coming in would be $40,568, at Step 1.

Maggie Lloyd: I'm assuming they'd have to hire a Court Reporter already here and were already –

President Shetler: But keep in mind, that is a 12 month, annualized salary, $40,500, you've basically already lost two to three weeks, so –

Councilmember Raben: That's part of the buy-out, though.

President Shetler: Right, but at the same time, we've gained 800 or so on that.

Councilmember Goebel: Could we just not inform the Judge that this is the amount of money that's available for your reporter and go with that.

Maggie Lloyd: Oh, we will. We have the schedule of the salary and how much time that person has in and what their position is. They'll know how much –

Councilmember Goebel: We don't have quite the same as in the line item now, for this year. Thank you.

Maggie Lloyd: I understand.

Jeff Ahlers: It looks like, just quickly looking at the salary ordinance, that the range of in the salary ordinance, a Court Reporter seems to run from about 45,000 up to 59 to 60,000? Not starting, I'm sorry, I'm saying the existing ones. Now they may have step increases, but –

Maggie Lloyd: My theory, they'd have to hire an existing Court Reporter to probably go over that amount, and it's already budgeted if it is in our county. We'd just be shifting people and somebody would have to hire somebody else.

Councilmember Swaim: Excuse me, the Auditor just pointed out, if a person were hired under that amount, it would just simply flow back into the General fund at the end of the year.

President Shetler: Yeah, it's our money.

Maggie Lloyd: So we don't need to come back if it's under, if it's over, we come back.

President Shetler: Yes.

Maggie Lloyd: And I don't see it being over, but I can't guarantee that.

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: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries. Thank you, Judge.

Maggie Lloyd: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Next is the request to fill Juvenile Clerk in Superior Court, Appeals and Venue Clerk vacancies, etcetera. Judge.

Wayne Trockman: Mr. President, members of the Council, Wayne Trockman, Superior Court Judge. The second half of our request is to hire a new employee for Superior Court, part-time Court Reporter. We have one or more part-time Court Reporters that assist us now. They're paid $18 and something cents per hour. As you might know, in Superior Court we shuffled the way it handles its cases. When we took 1,000 CDOW cases from juvenile court and put them into our family court and Judge Pigman and I are now handling the entire criminal docket in Superior Court. We are short a Court Reporter between the two of us trying to get our work done. Mr. Raben, you and I on this floor have had two discussions about a funding stream that I had hoped to receive through treatment court. That has worked out and has now begun and there is enough money in that funding stream that we could provide the funds for this part-time employee. We're talking about 15 to 20 hours a week, so something in the area of about $10,000 a year, and so we can handle the funding and we're certainly not requesting any funding from the county and if there ever comes a time when we cannot fund this part-time position, we will give it up and not come to the county requesting funds. But I think with this revenue stream that we've discussed several times, it will be adequate to cover this, as well. So we would like permission to hire a new 15 to 20 hour per week part-time Court Reporter.

Councilmember Goebel: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. Do I have 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: The motion passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Wayne Trockman: Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Thank you.

CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: I think we dealt with the Veterans Services for the time being. Assessor? Oh yeah, I'm sorry, Bill, hold on one second here. Let me deal with Debbie on the Clerk's request.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning.

President Shetler: This could be your baptism by fire. First time up. Welcome.

Debbie Stucki: Yes, thank you. I look forward to working with the Council.

President Shetler: Okay, and your request then.

Debbie Stucki: Request is to fill two full-time vacancies and a part-time vacancy.

Councilmember Raben: Is that the request for the Juvenile Clerk, Circuit/Superior Appeals Venue Clerk? What are the –

Debbie Stucki: Yes. Do you need the line items or –

Councilmember Raben: 1410 and 1260, is that –

Debbie Stucki: Yes, and 1990, the part-time.

Councilmember Swaim: Debbie, are any of these lateral moves going to be filled by existing people or are they all going to be new personnel?

Debbie Stucki: It could be transfers, it could be new hires, that hasn't been decided yet.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

President Shetler: You will be, one way or another, though, you're looking to fill these positions and not reduce the staffing at all?

Debbie Stucki: Currently, yes.

President Shetler: I know you're brand new to the office and just a couple of months to probably work your way into it. I'm very open to the idea of us looking at maybe utilizing part-time people to help out in the office to minimize maybe some of the full-time people that we have and that would reduce some of the cost. Have you had an opportunity to look over the operation enough to see where that might be possible for some given positions down the road?

Debbie Stucki: I'm still overlooking the flow of things and the employees, so would it be better to come back next month and get you some more information?

President Shetler: You mean for these positions or for – you feel as if you can live without these couple of positions for a month, is that –

Debbie Stucki: Well, they are pretty busy right now and if they could be approved today, that would be great. But if you are –

President Shetler: I mean, it's – I know that many have been able to utilize very talented people who are simply looking for part-time work to do while the kids are in school and that's all they're really looking for and a little extra money to bring in to the household and stuff, while there are people who are looking for full-time, of course, I understand that, but and I think even if we look at sometimes a dollar or two dollars an hour more, we could get some very talented people, but not have to pay out some of the other expenses that we have to pay out in benefits. So I would encourage you to do that at least in the future to really examine the overall operation chart and the workflow that goes on through the Clerk's office, and I don't pretend

to know that, and I understand that that's a very busy office today while some offices are seeing a reduction because of maybe not as many homes being sold and so there's not as many titles being recorded etcetera, and that kind of thing happening. When it comes to crime, it seems to be on the upswing these days. And there's not much we can do about that, and so there's a lot more paper to be shuffled and I appreciate that. But I think using technology and using part-time personnel, we might find some ways of savings that we could certainly benefit from. So, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Welcome as our new Clerk, Debbie.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Have you retained most of the staff that was in the office, like your Chief Deputy and people like that to advise you in this transitionary period, because this has got to be difficult requesting these positions without really, were you in the office prior to the election?

Debbie Stucki: No sir. Well, six years previously.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, so you have some experience.

Debbie Stucki: Yes. I have a different Chief Deputy, but the rest of the staff has remained the same.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I think we understand where the Council President is coming from. We're looking to all offices to find ways to streamline.

Debbie Stucki: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: I think in fairness to a newly elected officeholder, right out on January 1, it would be tough to know if she can do part-time in place of full-time and actually, I think what we're here for today is four positions, 1220 as well.

Debbie Stucki: I don't have that one.

Councilmember Raben: That's the Bookkeeping Supervisor.

Debbie Stucki: That one's been filled.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so we're back to three. But, you know, I think in fairness to Debbie here, we probably need to approve these three, give her time to get her arms around this office with hopes maybe later in the year, if you lose anybody that may make an internal move within this building or through attrition or something like that, do what you can to try to streamline your office. But I'll move approval for the three requests today.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, I concur. Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Are these buyouts satisfied as far as when they can begin? Do we know?

Sandie Deig: They're ready to go.

Councilmember Goebel: They're ready to go? Okay, I was wondering if we could perhaps fill 1410 and 1260 and hold off on the part-time until you actually get your feet in a little bit, but if it's the consensus of this group, I'm not going to block it. So, thank you.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, alright, we have a motion then for approval. Do I have any questions or changes on that?

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. President, I just wanted to point out to you, and officially welcome Debbie, that the current staffing level, aside from these positions here, and I pointed it out a number of months ago, is actually two less than it was when I started on the Sheriff's department in 1972. During that time, Helen Kuebler lost two employees that were never filled and their staff remains at that level now.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Alright, any other questions or comments? 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. Thank you.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL DEPUTY LAND APPRAISER AND REAL ESTATE DEPUTY VACANCIES

President Shetler: The next then, Bill, I'm sorry.

Bill Fluty: County Assessor, Bill Fluty. What I'm trying to do here, I actually, I think we've eliminated four or five positions over the last two years. With last year's budget we let another line item go, and this was in the personal property, which is where I'm asking today to fill that position. I have another person retiring, I have somebody that I want to move into that position that currently works in that office, and then I want to hire into the other position. So that's kind of where I'm at today.

Councilmember Goebel: This is part of the budget that was approved or is this over the top?

Bill Fluty: No, it's approved. All the money is available.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Its 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Bill Fluty: One other question, through the budget last year, I budgeted 15,000 for part-time help. Currently, I don't have any part-time help, but would like to hire those maybe some here pretty soon, but certainly for the summer, and up to two. How do you want me to work this? Is it okay to hire two right now or if I do lose one, part-time help is kind of – they kind of come in and out. If you want to limit me or do you want me to come back each time, or how would you like to do that? I have 15,000 and I can't spend any more than that, so you have a limit there, but as they come in, if they work through this and they find another job, I'll continue to come back, so I just want to see if you can just give me the guidelines and then maybe I can stay within that.

Councilmember Goebel: Do you have personnel working overtime?

Bill Fluty: No, not at this time.

Councilmember Goebel: If this reduces the overtime, I'd say gainful employment would be good for part-timers, but if you're going to have this and overtime, then maybe we need to look at it a little closer.

Bill Fluty: Seasonal, you know, there's just periods of time. There's going to be this process where we're going to hire, where we may need some help with personal property as we go through the hiring process, for this first time.

Councilmember Goebel: Would these be college type students or –

Bill Fluty: I tend – one of the persons that is retiring said that she would come back for a short period of time to help us through the busy period, so I'm kind of looking at her. I'd like to have people who have worked in the building before so I don't have that learning curve. It's not always the case, but that's what I'd rather do.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President, and this is probably me being new, is this – because it seems like we've had other offices that, particularly, I remember one of the judges that came in and wanted to not have to come back every time and we said no, wait, you have to come back every time. So is that a rule, a guideline that you do need to come back for approval or are there offices that don't? I guess I'm just looking for some education on what our policies are.

President Shetler: Well, I think for the most part, our policy has been more directed towards full-time than it has been part-time. I think Mr. Fluty is in a situation similar to like Burdette Park. And, if every time we lost a lifeguard or a summertime worker, you know, at Burdette Park, if they came back and asked for filling that vacancy and stuff, we'd be going through constantly. And I think that's kind of what you're

referencing, some people here that you have a set budget of $15,000 for part-time help, and they're going to come and they're going to go, and it's a matter of you need those extra couple of people in there and it's just – just like Steve would at Burdette Park, he needs a lifeguard sitting in the stand regardless and not much we can do about that, so I think every office is a little bit different, but I think there's similarities here given the kind of part-time, how they're utilizing their part-time help, is real close. And so in this particular case, I would think it would work out well for him for us to say, you've got a budget, it's your job to manage within that budget, and we know you're going to come out and do the best you can on it.

Bill Fluty: You could put a limit that I have no more than two at any given time, if you'd like to do that, and then I'm really stuck with the 15,000 that I have in the budget. And surely, if I don't need to hire part-time, I won't, it would just be a few times through the year that we may need that. I'm really looking to, currently here when I consolidated these two departments, have actually reduced the staff and I'm going to have this busy time which is going to start here in February and go all the way to August where I may like to hire this retirement person back.

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. President, do we need a motion for him to begin that process now?

Councilmember Raben: I think Angela has already made –

President Shetler: We haven't had a motion yet.

Councilmember Swaim: Well, I'll go ahead and make it.

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

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Okay. Now we can continue discussing that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So then under clarification, we have Burdette Park and is there any other office that we've said okay, this is a seasonal designation, this office needs to have a little more latitude in being able to hire part time?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think this motion we're making now is just for the Assessor's office.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Just for the Assessor's office, but as far as, are there other offices that we've given this privilege to? And I'm not trying to pick on you, I'm just trying to make sure that we're being fair to everybody, because I know other officeholders have come back and said, I need to be able to come back without talking to you.

President Shetler: Where we tend the hold the line a little more rigidly, I guess, is, for example, might be the Prosecutor's office, let's just say. And they designate the fact that we need to hire two part-time people to do such and such work. And then someone maybe leaves, and they'll come back and ask to refill that for a specific reason. And sometimes that reason is about ready to expire, sometimes that reason that they used the year before has expired, and they would like to use them for some other kind of purposes. And so that's kind of a judgement thing that we would like to make. In their case and in Burdette's case, and in the Election office's case, it's the same kind of routine work, they have that busy season and they need a bit of an

influx for a period of time, and I would rather spend part-time monies as opposed to having a full-time person sitting there for some of the months, not really fully occupied.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And the reason I'm asking, I just want to make sure that we're clear so that we're being consistent with all the offices that we have, that this body needs to grant approval, and that the Assessor is going through the right process in coming in, and it does make sense to make sure the office is flowing when you're more of a seasonal type of work. So I support the motion.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I just think, we budgeted the funds, as long as it does not go over that budget, the big issue we have is not increasing our budget. And if you can reduce it, that would help, too.

Bill Fluty: And what I have right now, as I've told you, with the person that's retiring and they can come back and help, and then maybe just one other person who may be a college student, somebody this summer, and then that would be the two things I'm looking for right now, if you give me the ability to hire two part-time people when I need them through this year.

President Shetler: And quite frankly, kind of going back to Councilman Goebel's earlier point, I wouldn't want to tie your hand down to, say, just two people necessarily, as long as you can live in that $15,000 budget, and, for example, you may see something come along in June that changes a bit, and would cause you to have to use overtime, but if you hired three part-time, it may keep you from using any overtime, you know, and that's what Councilman Goebel's point was earlier. I would rather see you use that third person for a short period of time, so I don't want to tie your hands down that tightly. I mean, that's my own impression here, but I don't think we need to micro manage to that point.

Councilmember Terry: Right, I agree.

President Shetler: Any other comments? We have a motion then 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: Alright, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST LATERAL TRANSFER FOR DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST, LONGEVITY FOR SUPERVISOR CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCE, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AND STD CLINIC NURSE VACANCIES

President Shetler: Next Health department, request for a lateral transfer for Disease Intervention Specialist and longevity for Supervisor Child Health Coordinator.

Gary Heck: And also to fill two vacancies of a Public Health Nurse, and then an STD Clinic Nurse. I'd be happy to answer any questions if you have any. This will complete the paperwork for the process where we were looking at blending funds to save money and to look at grant funding to better accomplish the goals and activities of the Health department. And this paperwork will allow us to do that if we get approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Gary, you're not increasing your staffing at all?

Gary Heck: No, these were all approved in the budget process, and none of these are new positions, we're just trying to fill vacancies. And the lateral transfer is moving one from the Health department budget to a grant funded budget the way the grantor, the State, worded their contracts this year when we applied.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President? And then, Gary, when you're using the term blended funding, that's just referring to, that you do have some grant monies for part of this?

Gary Heck: That's correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

President Shetler: Okay. Do I have a motion for approval?

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Gary Heck: Thank you so much.

Councilmember Terry: I do have one question for Gary, if I could. Is there any update on the dental clinic and where we are in that process?

Gary Heck: It's my understanding that they're looking towards an opening day sometime around March 1. Dr. Nick, is that what you recall about the dental clinic opening?

Ray Nicholson: Yes. I hope it's before, but probably –

Gary Heck: We think March 1st would be the latest date. It could happen sooner than that. We're making preparations and plans to make sure that we have all of the equipment that we have in place. There's still a contract issue that we have to work out to allow use of equipment and things like that. But that's between the County Attorney Joe Harrison, Jr., I believe, and the other staff. I don't know about the other players involved in that. But that's my understanding.

Councilmember Terry: And is that dental advisory committee, I guess, going to start meeting again regularly or...

Gary Heck: That was tied to the grant initially, so I'm not sure what Echo's Plans would be on that, but we can certainly pass that along to them, that if they would like to have that advisory committee, they should go ahead and ask for that.

President Shetler: I have a meeting on that, I think, Thursday afternoon. So I'll try to get those questions to them as well, and to find that out for you, Stephanie.

Gary Heck: Thank you so much.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Terry: And definitely ask that because we've made appointments and designations for representation, but if those groups are not actively meeting, I think we just need to revisit our appointments for that, our commitment for that each year.

President Shetler: Good point. Thank you, Stephanie.

TRAVEL REQUEST

President Shetler: Travel request for the County Assessor.

Bill Fluty: Yes, Bill Fluty, County Assessor. This is the state called meeting, their annual conference. It starts in January and I'll be going, just one. It's for training.

Councilmember Goebel: Just a small question. You're using the newly purchased vehicle?

Bill Fluty: Yes, we are. And I want to thank you for those. Those have been really very, very helpful. They've been out and they're being well received by the public.

Councilmember Goebel: The mileage request you have is $100.

Bill Fluty: Mileage request, I guess that's just an estimate of what it will cost to go up and back. I'm not receiving the money. We'll just pay for the gas as everybody does gas, through Heritage, I guess, is our vendor for gasoline. So it's not a reimbursement, but its just telling you there is a cost there.

Councilmember Goebel: Alright. Well, I'm glad you're using the car.

Bill Fluty: Me, too.

President Shetler: Okay, a motion would be in order.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

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: The motion carries. Thank you, Bill.

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BURKHARDT ROAD/VIRGINIA STREET INTERSECTION

President Shetler: Next is Interlocal Agreement for the Reconstruction of the Burkhardt Road and Virginia Street Intersection. I think everybody – do we have that agreement sent out, do you know?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I believe everybody has that, don't they?

President Shetler: Yeah, do I have any questions about that agreement?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: Its been moved and –

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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SMG PROPOSAL FOR BURDETTE PARK

President Shetler: County Commissioner Marsha Abell.

Marsha Abell: Good morning, thank you. I'm Marsha Abell, president of the Vanderburgh County Commissioners. I'm here today to not ask for necessarily even an approval on something, just to give you an idea of where we're going with something. We Commissioners have been discussing with SMG the possibility of their marketing and doing some work for us at Burdette Park. Burdette, right now, is pretty much just seen as a big swimming pool on the west side of town and we feel that it has a lot more that could be added to it. I actually, I think Darren Stearns is here, yes, and I discussed with Sandie Aaron, and will be meeting with her again, some of the things that they want to do and other than some of the looking at things and reviewing things to give us some idea where we are out there, they are looking at a new logo, a new website, stronger food and beverage department, new theme for the approach, they want to actually see if we can't make this a bigger, better facility. We talked with Mr. Craig. We, the three County Commissioners, talked with Steve Craig yesterday in department head meetings. I guess I'm not letting anything out of the bag, Steve is not 20 years old. One of these days he is going to retire and he loves the park and he's done a wonderful, wonderful job running the park and he's going to continue to run the park. This is going to be an additive to the park, hopefully, that when he does retire, there will be a great transition and we won't have any issues with finding someone who will be able to run the park. We may even be to the point where we'll want SMG to take over the management totally when Mr. Craig leaves. We don't know. We don't know where we're going with this at all, quite frankly. They've given us a proposal of approximately 25,000 for a year to do these things for us. We're not looking at a long time contract right now because I don't think SMG knows, nor do the County Commissioners know what we're going to want them to do until we sit down and start really going through this thing. And since it was getting out that this was, discussions were going on, I certainly wanted to appear before you and let you know that there will be a financial part of it, it will be something we'll be looking into. I have talked to Rick Voyles at the Teamsters, they have no issues with this at all. We've obviously talked to Mr. Craig and we think we're going to be able to make this a better place. Right now, as you know, we've kind of turned the advertising of this over to the Convention & Visitor's Bureau, which is great in that their mission is to get people here staying in hotels, so they were advertising it out 100 miles and beyond and –

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--we anticipate that they're going to continue to do that. But I don't care if the people come from Perry Heights School, we want them at Burdette Park. And so we want SMG to help us find events and things that will help us get people at Burdette Park. I'll answer any questions you might have.

President Shetler: Will they be doing any analysis of the pricing structure that we have out there?

Marsha Abell: Yes.

President Shetler: In terms of the overnight stays, the rental of the big lodge and well, in fact, all of the lodges on particularly the wedding receptions and that kind of thing and really getting into that piece of the pie there?

Marsha Abell: In fact, we intend to sit down with Mr. Craig, all of us, and go over all

this. The nice thing about SMG is that they're all over the United States, and so consequently, they have things they can compare it to other than just what's in Evansville. So yes, they're going to look at all of those issues and make recommendations to us and we'll certainly be keeping you informed from time to time, exactly where we think we're going with this thing.

President Shetler: What about, in any kind of management advisory – and I'm talking really more from I'm talking about more of safety and security and particularly in the way money is handled, and I'm not questioning anything of that nature, but it is a good sized operation and a lot of cash that's being handled and stuff like that. SMG is used to handling or being involved in that kind of venue or process, the recommendations like that, that they can oversee and work kind of like an advisor or bank would do when they would kind of oversee some kind of operation from a management point of view.

Marsha Abell: Yes, I actually discussed that with Sandie also and she, of course, has not had access to a lot of information to be able to give us anything at this point, however, I think that's a part that Steve would really relish someone else kind of looking over so he can take care of the park. And that's what we're looking at, is getting Steve away from, actually, the park has gotten to be too big for one person to oversee everything that's out there. And where Steve's expertise is, is the park, the actual park, not the staffing, not dealing with day to day little issues that come up, and seeing how, like he's without a Bookkeeper right now. And that's become a problem for him, and a bill that didn't get paid, and we've got those kind of issues. I think we're going to be able to internalize those things with the help of SMG, make sure that Steve doesn't have to be sitting out there looking at everything that goes across someone's desk.

President Shetler: We had like a – I guess for lack of a better term, an audit type review of the facility about a year and a half ago. Did you receive a copy of that?

Marsha Abell: I did receive a copy of that.

President Shetler: And has that been forwarded on or it will be forwarded on to SMG so they could –

Marsha Abell: Yes, they have. And that actually precipitated trying to find some way to manage this without building up a huge staff out there and still not get the expertise that we need. Mr. Craig was in my office yesterday and commented on a couple of water parks across Indiana, you know, French Lick, for instance, a small town, Plainfield, Indiana, small town, that have water parks that are doing great things, that we don't have the ability nor the time to even look at something like that, because Steve's so busy just putting out fires that marketing and looking ahead is something that he looks at, but he doesn't have time to really get into at great lengths. This way, we'll have a professional company that can get into looking at those things at great lengths.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Quick clarification. So we're basically talking about, we're still, from an operational standpoint, the day to day operations, we're still going to handle that internally?

Marsha Abell: Oh yeah.

Councilmember Raben: SMG will be our marketing source as far as bookings, things like that of the Discovery Lodge, the Pavilion, you know, the other small lodges, that will be handled through SMG or will that be handled through the Burdette Park office?

Marsha Abell: Well, I suspect people will call Burdette, but we'd like to have SMG do it, because there's a couple of really good reasons, you know, if someone calls SMG over at The Centre and they're looking at needing a facility that The Centre is either too expensive, too large, I mean, right now it costs a lot of money to use The Centre because we don't have a hotel hooked to it, we don't have day to day operations going on over there. If any of you came to the swearing in, it was cold, we didn't have the heat on.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, and I can see where that –

Marsha Abell: Then they can say, well, this may be too big for you here, but we have this facility at Burdette Park that we can move you in to.

Councilmember Raben: One of my concerns would be that, you know, one of the nice things about Burdette Park is you're not bound to a caterer or, I mean, I would never want to lose that there, where people can provide their own caterers or bring in their owns goods, stuff like that. So, I mean, is there, we're never looking at changing that, are we?

Marsha Abell: Well, we haven't even sat down and talked about those things. We're looking at all kinds of ways to increase revenues and lower exposure for us. We might – it could be that SMG would offer a catering menu if someone wants to elect to get from it, and it might be something that would be of benefit to us and also to someone when they rent the facility. I know as a mother of a son that got married, all I wanted to do was write a check. I didn't want to have to find anybody. I didn't have time.

Councilmember Raben: Well, and SMG does a great job with The Centre, and believe me, we just had a large group there in December, and its always first class, I mean, they do an excellent job, but that is one of the really neat things about Burdette Park. You know, if someone can have a family reunion or a small wedding, they can bring in their own food, their own drinks, all that and it's an affordable way for most and those who want to hire caterers and what have you, I don't want them to be limited to a given caterer. You know, there's a couple not for profits that are doing quite a bit out at the Discovery Lodge and I wouldn't want to disrupt that. But I think everything else you're talking about is a great idea. I mean, I think we can look for things to get better and better out there, but I would never be for limiting what you can bring in and out of there or from a catering standpoint.

Marsha Abell: Well, last night, actually, when we discussed this at the Commissioners meeting, Mr. Melcher and Mr. Kiefer both were also, wanted to add to it having SMG take over management of and renting of the Old Courthouse and also the Coliseum, which, you know, the county wants everybody to use our facilities. I mean, the Ford Center is great, but that's the city's issue and their problem, not mine. My problem is trying to get all of our county places filled up and used and money being spent, so to have SMG oversee all of these would be really nice because then they'd have different sized facilities and could slot people where they actually could fill in as opposed to saying well, all we have is The Centre, and it holds 500 people, and if you only want 100, you still have to pay for the room, the size that holds 500.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that's all good.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: I concur with Councilman Raben about the catering, but everything else, you go to a central location to get the different venues, I think that's helpful for our local residents.

Marsha Abell: Okay, I'll keep you informed.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Great idea.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next would be amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone has been given a revised copy of a three-page document so with that being said, I will not read all this into this motion, but simply ask that we approve the salary ordinance as written and again, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Its 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: Motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shetler: Public comment? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just going back to the beginning of this meeting, perhaps a note from you or from the Auditor, Joe, to the different department heads about our dire situation so they're not getting false hope that we have extra funds and to let everyone be on the same page, I think that's important right now. So we keep our, as you mentioned, pencils sharpened across the board. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you. Yes?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I think that's a great idea, I would follow up on that, just maybe include that we appreciate the good working agreement and arrangement that we've had particularly last year coming into budget, that we're going to need to do that again and I know there are some new department heads and officeholders, so just re-emphasizing that as well.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. Any other public comment from the Council? If not, a motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: Its been moved. Thank you very much. I'll see you at the end of the month.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler	Vice President Peter Swaim
Angela Koehler Lindsey	James Raben
Mike Goebel	Ed Bassemier
Stephanie Terry	

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of February 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 and welcome to the County Council meeting this morning, February the 6th. I thought perhaps the Mayor had gotten into the wrong room. He used to be on the County Council and it was good to see him again, but anyway, I didn't get a chance to bring him up here. At this time, I'd like for the Clerk 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 call

President Shetler: There being six members present and one absent, we have a quorum, and I'd like to ask Councilman Raben if he would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Shetler: Thank you. Everybody should have received the minutes of the January 9th meeting. Do I have any questions? If not, a motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. I think Stephanie seconded it. That's what I kind of heard. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

President Shetler: Next is the Appropriation Ordinance and I'll turn that over to Councilman Raben, the Finance Chairman.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, good morning. First, all Councilmembers and, Joe, we appreciate the information that was shared with us yesterday. I think everybody got the email that kind of gives the state of the economy for the county right now, and while there's a lot of uncertainties because we're still waiting on our final budget order, and according to the Auditor, we should see that in the next two or three weeks. It's going to be a very difficult year, it may be worse than originally anticipated, and there's – Joe may elaborate more, there may be some changes coming up for next year as well that's going to kind of put a bite on things. So today it's going to be my recommendation that until we get our final budget order, so we really know what we do have to appropriate for the balance of this year, that most of the requests outside of one where it's a separate fund that the funds are available, it's going to be my recommendation that we'll postpone any additional appropriations at this meeting outside of the one that I'll note here, just shortly. Joe, I don't know if you've got anything you want to add or the Council President.

Joe Gries: I can answer any questions. We did send out an email to the Councilmembers yesterday just to give everybody some information about miscellaneous revenue and how we're looking as far as this year. And I'm happy to answer any questions if there are any. We also got information from, it's now called INPRS, it used to be called PERF, it's the public retirement fund. And this year the county is required to put in 10 percent for each employee of their gross wages. Next year, that's going to 11.2 percent, so we were provided that information just this week. We got it, I believe, yesterday. I wasn't able to get it into the email, but I wanted to provide that to the Council today as well. So that cost would go up for 2014, again, and so just wanted to make you aware of that, as well.

President Shetler: Okay, as the Finance Chairman has pointed out, this year is going to be a difficult year financially and the cash flow wise, we're not starting off good, so the numbers that we're going to get in the next couple of weeks will probably paint the picture a little clearer to us, but the projections that we're seeing right now, they're not good, and so as a result, we are going to have to become real serious, I think, on some of the motions that we made a few years ago. I think we ended up probably eliminating maybe a dozen, dozen and a half employees off the payroll through attrition over the last three or four years, but we may have to get a little bit more serious about that in the next six months here to – and I'm not speaking of layoffs, but I'm speaking of when positions are vacant, we may have to look real hard at filling those, because otherwise, we may have to look at the pink slips if we're not serious about this. So and I think we have to look again, at finding better, more efficient ways to operate county government. That might mean some consolidating of offices as much as they possibly can, we've suggested that before, perhaps there's a way between the Auditor, Treasurer, Assessor, that they might be able to combine a few things and save another head here or there, and stuff, eventually, and that would help a lot if that coordination can happen. I know they've done significant steps in that direction over the last couple of years but there's a few that are still kind of out there that we need some help on. So that would be my suggestion and I'll turn it back over to the finance chair. Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you, Mr. President. Is there any push right now that we've asked the department heads to come up with cost saving measures? We've talked about it last year about a three percent to five percent cut. That would allow

them to operate their office the way they feel is best without our interference, but still, we've got to do something about the lack of funds and I don't think it's been forthcoming yet, in most cases, that we received cut proposals. Can we revisit that idea?

President Shetler: We have not officially, you know, made another push towards that effort. Although, I think the concept is still out there, we haven't taken it back from the table, but you're right, we probably need to make a stronger initiative to try to gain some efficiencies where it's possible. Yes, Councilman Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, and, Mr. Auditor, these numbers are supposed to be coming to us, we hope, what, in the next two or three weeks, maybe before the end of February?

Joe Gries: Yes, we should be able to provide the Councilmembers with a financial statement well before the March, I believe, it's the 6th Council meeting. So we want to get that information to you as early as we can. We should be receiving our budget order within the next couple of weeks. And after we receive that, we'll be able to give the entire picture to Councilmembers and provide that information.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And on some of the numbers that you gave in here as far as trending, is this what was spent in previous years? How many previous years did you look at to determine that number?

Joe Gries: When I took averages or looked at things, I usually took five years. I went back five years.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so this is a pretty solid picture of what really is going to happen, and there is a couple out there that we still really don't know.

Joe Gries: Right.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay. I would concur with what Councilman Goebel said, that that's one way that we can get as much input as possible from department heads. It's tight, it's going to stay tight, and I think we're going to continue to see that.

Councilmember Terry: Well, I think that's good. I think the first step, though, would be once we have the numbers, if we could have one of those meetings, I guess, with all department heads sharing. I think the same story that you did in the piece that you sent us yesterday, having those real numbers, I'm a visual person, I'd rather see it than you keep saying we're in a tight spot. And so I think that will resonate better with department heads if we share the information firsthand.

President Shetler: Right. Agreed.

Councilmember Raben: Good point. Mr. President, before I begin, you know, most of what we have on our plate each and every month is out of necessity. There are some, a huge request that I would like some update, if you could ask the County Commissioners to give us an update on where they're at with the purchase of the former school corporation building. You know, that's a purchase and an indebtedness that we probably need to think twice again on, so hopefully, they're not too far along on that because it may be time to consider backing out of that.

AUDITOR SURVEYOR PROSECUTOR
PROSECUTOR IV-D COOP. EXTENSION AREA PLAN
VETERANS SERVICES

Councilmember Raben: Alright, with that being said, I'm going to begin the agenda. First, we've got the Auditor, Surveyor, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Cooperative Extension, Area Plan and Veterans Services. I'm going to move that those line items be set in at zero, and with that, later in our meeting we will approve the amended salary ordinance which, you know, at some point in time, we will have to fund these lines. These are people that are due step increases, longevity increases, things of that nature that are all part of our salary ordinance. But for today, I'm going to move that all of those departments and line items be set in at zero.

Councilmember Goebel: Are you setting in the Auditor at zero?

Councilmember Raben: The Auditor is a different fund in itself, that's not general fund.

Councilmember Terry: Jim, can you repeat those, please?

Councilmember Raben: Basically, it's every general fund appropriation request, which is, again, the Auditor, Surveyor, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Co-Op Extension, Area Plan and Veterans Services.

Councilmember Swaim: I'll second the motion, Mr. President.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. Do I have questions about the motion? Any comments? Yes?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, these will be approved in the future? You're just setting them in at zero for now?

Councilmember Raben: That would be everyone's hope that it – yeah, the intent would be that we will fund those later on in the year, but again, until we get our budget order, there's monies in each of those line items. It may not be enough to get them through the next ten months, but yes, there is money and they will be granted, you know, if we approve it, they will be granted their due step increases and longevity and –

Councilmember Bassemier: You got a time frame on that, again? I mean, bring it back or –

Councilmember Raben: Well, it probably varies by line, but sometime probably in the second quarter or, you know, we'll need to make these appropriations.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Late second quarter, maybe. Okay, any other 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.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-1280-1020 1000-1020-102128	Real Estate Clerk	4,346	0
1020-1900 1000-1020-190000	FICA	333	0
1020-1910 1000-1020-191000	PERF	435	0
Total		5,114	0

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1060-1210-1060 1000-1060-106121	Asst. To Surveyor	501	0
1060-1900 1000-1060-190000	FICA	39	0
1060-1910 1000-1060-191000	PERF	51	0
Total		591	0

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1190-1080 1000-1080-108119	Deputy	4,931	0
1080-1900 1000-1080-190000	FICA	378	0

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1080-1910 1000-1080-191000	PERF	494	0
Total		5,803	0

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-1400-1081 1000-1400-140038	Enforcement Officer	9,313	0
1081-1900 1000-1400-190000	FICA	713	0
1081-1910 1000-1400-191000	PERF	932	0
Total		10,958	0

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-3530 1000-1230-353000	Contractual Services	1,485	0
Total		1,485	0

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-1220-1240 1000-1240-124122	Zoning Enforce-ment Officer	10,958	0
1240-1900 1000-1240-190000	FICA	839	0
1240-1910 1000-1240-191000	PERF	1,096	0
Total		12,893	0

VETERANS SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1270-1130-1270 1000-1270-127113	Clerk/Typist	5,501	0
1270-1900 1000-1270-190000	FICA	421	0
1270–1910 1000-1270-191000	PERF	2,127	0
Total		8,049	0

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR'S INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, this is the Auditor's Ineligible Homestead account. The request is for $10,982. The contractual services line item, if everyone looks at the next page, there is a repeal to offset that, and again, this is a new account and there is ample funds to fund these lines. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I 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: The motion carries.

AUDITOR'S INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1216-2600 **1216-0000-260000**	**Supplies**	**3,000**	**3,000**
1216-3130 **1216-0000-313000**	**Travel**	**2,000**	**2,000**
1216-3530 **1216-0000-353000**	**Contractual Services**	**5,982**	**5,982**
Total		**10,982**	**10,982**

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL

AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Auditor, 1020-3530 Contractual Services, repeal, in the amount of $5,982, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. Do I have 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.

AUDITOR		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1020-3530 **1000-1020-353000**	**Contractual Services**	**5,982**	**5,982**
Total		**5,982**	**5,982**

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

VETERANS SERVICES LEGAL AID CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
HEALTH DEPARTMENT LGL AID/UNITED WAY HIGHWAY (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Next, Mr. President, I'll move that we approve all transfers as submitted.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions or comments?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Shetler: Okay, Sandie has brought up a point on the Veterans. On the Veterans, I guess there would not be enough money in there –

Sandie Deig : Inaudible.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I'm sorry. I do stand corrected. I've had it noted in the amendments. Mr. President, I'd like to amend my motion to set in the Veterans Services request at zero and all other transfers as listed.

Councilmember Bassemier: Concur.

President Shetler: The seconder agrees, so the motion has been amended. 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: The motion carries.

VETERANS SERVICES		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1270-1990 **1000-1270-199000**	**Extra Help**	**15,760**	**0**
To: 1270-1130-1270 **1000-1270-127113**	**Clerk/Typist**	**15,760**	**0**

LEGAL AID		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1460-1130-1460 **1000-1460-146113**	**Staff Attorney**	**19,588**	**19,588**
To: 1460-1971 **1000-1460-197100**	**Accrued Payments**	**19,588**	**19,588**

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-2000 1135-0000-200000	Materials	5,000	5,000
To: 2030-1850 1135-0000-185000	Union Overtime	5,000	5,000

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2130-1160-2130 1159-0000-115916	Director of Nursing Division	8,294	8,294
To: 2130-1220-2130 1159-0000-115922	Supervisor-Child Health Conference	8,294	8,294

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 4290-1130-4290 4903-0000-490313	Staff Attorney	1,474	1,474
To: 4290-1971 4903-0000-197100	Accrued Payments	1,474	1,474

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-2530 1176-0000-200000	Materials	25,000	25,000
To: 2010-1850 1176-0000-185000	Union Overtime	25,000	25,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: And we've already done the repeal, old business, new business. Are you finished?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, that concludes my part.

President Shetler: New business, Superior Court, request to replace two grant employees, PT's, is that part-time, I assume?

Wayne Trockman: Good morning. Wayne Trockman, treatment court Judge. These are two retirees who have been with us for probably eight or nine years and they both are ready to fully retire. Their positions, as noted, are paid for through our DOC grant, so require no funds from the county. We'd just like to replace those two part-time positions.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Judge, will the pay be the same for the new employees as are retiring?

Wayne Trockman: Yes, I believe it's either 8 or 9?

Regene Newman: 9.50.

Wayne Trockman: 9.50 an hour.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Wayne Trockman: And early morning hours, holidays, and weekends. So it's not the greatest hours, but they enjoy it.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any other questions or comments? Motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Got a motion and a second. 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: The motion carries.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Council.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: The next is Prosecutor's request. Nick is here and replace a part-time incentive fund employee, and a full-time deputy prosecutor.

Nick Hermann: That's correct. Good morning, we have a part-time opening that is paid out of the child support incentive fund. That came open when the lady that was in that position took a full-time position last year month and then we have a full-time deputy prosecutor position that's open as well.

President Shetler: Any questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question. Both of those are paid out of the incentive fund?

Nick Hermann: The part-time position is. The full-time deputy prosecutor is a general fund position.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Would this be an entry level deputy prosecutor?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

President Shetler: I mean starting salary?

Nick Hermann: Yes, it will.

President Shetler: You'll be replacing someone that's higher, did you say?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay. Net savings between the two, roughly?

Nick Hermann: Well, we'll be back – assuming the Council approves this, we'll be back next month. What we're going to do is take an even higher paid person and move them to child support and so that's going to result in a savings both in the front end from hiring someone from a lower entry level spot, and then also by moving that salary into that entry level spot and then by also moving that salary into the position that gets reimbursed two/thirds. But specifically to your question, the difference in the spot and that move, I think is going to be $4,930 with the direct move, and then once you add in the reimbursement, I think it's going to be another $6,000 or so.

President Shetler: So 10 - $11,000?

Nick Hermann: Yeah.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, did we get a motion yet?

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

Councilmember Goebel: You'll be clear to hire on March 4, is that correct?

Nick Hermann: Yes. The time's run out on that spot as of, I believe, March 1st.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion then. 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)

AUDITOR REQUEST TO REPLACE PART-TIME EMPLOYEE

President Shetler: Next, Auditor's request to replace part-time reassessment fund employee.

Joe Gries: We're requesting to be able to fill a part-time position. This position is funded through the Reassessment fund, it's not funded through the General fund. And we had a person just leave in the last couple of weeks, so it's 8.50 an hour.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: It's been moved and –

Councilmember Terry: Second.

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

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: Next is the Veterans Services, Paul was here. Maybe he decided, hearing the other bad news...okay, then the next is the travel requests. Does anybody have any questions about the Auditor, Treasurer, Surveyor, Commissioners, Clerk, the DADS program, County Engineer or Health Department? Any of the travel requests?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions then? 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)

GAGE 2012 ACTIVITIES AND PLANNED INITIATIVES FOR 2013

President Shetler: Next is Debbie Dewey who will give us an update on GAGE activities from 2012.

Debbie Dewey: Debbie Dewey, President of the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. I'm here today to provide the 2012 report of activities as part of our contract for services with Vanderburgh County. As you know, about two years ago, we did kind of an overhaul of GAGE and refocused our resources on attraction, retention, expansion of existing jobs as well as incubation, and it's very important for us not only to attract those manufacturing corporations which we like to do, but again, those projects are few and far between. So we also have to focus on our existing companies, work with them to try and help them retain jobs and expand the jobs they can. But also the incubation is important. In 2006, new businesses created nearly 675,000 jobs a year in the U.S. And that number has dropped

approximately thirty percent, so we have to help our local entrepreneurs to get started to create that next generation of new businesses. And we also have to think about transformational change and how we go about economic development. The business school at USI has been doing some research on regional growth and they found that southwest Indiana's growth rate measured by population, per capita income and employment has been slower than the national average for about the last thirty years. So while we've grown, we've been growing at a lower rate than the national average, so we have to look at some transformational things to make sure that we meet that average and exceed it. And we've been doing some different things and we've had some positive results so far. In 2012, we worked with companies and entrepreneurs that are going to add 425 jobs over the next few years producing a positive economic impact on our community of $120,000,000 per year. And if we add that to our results in 2011, we've landed projects that will add almost 1,400 jobs with a positive economic impact of $280,000,000 per year. We've processed 420 requests for assistance in 2012, and those requests for assistance are everything from getting a request for information on a large project that we're working on to having a local inventor walk through the door and say, I think I've got the next great invention, what do I do with it? We try to help those people, connect them with resources that will help them get their product launched. And if you combine that with the assistance that we had in 2011, over the past two years, 764 businesses and entrepreneurs have walked through the door of GAGE asking for some kind of assistance. And so with a staff of six, we feel like we're getting a good return on being that one stop resource for business and entrepreneurs. In 2012, we worked 80 large attraction projects and 40 retention and expansion projects. At any given time, we have 15 to 20 active projects that we're working in the pipeline. And I think you've heard me say before that we have to kiss a lot of frogs to find a prince. And so it's very important for us to keep that pipeline full because just a very small percentage of those projects will actually turn into jobs in Vanderburgh County. In existing businesses, last year, we met with 50 different existing businesses, everything from a small one person business to a large one like Berry Plastics. We conducted a survey of existing local businesses and published those findings. We found that of the companies that responded to our survey, 77% of the respondents indicated that they intend to expand their local facility over the next several years, so that's very positive, I think, for our community to see that even those local businesses are hoping to expand and continue to invest in the businesses. We also offered another session of the Kauffman Foundation Growth Venture. This is a program that I'm certified to provide as well as one of our board members. We provide it to existing businesses, small, medium businesses, those that have gotten past that first five years, kind of that survival five years, and now they're ready to take it to the next level. And what Kauffman Foundation has found is that about two/thirds of small businesses are started by someone who has a liberal arts or technical background, not necessarily a business background. So what a program like this allows them to do, I call it kind of a mini MBA, kind of a thirty hour MBA. We take them through marketing analysis, competitive analysis, how to look at investments and should they make investments, and put together pro formas to make an investment, how they go about getting funding, going to commercial lenders, so it's a pretty intensive course. And we've taken so far, we have another five businesses go through this year, so far, we've taken 33 local businesses through that program. We also processed 15 design reviews, 6 tax phase-ins, and, of course, we did all the compliance reporting for the city and county for tax phase-ins. We continue to develop promotional materials, we have an Evansville metropolitan area stat book now. What we've tried to do is to pool available information on our workforce, our educational institutions, the existing businesses, our location, demographics, all the things that we think may be useful to try and attract companies and to help our local companies expand. So we're building that database, and what

we can do, then when we have a company come in that's looking at Evansville, is put together a custom book with the statistics that are important to them and their project. On the technology transfer incubation side, a study was released by Engine Advocacy titled Technology Works, and its ranked Evansville as a tech hotspot, in the top 25 among the fastest growing metro areas for adding high tech jobs in the nation. And so things like the SS&C Technology project that we landed, these are the things that are adding to actually being in the top 25 for growing high tech jobs. We also received The Federal Lab Consortium Partnership Award for our work with the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Crane, that's a national award. We were a sponsor for Evansville's first Start-Up Weekend out at USI. We also provided local entrepreneurs with resources to help them get started. We started a couple of other programs, Pitch Practice, where we let those folks who have a business idea or a new product idea come and we pull together a group of commercial lenders, angel investors, local business people, successful business people, who let the entrepreneurs come and pitch their idea to them so we can give them feedback before they try to go after funding and try to hone their pitch and make it as complete as it can be. We also have started with a local entrepreneur, Tech on Tap series. This is where we have a social event, but we do have about a 15 minute presentation for entrepreneurs and we try to bring together in a social setting angel investors, entrepreneurs, inventors and business mentors because we've learned that by putting these people together, they start networking and it creates new business opportunities. We continue to do commercial quarter development. We create and publish a downtown walking map and maintain the Devour Downtown website. We also maintain inventories of available office space and businesses in the downtown area. We maintain the state's certification for Main Street and Certified Technology Park. We also produce the 4th of July fireworks and still support the Downtown Farmer's Market. In terms of sources of funding, you can see our primary source of funding for GAGE are the rents from Innovation Pointe, which is the facility that we operate, but we also have the public service contracts with the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, as well as private investment from local business, some small grants, and up to this point we've had some funds remaining in the Certified Technology Park fund, but those will now be tapped out at the end of last year. In terms of how we used those funds, you can see that the biggest use of the funds is operating Innovation Pointe, then followed by our attraction, retention, expansion and incubation activities. The thing about Innovation Pointe, I think, that's very positive, is not only do we offer space at below market rates to help new companies get started, focusing on high tech companies, but we also use the asset to attract companies. That's how we were able to attract SS&C. We were down to competing with other municipalities, we were able to give them low risk, low cost start-up space because we had that asset. They've already got 80 people that are going to be moving out of Innovation Pointe this year looking for another 20,000 square feet to move up to 200 people over the next year.

Councilmember Goebel: How many people?

Debbie Dewey: They're at 80 right now, they've outgrown the start-up space we gave them and so, in fact, we're right now working with them to find space that will meet their next – they're at about 8,000 square feet now at Innovation Pointe, they're moving to 20,000 square feet. So it's doing exactly what it was supposed to do and using that asset to attract a company who is now growing, they're not only adding finance and accounting majors to their staff, but they've actually started adding IT people and they're doing some technology development, information technology development for some of their other locations worldwide. So in summary, again, in 2012, we landed projects with 425 jobs, bringing in $120,000,000 per year, over the last two years about more than double that, so we feel like its been a good return for

Vanderburgh County on your investment in the economic development services. So are there any questions?

President Shetler: I think Pete was first and then Mike.

Councilmember Swaim: Debbie, with regard to business retention, how do you guys prioritize that? Do you do it by number of employees from 25 or more, or how do you do that?

Debbie Dewey: Well, at this point, what we're trying to do, is to get the word out to our local businesses. The number of projects we work that are retention are relatively small at this point. We're trying to get the word out to say that if you are a local business, and you're having issues, let us talk to you and see if there is anything we can do. I mean, we haven't had to prioritize, we're only going to help you and we're not going to help another one. What we've tried to do is to say, if you're having issues, we have one relatively small company that we're going to meet with tomorrow who is having some survival issues, we also worked with Berry Plastics on a program because the rail infrastructure needed to be upgraded to help maintain the jobs that they have. So it goes from one extreme to the other.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I just want to compliment you and say job well done. This is informative, its quick and the refocus and structure now at GAGE, it's nice to have a place where people can go and the information you funnel to us from time to time is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Debbie Dewey: Thank you. Any other questions?

President Shetler: Do we have any kind of a – I guess call it a weaning process, you know, where you've got people that are at Innovation Pointe and either stepped up rent or some process of getting them off and into the process where they're on their own?

Debbie Dewey: I think we are just now reaching that point. When I first came two years ago, Innovation Pointe was only about 50 percent occupied. So at that time, if we could get anybody in there that could pay a little bit of the rent towards maintaining the building, we were letting them in there. We have since, we're getting ready to graduate one, we graduated another one, as SS&C moves out, we'll have another, a lot of space available. What I'm trying to do is balance that between, we're at 98 percent occupancy now, is to maintain that, but also try to focus that space on the tech based companies. So we haven't gotten to the point now where we've said, okay, it's time to leave the nest to everybody, but we're starting to move some of our smaller businesses around, and I think over the next year, if we continue to see this kind of activity, it will be time to push a few out of the nest maybe. But again, that's good news. What that says is the incubation process is working, these companies are now thriving and if there are other new start-ups that need to come in, we need to have room for them. Right now, having room has not been an issue. We're just now getting to the point where we're kind of full. We thought that having enough room might be an issue but now as SS&C is ready to graduate and move on, we're going to free up a lot more space.

President Shetler: Yeah, and I guess my point is, is like any one person, you know, a business can also get used to –

Debbie Dewey: It can get comfortable.

President Shetler: Kind of a hand-out type situation there, where you're getting support and I didn't know if we stepped that up every six months or every year and get them to a point where they have to realize they've got to be on their own.

Debbie Dewey: Absolutely. We hadn't been at that point, but we're in the process now, we have recalculated our expenses for Innovation Pointe as we've had some things that were covered by the certified technology park fund that will now have to be part of the operating expenses, so we're going back looking at all the leases that we have. Most of those are on a month to month lease, and those who have been there for a while, we're looking at stepping those up going forward.

President Shetler: I might point out, I work with Debbie being on the board and stuff, and she's done an outstanding job. I served underneath a couple of different leaders there and, far and away, she's just done an outstanding job, and greatly appreciate the efforts that she's put in there.

Debbie Dewey: Thank you.

President Shetler: Yes, Ed?

Councilmember Bassemier: Debbie, you probably can't divulge this information, but do you have any promising prospects that might be coming to Evansville in the near future?

Debbie Dewey: Well, at any given time we have about 15 to 20 projects. Again, some of those projects, we've got someone who will ask for information and it goes away. I would say, right now, those that are active are probably two. One of them we really hoped was going to be here, and we just heard yesterday that they probably are going to be a couple states to the south, so unfortunately, that was one of them on the top of the list, and we did everything right. In fact, when the company came, and their site selectors, they had been looking at seven states and they said that our presentation and meeting was the most comprehensive that they'd had so far. So we did everything right there, but we just weren't an exact right location. But at any given time we may have a couple of projects that are hot, but about 15 to 20 active, that we are at least providing information to.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

President Shetler: Councilman Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thanks. Debbie, I just want to echo the compliments and say that I appreciate the timeliness of your emails and your correspondence and your patience with answering questions. And just real excited to see what's going on in this area, so thank you.

Debbie Dewey: Thank you. Any more questions?

President Shetler: Anybody else? Any other questions? Thanks again.

Debbie Dewey: Thank you.

President Shetler: Great job.

FILING DATES

President Shetler: I think everybody received the filing dates to be approved and stuff in your packets, so we don't need to do anything there.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: We have amendments to the Salary Ordinance that are being passed around right now. Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll go on to the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First under Superior Court, amend salary line 137E-1990 Part-Time to allow hiring two part-time employees at the rate of $9.50 an hour. This is a Department of Corrections grant. One employee was hired as a full-time employee, the second employee to be replaced resigned effective December 31, 2012. With Superior Court, amend salary to list correct and approve line 137S-1110 Day Reporting Officer. The employee was hired in January due to grant restrictions. This is a PAT V position. The initiation salary is $38,709. After six months it will be $40,568. And also line 137S-1160 Day Reporting Officer stipend set in at $15,000 annually. Prosecutor line 2670-1990 Part-Time Help to allow hiring a part-time employee at the rate of $12 per hour. The former employee became a full-time employee January 1 of 2013. This salary is paid out of the Incentive fund. Also, line item 1081-1160 Deputy Prosecutor to allow filling the vacancy to replace an employee that has left the county. This is an Executive II position with an initiation salary rate of $50,102, after six months it will move to a Step I salary and it will be $55,031. Auditor/Reassessment line 2490-1020-1990 to allow filling a vacancy in the Reassessment fund at the rate of $8.50 per hour. Legal Aid, amend salary line 1460-1971 Accrued Payments in the amount of $19,588. And we approved that in a transfer. This is a buy-out of an employee retiring. And also with that is 4290-1971 Accrued Payments in the amount of $1,474. That's the balance of the buyout for the retiring employee. Cum Bridge, 2030-1850 Union Overtime, in the amount of $5,000 as previously adopted. Health Department, 1130-1220 Supervisor Child Health Conference in the amount of $8,294 as previously adopted. The employee's annual salary is $62,859. And County Highway, amend salary line 2010-1850 Union Overtime as previously adopted in the amount of $25,000, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion for the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance, do I have a second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Anybody have 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: At this time do any Councilmembers have any comments or questions about anything? Anybody from the public? Any comments? Motion would be in order – I do want to remind you real quickly that the next meeting is on what, February 27th at 3:00 in the afternoon. February 27, 3:00, that's Personnel & Finance. So motion would be in order then for –

Councilmember Raben: When?

President Shetler: The 27th. Motion for adjournment and so we will see you then on February 27th. Thank you.

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

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler	Vice President Peter Swaim
Angela Koehler Lindsey	James Raben
Mike Goebel	Ed Bassemier
Stephanie Terry	

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2013

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

President Shetler: Good morning. This being March the 6th and 8:30 in the morning, I would like to call the County Council meeting to order. So 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**	

*Arrived shortly after roll call

President Shetler: There being six members present, one absent, we have a quorum. I'd like to ask our County Recorder Z Tuley if she would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Shetler: Okay, motion for approval of the minutes of the February 6th meeting then.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: We have a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions? Everybody should have received them. Anybody have any questions about the minutes? 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

President Shetler: I'm not going to go through the couple minute deal that I did the last time, but I do want to remind everyone that our general fund balance is about 50 percent of where it was last year at this same time, so it is precariously low at this point, and one that we are going to have to be very, very mindful of each and every appropriation that we make from this point forward. I would recommend that we look very, very hard at replacing any vacancies, dragging that out, holding it out as long as we possibly can so that we can save a few dollars here a few dollars there, and if we can create some vacancies, in fact, I would suggest that we really need to create as many as twelve vacancies county-wide, which is not a whole lot of positions to eliminate for an employment of our size over the course of this next year. And then next year, another probably dozen or so is probably what we're going to be forecasting. So anyway, keep that in mind, and at this time I'm going to hand it over to the finance chairman.

AUDITOR
SURVEYOR
PROSECUTOR
PROSECUTOR IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning. First on the agenda this morning, we have the Auditor, this increase is due for step or longevity. We also have a request for the Surveyor in the amount of $591, Prosecutor $5,803, Prosecutor IV-D in the amount of $10,958. I'll stop there, but I'm going to make a motion that we approve these requests as submitted.

Councilmember Bassemier: 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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries. I might ask that the record also reflect that Councilman Koehler Lindsey has joined us as well.

AUDITOR		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1020-1280-1020 **1000-1020-102128**	**Real Estate Clerk**	**4,346**	**4,346**
1020-1900 **1000-1020-190000**	**FICA**	**333**	**333**
1020-1910 **1000-1020-191000**	**PERF**	**435**	**435**
Total		**5,114**	**5,114**

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1060-1210-1060 1000-1060-106121	Asst. To Surveyor	501	501
1060-1900 1000-1060-190000	FICA	39	39
1060-1910 1000-1060-191000	PERF	51	51
Total		591	591

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1190-1080 1000-1080-108119	Deputy	4,931	4,931
1080-1900 1000-1080-190000	FICA	378	378
1080-1910 1000-1080-191000	PERF	494	494
Total		5,803	5,803

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-1400-1081 1000-1400-140038	Enforcement Officer	9,313	9,313
1081-1900 1000-1400-190000	FICA	713	713
1081-1910 1000-1400-191000	PERF	932	932
Total		10,958	10,958

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next we have under Prosecutor IV-D Deputy Prosecutor with FICA and PERF in the amount of $23,186. The rationale behind this request is they're making a change internally within the office. There is a higher rate of pay position within that office, he's moving into an account where we get our 60% reimbursement, so the net savings is a little over $26,000 in making this move. So with that being said, I'm going to move that we approve the Prosecutor IV-D in the amount of $23,186.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: 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.

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-1160-1081 1000-1400-140016	Dep. Prosecutor	19,707	19,707
1081-1900 1000-1400-190000	FICA	1,508	1,508
1081-1910 1000-1400-191000	PERF	1,971	1,971
Total		23,186	23,186

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Co-Op Extension. This one has kind of been back and forth, everyone recalls, over the last few years. I'm going to move that this request be set in at zero.

President Shetler: We have a motion, do I have a second?

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: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-3530 1000-1230-353000	Contractual Services	1,485	0
Total		1,485	0

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN (TWO REQUESTS)

President Shetler: Next is Area Plan Commission.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Area Plan in the amount of $12,893, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's $12,893. Okay, 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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-1220-1240 1000-1240-124122	Zoning Enforce- ment Officer	10,958	10,958
1240-1900 1000-1240-190000	FICA	839	839
1240-1910 1000-1240-191000	PERF	1,096	1,096
Total		12,893	12,893

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, also under Area Plan we have a request for them to hire a new Executive Director. I've spoken with Commissioner Abell. At this time, she's agreed to withdraw this request, so I'll move that it be set in at zero.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. I know that there's some discussions going on of how we might rework that department with maybe another department or two, so that's what's kind of going on now. 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.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-1110-1240 1000-1240-124111	Executive Director	52,697	0
1240-1900 1000-1240-190000	FICA	4,032	0
1240-1910 1000-1240-191000	PERF	5,270	0
Total		61,999	0

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VETERANS SERVICES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Veterans Services. Everyone is aware of this request. This request was to replace a part-time employee with a full-time employee. But due to our current financial situation, I'm going to move that we keep this as a part-time position and set this request in at zero.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, take that separately.

President Shetler: It is separate.

Councilmember Bassemier: I mean as far as you make a recommendation for putting it in at zero. Okay, I'm going to vote no on it. I mean yes. I want to put it in... after talking to Melcher.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a second from Angela. Do I have any questions then? Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Speaking with Commissioner Melcher and also trying to get some support perhaps from our state government that mandates the veterans services, since we do service a great deal of people outside of Vanderburgh County, perhaps there can be a formula drawn that we can justify the third person full time and pay for that person and I think Mr. Melcher is going to work on that and perhaps with our state legislators. So this thing, I don't think necessarily has to go away, but the funding of it, maybe we can get some help. And that's why, I don't know if a vote no, but simply a postponement in my case.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, Mike. Good point. Alright, anybody else, questions or comments? I will take a roll call vote on this, then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

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, one nay, the motion carries.

VETERANS SERVICES		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1270-1130-1270 **1000-1270-127113**	**Clerk/Typist**	**5,501**	**0**
1270-1900 **1000-1270-190000**	**FICA**	**421**	**0**
1270–1910 **1000-1270-191000**	**PERF**	**2,127**	**0**
Total		**8,049**	**0**

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Bassemier opposed)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone is familiar with this request as well where they're removing two part-time positions, creating one full-time position, and this comes out of user fees, and this doesn't cost the county, in the amount of $50,852, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: 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: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
2600-1460 **2101-0000-146000**	**Probation Officer**	**29,625**	**29,625**
2600-1900 **2101-0000-190000**	**FICA**	**2,265**	**2,265**
2600-1910 **2101-0000-191000**	**PERF**	**2,962**	**2,962**
2600-1920 **2101-0000-192000**	**Insurance**	**16,000**	**16,000**
Total		**50,852**	**50,852**

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COIT/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we'll move into County Commissioners, this is the County Option Income Tax appropriation request for the Hillcrest Washington contract. This is the increase that is allowed within their contract in the amount of $38,253, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I 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: The motion carries.

COMMISSIONERS **REQUESTED APPROVED**

4998-1300-302100	**Hillcrest Washington**	**38,253**	**38,253**
Total		**38,253**	**38,253**

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUEST

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we move into repeals. We have a repeal for the Prosecutor in the amount of $28,986, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: 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.

PROSECUTOR		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1080-1120-1080 **1000-1080-108112**	**Deputy Prosecutor**	**24,637**	**24,637**
1080-1900 **1000-1080-190000**	**FICA**	**1,885**	**1,885**
1080-1910 **1000-1080-191000**	**PERF**	**2,464**	**2,464**
Total		**28,986**	**28,986**

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

President Shetler: Transfers, Jim?

VETERANS SERVICES

Councilmember Raben: Transfers, the first transfer is for Veterans Services, I'll move that that transfer be set in at zero to keep that part-time position in place, and move that we approve the County Commissioners transfer from Communications into Southwest Mental Health and Transportation Services, for a total of 38,917.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: I guess you take that Veterans Services again, since I voted the other way, do I understand that right? He's putting that in at zero, right?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Transfers. I guess either or --

President Shetler: It's somewhat of a different issue, but it's related, so we could do a roll call.

Councilmember Raben: Zeroing it out allows that money to stay in place so they can keep their --

President Shetler: So that it would be available for them at a later time.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I understand.

President Shetler: It's up to you.

Councilmember Bassemier: I lost on the other one. Just let it stand.

Councilmember Raben: I'll amend my motion to take the Commissioners out of my motion and the motion is Veterans Services set in at zero.

President Shetler: Okay, motion amended and the seconder agreed to it as well?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

President Shetler: All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed? The motion carries, 6 to 1?

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I tell you, we'd better take a roll call.

President Shetler: Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Since I voted the other way I'm going to vote no on this one, too.

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 nay, the motion carries.

VETERANS SERVICES

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1270-1990 1000-1270-199000	**Extra Help**	**15,760**	**0**
To: 1270-1130-1270 1000-1270-127113	**Clerk/Typist**	**15,760**	**0**

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Bassemier opposed)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last, County Commissioners, the transfer from Communications in the amount of $38,917 into Southwest Mental Health for $25,120 and Transportation Services $13,797, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

COMMISSIONERS		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1300-3140 1000-1300-314000	**Communications**	**38,917**	**38,917**
To: 1300-3020 1000-1300-302000	**Southwest Indiana Mental Health**	**25,120**	**25,120**
1300-4231 1000-1300-423100	**Transportation Services**	**13,797**	**13,797**

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Alright, under new business, Circuit Court request to change part-time – that's already been dealt with, so Commissioners request to fill Area Plan Director vacancy, and that's been withdrawn. Sheriff has a request to fill –

(Inaudible)

Eric Williams: Good morning. You've got my written request in front of you with the positions that I have vacant at the time. My request is to fill those positions that are inclusive of Confinement Officer, Deputy Sheriff and several Clerk's positions.

President Shetler: You know, Sheriff, I know, particularly, the Confinement Officers, for the most part, we're kind of restricted by court orders and stuff to make sure that we have sufficient manpower I guess with the jail population, etcetera, and that's all related or else we go into overtime and ends up costing –

Eric Williams: Well, the jail is that interesting dynamic. We are staffed based at what the minimum staffing was set up at when we built the facility based on a capacity of 512, which we've exceeded 99% of the time since its been in existence. That, coupled with the fact that we still have six openings that were created by the user fee shortage that their positions were counted in that, so we constantly operate six under, even if every other position is fully staffed. So it's a dynamic environment. There are really no court orders in place, but we do have a contract in place that requires minimum staffing on shift, which is what generates the overtime. You've got employees that have to have vacation, personal days, and all the things that are required, so when they're gone, we've got to put somebody else in the slot to meet the minimum staffing requirements.

President Shetler: Now, you and I have had some preliminary discussions and you mentioned the fact that you were hoping to eliminate I guess through attrition three civilian –

Eric Williams: I've got several clerical positions open that I'm asking to fill today. It's my hope, if everything goes the way we're expecting, we'll be able to eliminate at

least three of those positions. I'm asking to fill them all today because I'm going to need some flexibility in which positions we eliminate because there are different classifications and different job titles. I'm also going to need some latitude with the Job Study to get in and switch some of them around. I don't think financially it makes much difference, it's job title positions. However you want to do it, but we do expect to eliminate three of those positions through attrition and they're open right now. I'm asking to fill all of them, but I don't have any intention of actually filling all of them. This is more for the flexibility to fill the right ones.

President Shetler: So end result will be that there will be a net savings to the county of three to possibly four civilian positions that are currently budgeted in the Sheriff department.

Eric Williams: Correct.

President Shetler: And those positions aren't vacant as it stands today.

Eric Williams: But the timing is right for this now, so I don't have to lay anybody off and the attrition will be natural, we're just not going to fill the spots. I'm asking to fill them all today for the flexibility to fill the right ones and so I can shuffle the – because we've got job titles. I've got Booking Clerks that are open, I've got Jail Reception Clerks that are open, and I've got Command Post Clerks that are open, but the ones that I'm going to eliminate are all from one area so I'm going to need to shuffle some of them around to make them right. And they don't have the right job titles right now. So whatever is the easiest way to do it, it doesn't make me any real difference.

President Shetler: Is it possible to do it this way: that you could tell us that you currently have X number of positions, filled and unfilled, be it 32, whatever the number is, and that you are asking for permission to fill 28 of those or 29 of those, three less than what you're –

Eric Williams: I think I understand where you're going. I think the easiest way for me to explain that is, of all the civilian positions, the clerical positions I have open, I'd like to fill all but three, but I'd like to pick the ones that I fill.

President Shetler: Okay, we're skinning the cat here.

Eric Williams: I understand what you're saying but I can't tell you which three it's going to end up being yet.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, we have a motion, and does anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question. Time line on this, do you have a time line as far as when the three openings will actually be –

Eric Williams: They're vacant now, so they're not costing us anything at this moment in time. So they will technically never be filled. I'll be able to tell you which three that I'm ultimately not going to fill in short order. We're going to run some final tests, hopefully by the end of this week on what our plan is that will allow us to eliminate

the spots. So they'll never get filled if it goes right.

President Shetler: Alright, we have a 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)

Eric Williams: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: I need to go up to the Soil & Water Conservation. Is anybody here for that? They have an Administrative Assistant vacancy and wanted permission, and I didn't know if anybody was here to speak on that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Shetler: Right, this was already approved at Job Study apparently, so, what, last week?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes. This was recommended by the Job Study to go ahead and fill this position.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions about that? Motion would be in order then for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Do we know, how many people do we have within Soil & Water?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Was it just two? I believe it's just two.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so this is one of the two. Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: This was one of the two and this was something that they needed for this to operate properly.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have a motion and a second on the floor. Any further 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)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: The Assessor has asked to be withdrawn for the time being. DADS request to fill a Director vacancy.

Deloris Koch: I think you have a copy of my request and it still states the same. We figured at the highest possible salary that the new person would come in, we would have to wait until June 10th to start that person with my buy-out and such.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: It's been moved and –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I have a question. Who – are the Commissioners responsible for filling this position or who actually goes through the hiring process?

Deloris Koch: Judge Pigman and the Superior Court judges would be our supervisors. He is going through the process of the hire or will.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but the position with the buy-out doesn't happen until June? You know, we could wait on this.

Deloris Koch: Well, I'm leaving at the end of March so we would at least need an interim for the time being, someone to be in charge.

Councilmember Raben: How would that be paid?

Deloris Koch: Well, if they hire from within, there wouldn't be any change in the salary, it would just be someone taking charge of the office; basically, be in charge of the program.

Councilmember Raben: They could still do that, but I guess we're kind of leaving ourselves open when we approve up to the highest rate. You know, I'd like to see it come in considerably less than, you know, worst case scenarios is what they're asking for us to approve up to the highest possible rate of pay for that position. And if we're talking about filling this position for an interim period, that person will already be in a line item being paid at the rate of pay that they're paying now, until June, so it seems to me like we've got time on this one.

President Shetler: Right, and then to accommodate that, we could transfer funds

later from that Director line because there should be some left over money from that to go, you know, particularly if it's at a lesser pay position, and I'm assuming it will be. Then that can be transferred into this, if they're bumping someone up for the interim. Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: So, Deloris, someone will serve as an interim director after you leave, correct?

Deloris Koch: I would like to see someone at least named to take that responsibility, yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: And Judge Pigman and his group will make that appointment?

Deloris Koch: Yes, I would expect him to do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Deloris, would that be without any extra pay?

Deloris Koch: I would assume, if you're not voting on it yet, yes.

President Shetler: This would have no effect on that.

Councilmember Raben: This would have no effect on that. We're not voting to approve more monies, it's just a request to fulfill the position. But to her point, she's got a buy-out in place that it's going to be some time before they can even put a new director on the payroll anyway.

Councilmember Goebel: It seems like that's an issue that the judges will have to work out between now and June, so I agree with Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll withdraw my motion if that's okay with Deloris. It's going to get there, we just don't need to do it now.

Deloris Koch: I understand.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: I withdrew it –

President Shetler: Okay, so we don't have a motion on the floor, so the request basically dies for lack of a motion for the time being.

Deloris Koch: We'll make a further request later. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, and thank you for your service.

RECORDER REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Recorder, request to fill a vacancy.

Z Tuley: Good morning, Z Tuley, Vanderburgh County Recorder. The vacancy that I have is a COMOT III, the employee departed at a salary of 27 over a month ago, and I am probably looking at a new hire, and so the new hire would start at 20,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a question. Z, how much money did you bring

to the county last year in fees and everything? I'm thinking it was around $400,000.

Z Tuley: General fund was $474,045.44.

Councilmember Bassemier: That you put in from your department to the General fund.

Z Tuley: That is correct. That was the portion that was to be distributed to the General fund. The Recorder's Perpetuation fund amount was $379,000, so it was almost $100,000 less than the General fund.

Councilmember Bassemier: Get it on the floor, Mr. President, I'll make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Again, we've gone through this and gone through this for several years that I've been on Council, I think, since the beginning. And financial times are hard and we have to start somewhere, and we've told no to a few people here today, and delayed Area Plan Commission Director, we put off the idea of Veterans going full-time, keeping it a part-time, where the Sheriff's department has come forward with eliminating three civilian people, we've done a couple of things out at the County Garage looking at a few other departments and a few other areas. So if not here, where? That's the question. If we don't eliminate as these spots become vacant, where are we going to eliminate? We're going to have to eliminate at least twelve people out of 835 employees we have. That's a drop in the bucket, but if we don't reduce our staffing by at least twelve this year, guys, we're not going to have but change left in our pockets next year, unappropriated. So it is serious, it's something that's got to be done, and I just feel like this is one area that we need to start and will save us about $50,000. We do this times twelve, that's $60,000, basically, that we're going to be talking about or $600,000. So that's a half million dollars that we'll need for next year. So, again, I can't tell you how important I think this is for us to get serious about filling these vacancies and making sure that we hold the line on county spending. So that's my point, you've heard it before and you'll continue hearing it.

Z Tuley: My staff has already been cut 11%. I had nine employees, now I have eight, and now you're asking them to vote to eliminate another one, which would be a 22% reduction. And based on what I could find in the budgets, we only have a 10% reduction in the Treasurer's office as of 2013. Back in 2008, there's only been one position eliminated. Also, in the Auditor's office, 2013, I don't know because I couldn't tell exactly if they have 21 employees or if they have 22 now, however, back in 2009, the Auditor's office also had 21 employees, so I don't see a reduction there at all. The Assessor's office is even more complicated due to the merger, the elimination of townships and the merger that was brought on to bring it all into one. Currently, it appears as though the Assessor has 36 employees and there was a reduction from 2012 because there had apparently been 45 at one point, and so the amount of reduction is the Assessor's office is 8%. And you're asking for a 22% reduction from my office. And I think that that's very unfair. We can't get the work done. The week of Valentines, I even had to do their work for them, I only had three employees. I have one in the hospital now, I have one that – I had two that were out on FMLA, it has been a huge burden to the staff. We do have, like all the other departments, vacations, personal time, sick time, that all need to be filled, and we can't get the work done, which means we can't get it to the Assessor, which means we can't get it to the Auditor, and the taxpayers are not getting their deeds back in

a timely fashion if we continue to cut at the starting point of filing a deed. And there is not a single possession by a taxpayer that's any more important than their home.

President Shetler: Yeah, I agree. I think it started off in the Assessor's office, that started off at 46 - 47, and they're down to 32, I believe, now.

Z Tuley: 36, maybe 35.

President Shetler: I don't think that's correct. So that's a 20-something –

Z Tuley: This is the 2013 budget.

President Shetler: Okay, 46 to 36, that would still be a 22 - 23% reduction. The Auditor's office has eliminated three –

Joe Gries: We were at 25 in 2009 and we're at 22 now.

President Shetler: And I think a couple years before that you were at 28 or 29, or something like that.

Joe Gries: Mr. Fluty did eliminate –

Z Tuley: In 2002 they had 24 employees.

President Shetler: It's gone up and it's gone down, but –

Z Tuley: But in 2009 they had 21 which they've got 22 now.

President Shetler: But since I've been involved, they've cut, I know, three or four employees so that would be in the neighborhood of about 15 percent that they've reduced theirs, but the point is, is that, again, we need to start making some cuts somewhere along the line.

Z Tuley: My employee went to the Auditor's office. That's employee number two that left me and went to the Auditor's office.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't think we can get into individual situations as to who goes where because of the nature of the musical chair games that's being played from one department to another, but I don't feel comfortable cutting that position today without knowing how valuable that position is, when we're filling others. So, President Shetler, I think the suggestion you had a year ago, that we mandate a certain percentage cut through each department, and stay with that, and let the directors run their own departments might be a more palatable way to handle this situation. So this will be a cost savings, I guess, if it's a new hire, just like the Prosecutor situation was.

Z Tuley: It will save about 7,500 for the year.

President Shetler: So my recommendation if we follow that rule then, the budget was $450,000, approximately, so then we cut the budget by approximately $30,000, and I'll go along with that. So you're saying today that we'll allow the hire if we can cut the budget, the present day budget of $30,000?

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not –

President Shetler: Because there was no cuts made in that budget last year.

Z Tuley: There isn't anything but salaries in it.

President Shetler: Right, so I'm agreeing that we'll go along with that, we'll stick to what I had said last year and if you'll go along with that, Mike, that's good, because it basically eliminates a person, is what we're going –

Councilmember Terry: Are you saying across the board or just for this particular department?

President Shetler: For this particular department because we said that we would do that basically across the board.

Councilmember Terry: Well see, I think that's inconsistent. I mean, I think there has to be a level playing field here. I mean, if we're going to mandate a percent, it needs to be across the board and not just by department. Every department is different, but I think it takes out the personality in it and it just shows we're being better stewards of our resources.

President Shetler: It still kind of goes back to what we talked about last year, it's consistent in that we talked about cutting, and this is the only way we can cut because – and it's the only department in the county that's been getting new furniture, new equipment, on a very consistent basis because of taking money out of other funds that they're able to come up with. Everybody else has been holding the line on spending in every which way they can. This department has found other monies available to them that somehow it's not underneath review of the County Council.

Z Tuley: It's the Perpetuation Fund.

President Shetler: This is the only area that we have total review on, I think it's time that we start looking at this department and making some reductions here because if not here, it's going to be somewhere else. You tell me where else. Is it going to be a Sheriff Deputy, is it going to be Clerk in the Clerk's office, is it going to be somebody in the court system? Where is it going to be?

Z Tuley: That is the beauty of the Perpetuation fund, is that you aren't having to pay for furniture. You aren't having to pay for the computers, I even paid for a server for MRC and their tray to put it on. I went halves with Area Plan to purchase the big printer plotter so that we both weren't purchasing one. I have documentation of all of that. I am cooperative in every respect that I can be. When we go to move forward and go to eRecording deeds and the sales disclosures and so forth, the Auditor's office will be provided the equipment because I am fully allowed to purchase it for them, and so will the Assessor. They will not be coming to you and asking you for funds in order for us to be progressive and move forward.

President Shetler: The software package that you indicated to me the other day that you're looking at is not compatible with the Assessor's office and will not work.

Z Tuley: That is correct at this time. But the integration work is being reviewed and it will also auto-populate some fields for them once they tweak it and that's why we haven't moved forward yet because we are going to wait for them to do this because we don't want to put a burden on the Assessor's office. This move is intended to be progressive, go forward, and make things easier.

President Shetler: Alright.

Z Tuley: And I am also paying for that review because it's necessary in order for me to preserve, protect, and record documents, so it qualifies.

Councilmember Raben: Z, what is the current balance in the Perpetuation fund?

Z Tuley: I think when Shannon and I looked, it was 600?

President Shetler: Yeah, 650 - 675, something like that?

Councilmember Raben: You know, that brings up a question, I guess, if we don't allow this replacement, contractually, can you, I mean, if you would get behind and would contractually need to hire someone to come in and help get you back on pace, that could be funded through the Perpetuation fund?

Z Tuley: It could except that we are getting ready to start a program, or not a program, a project. We are going to have the recording company that we have, come in and scan all of the books and they're going to get them prepared to go on the computer. And I'm going to need to have a contractual agreement for help. This is what we did with the aperture with Phoenix. And they are going to bring in their crew and then they will, what we call index and verifying for this project, so that what that does is create the search engine so that you can find the document. Just having the document on the computer doesn't get it you to it. You have to have a human type in the names, and the legals, and the common street address, and what have you, in order to locate the document.

Councilmember Raben: When you say the documents, we're not going way back? I mean, we're not going to go through the effort where properties that have been demolished, rebuilt, even demolished again? I mean, we're not going back 100 years, we're talking about 15 years?

Z Tuley: Sometimes a title searcher needs to go back 100 years, especially if its commercial property. They've all informed me of that. We've got to get them out of the books or the books are going to continue to deteriorate. They're already falling apart. The other thing is that it's history and when you read the job description of the Recorder, it says to preserve and protect the records. That's part of the records.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I know you and I discussed this before and we don't see eye to eye on this particular issue. I think when we get into those older books that might get opened once a year, you know, preserving them, to me, is keeping them on a shelf, dry. You know, because a lot of those parcels or properties, you know, as they were recorded years ago, I mean, things have evolved, buildings have been built over them, have been demolished again, rebuilt and restoring old records for something that hasn't been in place for a hundred years, to me is, I don't know, it seems like a lot of money when as long as we've always got it in a bound paper form, you know, as yellow as the copy may get –

Z Tuley: And deteriorate.

Councilmember Raben: - and still be copied.

Z Tuley: The ideal thing –

President Shetler: I need to correct the record here real quickly because the number

that I had given was really, that came out of your office the other day, that 650 to 675, actually, the Auditor's office is showing the balance as of the end of the year 12/31/12, that the balance was $1,148,242, so –

Z Tuley: I'd have to look.

President Shetler: Well, the last time you guys looked it up for me, and you have that number –

Z Tuley: Because we were giving you current day.

President Shetler: Well, somewhere you spent a half million dollars in two months.

Z Tuley: I don't think so.

President Shetler: And this is really where the whole issue and the crux of the matter is, is that there's oversight –

Z Tuley: He has a copy of all my spending.

President Shetler: There's no oversight from this body whatsoever on that particular account.

Z Tuley: That's correct.

President Shetler: I know that when I first occupied this seat, on at least two different occasions underneath the previous Recorder, that she actually came in and returned back to the county from the Perpetual fund to the General fund, over $100,000 a year, which would significantly help our General fund balances.

Z Tuley: Was that above and beyond your distribution by law?

President Shetler: Was it above and beyond?

Z Tuley: This 100,000 you're talking about.

President Shetler: That was a practice that had been carried on for several years and never questioned until –

Z Tuley: Those were called illegal transfers according to the State Board of Accounts. When they approached me about it, I said I wasn't here and I didn't have anything to do with it –

President Shetler: Well, I'm not going to get into that whole thing because that was kind of driven by you and not necessarily –

Z Tuley: It was not driven by me.

President Shetler: And it wasn't necessarily something that they had started up on their own.

Z Tuley: Yes, it was. He came to me.

President Shetler: That's not the answer I've gotten. But anyway, --

Z Tuley: I'll be happy to bring him in, so he can tell you.

President Shetler: I'm just not feeling that this is a position that needs to be filled immediately, that this is something that we could start on, starting to cut the budget here somewhere and obviously there's disagreements on it and we'll take a roll call here.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to possibly, Z, ask you to look at maybe contractually what we can do to make up for the loss of this employee, because that, you know, again, that's something she can spend outside of the General fund on, as long as it's contractual.

Z Tuley: For the project, I have no qualms about that, but I don't think that my department solo should take a hit for a 22 percent reduction when there's not a 22 percent reduction in staff, and I'm not talking about budgets, I'm talking about staff, across the board. There are other funds that you as the Councilmembers don't get to oversee, either. I think there's the supplemental juvenile probation, there's a supplemental adult probation, there's a local supplemental adult probation, the commissary fund, there is also the surveyor's fund, there is also child services collections. Apparently, they have not a fee based deal, but they have their own fund in the (Inaudible) as well.

President Shetler: Again, to correct the record, that's not quite correct. We do oversee some of those funds, but anyway, let's move on. Did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: I think if we get a better handle on how we want to approach this across the board, it might be an easier thing, because probably, the Recorder's office, the way things have worked, will probably have another opening coming up, I would suspect, sometime in the future, so maybe we can address it then, however, I did have a question about the preserving of the books. Does any other county in the state go to this extent to go back a hundred years to do what you're doing?

Z Tuley: Floyd already did. Floyd County has all of their records using the same company, the same people that I use, and I waited for her project to be done so I could hear her praise or her negativities or whatever bumps in the road that they may have hit, and it went very well. She's very pleased.

Councilmember Goebel: So this might be two out of 92 counties?

Z Tuley: Well, if the other counties had the funds and the funds don't get eaten up by other things, then yes, they've been doing that.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't think we're eating up your fund, I think we're asking to use those funds for maybe more contemporary needs. But it would be nice to find out how many really are going back to copy deeds that maybe no one will ever –

Z Tuley: I'll send a request out to the other 90 counties.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: Do you have a quote or an estimate yet on what this project will cost?

Z Tuley: Not in print. And –

Councilmember Swaim: How about verbally?

Z Tuley: Verbally, I don't want to go there because my memory is not that good with numbers.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay.

Z Tuley: But I will have an estimate soon.

Councilmember Swaim: Do you plan to use Phoenix for that or somebody else?

Z Tuley: Phoenix.

Councilmember Swaim: And that's the same company that –

Z Tuley: It's the same company that did all our aperture cards for us. It went wonderful. I can't sing the praises of the company, everybody that they sent me worked hard, they did a good job, I put them in their own little office, that way, if they had to refer back to the original image in order to index it properly, they were onsite and it worked out really well.

Councilmember Swaim: And Floyd County contracted with them also?

Z Tuley: No, because Phoenix is local. I don't know who they contracted with on that. But I could find out.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody else, any other questions? So, Mike, is it – you're asking that we delay this for a month until we get a bit more –

Councilmember Goebel: No, I'm not asking that.

President Shetler: You're wanting to go ahead and approve this today, to fill the vacancy.

Councilmember Bassemier: We do have a motion and a second.

President Shetler: Right. Any other questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I do agree with President Shetler that we need to start somewhere, but I am also more inclined to agree with Councilmember Goebel that we establish what that percentage across the board in personnel, and I approve this request.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Seeing that Z brings over $400,000 to the table every year, I'm going to vote yes on it, also.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Because it sounds like you could meet your needs

by perhaps hiring with the Perpetuation fund and using some contractual services, I don't feel that this is going to put a burden on it, and at this time, I'm going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to echo very much the same as Councilwoman Lindsey said, with the idea that you can support or make up for this loss contractually, with Perpetuation fund, I'll move – the motion is...

President Shetler: To approve the vacancy.

Councilmember Raben: No.

President Shetler: So you're voting no. Alright.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: No. There being three ayes and four nays, the motion does not pass.

(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Koehler Lindsey, Raben, Swaim & Shetler opposed)

PENDING RIVERBOAT FUNDING LEGISLATION

President Shetler: Again, Echo Dental Clinic is planning as it is now, to come back on March 20th to talk to us about where they stand. At that time, and again, it's going to depend on where we stand financially. We did make a verbal commitment because we talked about the possibility of coming up with $100,000 per year for the next two and a half, three years on that project. We may have to reconsider that particularly in light of the boat funding. If that boat funding reverses, Vanderburgh County, we're going to be in real serious issues, guys. This is a piece of cake compared to what we're going to be looking at.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that and that's a good point. Do we know the status of that bill at this point in the House?

Joe Gries: It has not been put on to a committee hearing as of yet. I know Representative Suzanne Crouch was going to meet with Speaker Brian Bosma today to discuss the bill. I have read articles that mention that he is not necessarily for certain parts of this bill, so there is, I think, some maybe room within the House to make some changes, hopefully to get this. I know there is also some information that I sent to President Shetler that he may want us to share with the rest of the Council, some articles and some different things from the Auditor's Association and the Association of Indiana Counties, who are also fighting this. So it's –

Councilmember Goebel: The counties are fighting on our behalf?

Joe Gries: The Association of Indiana Counties, they are against the bill as it currently stands.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: Okay, the other is travel requests. We have travel requests from Area Plan, Weights & Measures, County Engineer, Health Department has several. Do I have any questions about any of those travel requests?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question at this point, as we're discussing different ways to cut, is this an area that we should be looking at a little bit more closely with these travel requests or perhaps just even – I know we've asked just for the state planned or required meetings, but just to reiterate again how important it is to save everywhere we can and really make sure that we're only doing the necessary travel.

President Shetler: Yeah, in fact, I had a conversation with the Surveyor the other morning and he had kind of told me how he was looking at doing things and where some of these meetings, sometimes they're involved with the County Engineer is involved in it, others are trying to pair up as much as possible to save on one car going, one tank of gas going, instead of having to use two and three and four cars. So that's something they are cooperating on a little better. The travel requests for the most part have not been a real serious issue. The Health Department tends to have more than the rest but, again, that doesn't affect the General fund directly. And most of those are reimbursed through grants and other things, and if we don't follow through on some of that, we actually could lose the grants in some cases.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I understand that. I just appreciate when I do hear that we're being diligent and it's good to know that some of the department heads are really trying to look at saving every dollar we can. So just encourage them to continue that.

President Shetler: Alright. Okay, Blaine, let me ask you, real quickly, on that travel request of yours, I know that is a heavier one. I'm thinking last year, it was pretty heavy, too. But was it Los Angeles or someplace out west? This year it's in Chicago?

Blaine Oliver: It's in Chicago this year. It travels around. It's the National American Planning Association Conference. It's really the only travel that Area Plan does. It's a one time, once a year thing and its generally the director who has gone. I've worked with the Plan Commission for 20 years and I went once.

President Shetler: Is this necessary to get continuing education points?

Blaine Oliver: It's very helpful. What we do is, we try to bring back as much information as we can from the conference. You get to speak with national experts in their fields on parking, zoning, you know, all the issues that we deal with and we try to disseminate that information back to our staff. It's, like I said, it's really the only education and training that we get as far as in the form of a conference. We don't go to the American Planning Indiana Conference. This is the only conference that we go to. So I was putting in the request not so much for myself but if there was someone else in the director's job by then, that they might want to go, so...

President Shetler: But there's no continuing education points or certifications or things like that, that would put us in jeopardy if this county was not an attendee at that particular convention?

Blaine Oliver: No, we have a planner who is an American Certified Planner, and he needs education points to keep his certification. If he would be the person to go on this, then yes, that would help him out to keep his certification. Right now, we don't know who is going to go because we don't have a director, but if I went, I've got a daughter that lives in Chicago so I could save some money that way, and I'll try to pair up if anyone from DMD or someone else is going, so that we can just take one vehicle if that's possible to do.

President Shetler: Alright, Mike, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: No, I think when Brad was here, we had talked about this before, that perhaps we could go every other year or something like that because these are pretty expensive, and maybe rotate that with the Indiana from one year to the next. That's all.

President Shetler: Alright, good point.

Blaine Oliver: I can see that would maybe be a more workable situation to save some money when it is in Los Angeles or some place farther away, but we don't get it too often where we can drive to it, to Chicago.

Councilmember Goebel: Perhaps you could bring that conference to Evansville.

Blaine Oliver: Perhaps so.

Councilmember Goebel: I doubt it.

President Shetler: Alright, thanks, Blaine. Then if there would be no other questions, I guess I'd need a motion for approval on the travel requests.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a –

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT TO PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

President Shetler: Next, make a recommendation for appointment for the PTABOA, Khris Seger. This is a position that requires a Level II Certification as a – do you call it an appraiser? Whatever it is for the Assessor's office, there. They review the appeals that property owners make on property and stuff, so it is required and this person does have the qualifications necessary, which has not been an easy task. So any questions about that? Let's see, a motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: 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)

APRIL & MAY MEETING DATE CHANGES

President Shetler: I also want to reiterate once again that the County Council meeting date, there's been a couple of changes. The April meeting, it was April 3rd, it will be changed to April 1st, that's no fooling, guys. It is April 1st at 8:30 in the morning. The May 1st date has been changed to May 8th. So does anybody have an issue or problem with any of those dates? So that's May 1st goes to May 8th, and April 3rd goes to April 1. Anybody have any questions or problems?

Councilmember Goebel: What was the May date?

President Shetler: The May date is May 8.

Councilmember Goebel: What was it before?

President Shetler: It was May 1st.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: And April again is – I wrote it down, April 1st.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Then we have amendments to Salary Ordinance, Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everybody has been given a three page copy of the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. I'll call attention to page 2 Recorder, strike

that from the amendments and page 3 the DADS request that we postponed, remove that from this document and ask that we approve everything else as listed, and this be entered into the minutes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second on the Salary Ordinance amendments. 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)

President Shetler: Public comment? Seeing none, we'll move on to ask for a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: Its been moved and appreciate it. Then I will see everybody back here at the end of the month.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler	Vice President Peter Swaim
Angela Koehler Lindsey	James Raben
Mike Goebel	Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2013

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

President Shetler: Good morning, and it's no fooling, it is April the 1st and we do have a County Council meeting. So at least the people that are here remembered that. So at this time I'd like to open the meeting and ask for a 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, one member walking in the door, we have a quorum and all seven members present. So I'd like to ask Councilman Terry if she would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance today.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Shetler: Next is approval of the minutes for the March 6 meeting. Do I have a motion for approval? Everybody should have gotten copies.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: I've got a motion and a second. Any questions about that? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed to it?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Next, appropriation ordinance. Councilman Raben, please.

ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING FUND APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

CLERK
TREASURER
SURVEYOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning. Joe is going to speak to this one more time. So we'll give him a moment to get around to the podium.

Joe Gries: Good morning. The Auditor's office filed these three appropriations for training for the Clerk, the Treasurer, and the Surveyor. There is a new statute that requires these officeholders to receive a certain amount of continuing education over the length of their term and the state has set up a fund to help pay for this training and continuing education. The money comes from revenue that is generated by the county identification security protection fee, and establishing these budgets within this fund will help to offset what they would be spending from the General fund for travel and training. So we're trying to offset some of the cost to the General fund through these appropriations.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Thank you, Joe. Mr. President, I'll move approval for the three Travel and Mileage requests for the Clerk, Treasurer and Surveyor at 2,000 each.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Its 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: The motion carries.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1217-1010-313000	Travel/Mileage	2,000	2,000
Total		2,000	2000

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1217-1030-313000	Travel/Mileage	2,000	2,000
Total		2,000	2,000

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1217-1060-313000	Travel/Mileage	2,000	2,000
Total		2,000	2,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Next, transfers, we have none. No repeals, no old business.

PUBLIC DEFENDER REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Go to new business to talk about the Public Defender's office, and we have a request from Mr. Owens to fill a part-time secretary position.

Steve Owens: Good morning. As you know, at our last budget cycle, we took out a full-time secretarial position and proposed filling that with a part-time secretarial position. I'm asking for permission to fill that. I'm also asking that we be allowed to increase the hourly rate from $10 to $12 per hour. The money is already in the line item. There will be sufficient funds from now through the end of the year to pay at $12 an hour without appropriating any additional monies, and so we're asking permission to fill that at that increased rate.

President Shetler: And part-time, does that mean 20 hours, 30 hours? What are you generally speaking of?

Steve Owens: We set it in at, I think, a maximum of 25 hours per week and that's what we're staying with.

President Shetler: And the position last year was paying?

Steve Owens: Well, we didn't have anybody last year.

President Shetler: You said you had a full-time and you cut it back to a part-time, --

Steve Owens: We had a full-time secretary that retired last year.

President Shetler: But that position was paying...?

Steve Owens: Oh, that position was paying over 30, I believe.

President Shetler: Okay, so with benefits and all, we are saving something in the 35,000 range? If we switch from this, I mean, if we –

Steve Owens: Tom, I don't remember the exact figures. I know when I came up at budget time and suggested that we be allowed to do this as a part-time, I could tell you what those numbers were. There was a savings by going from the full-time secretarial with benefits to a part-time without benefits. I can't tell you what those numbers are right now.

President Shetler: I think it would be in that neighborhood counting the health insurance and everything else that we're dealing with, so it's a significant savings, is what we're talking about.

Steve Owens: There was a significant savings and we've been doing without that position for a few months. We've sort of been looking for somebody to fill it. We have not been able to get too many qualified candidates who were interested at $10 an hour. We found somebody who might be interested at 12, but we couldn't commit to hiring that person until we got permission to fill it.

President Shetler: Okay, any questions?

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Got a motion and a second. Mike, did you have a question on it, then?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just curious as to what the going rate is for other personnel for the same type of position. Is it 10 or 12 or...?

Sandie Deig: Ten to twelve.

Steve Owens: From what we understand, its been in that 10 to $12 range, is the way we came up with that figure.

President Shetler: Alright, any other questions? We have a motion on the floor then. 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)

Steve Owens: Thank you.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next is a request on the DADS program to fill the Director vacancy. And we have Judge Bob Pigman here.

Robert Pigman: Good morning. The DADS program is a program that's been around since 1976, I think it was. Judge Brune initiated that. It's run through, well not through, but in conjunction primarily with our Misdemeanor Court, it's for first time drunk driving offenders. It's a treatment program, sort of intensive treatment to get hold of these folks the first time they've been through the system and been caught. Our Director, who had served honorably for a number of years, retired and actually has been gone now for ten days or so. We would like to begin the search for a new Director immediately if we could, but we want assurance that the position can be filled before we do that. So that's why I'm here.

President Shetler: Okay, do we have any – and I understand that the buy-out and all that stuff is not complete until what, June, and you're waiting until after that, and so –

Robert Pigman: Yeah, the new Director won't take effect until after June 10th.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question. Just out of curiosity, the results, then,

from the program, I would take it, have been successful, since we're continuing with it?

Robert Pigman: It depends on what you define as success, to be honest with you. In the criminal justice system, that's – you know, engineers think of success, we're going to build a bridge, we're going to build it all the way across the river and it's actually going to carry cars and it's not going to collapse. You know, the criminal justice system, we don't get that kind of result. I supported the program when I was the Prosecutor in the 80's, Mr. Levco supported the program when he was the Prosecutor for the 20 years he served, and now Mr. Hermann supports the program as the Prosecutor for Vanderburgh County. The judiciary has always been a supporter of the program, so yes, we think on balance, weighing the pros and benefits and disadvantages, it does serve the interests of the community.

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

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: There being anybody opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thank you, Judge.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Robert Pigman: Thank you. Have a good day.

President Shetler: You, too.

ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next is Assessor, request to fill a Real Estate Deputy vacancy. Yes, I didn't see you back there, Bill.

Bill Fluty: County Assessor Bill Fluty, requesting to fill a vacancy that we've had. That person moved to another county job and left that open. It's a COMOT VI, and we'd like to fill that.

President Shetler: Okay, and, Bill, you have cut back...?

Bill Fluty: I think it's five, four or five and –

President Shetler: And that's just in the last two years?

Bill Fluty: That's, in the last two years --

President Shetler: So you're down to how many people?

Bill Fluty: I think it's 37.

President Shetler: Thirty-seven, so basically you've cut about 12 - 13 percent of your work staff in the last two or three years.

Bill Fluty: And then you actually get to a point where you are at your staff number and I think I'm pretty close to that. We're still – I did combine two departments together to shift some of the burden and I've done that and we're evaluating, we'll always evaluate it and try to streamline if we can. But we're pretty close to the number right now. There may be software out there or some other things that may help us streamline further, but right now we're pretty close. In an office of 37, you know, I have two on Family Medical Leave presently, and you have vacations and time off to deal with, so this is about where I'm at right now or pretty close.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I 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: The motion carries.

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Cooperative Extension, request to hire a part-time 4-H summer assistant.

Randy Brown: This is something that we do every year. We had two people that worked for us last year, one person that's not returning, so this would just be a part-time position, 39 hours a week for the 12 weeks of the summer. They do outreach programs at various day cares and camps during the summer, also do educational programs and then also help us during the fair.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions? The hourly rate on that person?

Randy Brown: Is 7.25.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: We've got a motion.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: 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)

VETERANS SERVICES REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next, Veterans Services for the part-time secretary. Paul?

Paul Dupont: Good morning.

President Shetler: Morning.

Paul Dupont: Well, our secretary left. She got an opportunity that she couldn't turn down. She's going to go back to school and the VA is going to pay for it and give her more money than she was getting paid by the county to go to school, so now I'm asking to replace her with a part-time position.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Its 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)

Paul Dupont: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Prosecutor's office. Everybody else seems to be getting treated very kindly today, so it could be a good day for you.

Nick Hermann: I'll get up here while it's still going.

President Shetler: That's right.

Nick Hermann: Good morning. We have a request on, we have a criminal investigator position in which the person that was in the position decided to stay home, she just had a baby. She's been off and she decided to stay home, so we're requesting to fill that.

President Shetler: Okay. Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Goebel: Was there a buy-out?

President Shetler: Was there a buy-out, the question was.

Nick Hermann: No.

President Shetler: Alright, so motion and a second. Do I have any other questions, then? 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)

Nick Hermann: If it's going to be that easy, I have a further list of requests.

President Shetler: Yeah, and it's not. It's not. I'll reel the tape back from last Wednesday's meeting and show you how difficult it's going to get. Thank you very much, Nick.

COUNTY HIGHWAY PROPOSED SALT PURCHASE

President Shetler: Okay, the Dental Clinic is not here. County Highway, proposed salt purchase. It's not snowing any more so thank you very much, Mike.

Mike Duckworth: I am here because the state combined purchase program has a due date indicating to them the amount of salt we want to order for next year, and is due tomorrow. And I had talked to Councilman Raben about this and I just want to give you some updates on what we've used and my interpretation of what we might need so everybody is on the same page, because I understand as well as anyone that highway and road revenues have gradually depleted over the years and hopefully with the legislation that's in the House and Senate now, maybe some of that new money will make it down to us. I don't know that for sure, but this year, in 2013, we've used a total of 1,600 tons of salt, which is a very light year. In a regular year, we will use somewhere between 3,500 and 4,000 ton. And that covers everything from major snow events to handling slick spots when it doesn't snow or helping with our brine treatment when we pre-treat and so on and so forth. To date, we have approximately 2,400 ton on hand. So we're in pretty good shape. My concern is that, of course, just to give you some information, I think all this comes out of the materials account, so does our aggregate, which is our rock purchases, our concrete, all those things that we do our work with comes out of it, and it's $950,000. It also includes guardrail, pipe tack oil that we use in our paving, so it's all kind of combined into one account. And so what we have to use on salt takes

away from what we can pave with. Last year, we paved about ten miles of – resurfaced about ten miles of road here. Just to give you some background, in 2005, when I was here previously, we did 29 miles. So that tells you a little bit about how the funds have dwindled. Today I'm here because I need to give them a figure and the way it is handled is, you give them a number and you can order a certain number, but you have to take – you can take up to 120 percent of that number or 80 percent, so there's a little bit of give and take. You have a light winter, you take 80 percent, you have a heavy winter, you take 120 percent. So there's a range that you deal with there. So with 2,400 tons, and, like I say, in an average winter, we would use somewhere between 3,500 and 4,000. My best guesstimate would be anywhere from 1,500 and I think I talked to James, 1,200, somewhere around there, would be a number that I think would be workable for us. But I don't want to get out on a limb without sharing this information with you before I obligate the county on this type of purchase. It's right at $64.25 per ton this year. I have no idea whether that price will go down or go up. I do know this: if we don't order enough, and we have a bad winter, we could get into a situation like we did a few years back where we didn't order enough, and there was a problem in the salt mines and it went from $60 to $125 a ton. So, you know, it's a very volatile market and this locks us in with the state purchase, so I guess my recommendation would be to be extremely safe and to have enough to cover our roadways, I'd recommend 1,200 tons. That way, if we have another mild winter, we'd only have to take right around 1,000, and if we had more, we could take, you know, up to 1,400 or so. And the person sitting in my position would have to make those adjustments according to the other work that we do with the materials that we use.

President Shetler: And 1,200, is that – without having a calculator here – getting my decimals in the right spot, is that $90,000?

Mike Duckworth: 1,200 would be $77,100, and we spent $134,000 this year.

President Shetler: Okay.

Mike Duckworth: And our bid last year was 2,100, so we're in pretty good shape, we spent quite a bit less, but again, I get a little nervous about this because I don't want to be in the middle of February next year and be running out of salt.

President Shetler: And that 20 percent latitude that you have, that would be at the price that you'd be receiving today or would it be at the price –

Mike Duckworth: At the new price. What they do is, they get the orders from all the counties and all the, you know, the state regional offices, and then that helps to determine how much they're going to buy from the mines, and that determines the cost per ton.

President Shetler: But that's set early on.

Mike Duckworth: That's set early, yes, it is.

President Shetler: But I'm thinking in terms of like November and let's say we need that 120 percent, okay, instead of the 1,200 we end up needing whatever that is, 1400, 1440, so we end up with – then do we get that at the old rate of $65 or –

Mike Duckworth: It's all locked – yeah.

President Shetler: It's all locked in?

Mike Duckworth: Yeah, it's all locked in. It's not the 66, it could be less this year and we won't know until they give us the actual quote.

President Shetler: Okay, alright. Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: If you don't mind, Mike, refresh my memory, but I think when we had the salt mine issues a couple of years back, that was an extraordinary circumstance and it hasn't happened since, and it didn't happen before.

Mike Duckworth: No, and I will tell you what happened there was, Hurricane Ike hit one of the major areas and the other thing that could happen was, and what I tried to do was, I tried to get it on hand, is the rivers froze up. And so the barge lines weren't able to get a lot of the salt to us, so we had to have it trucked in. And there was an extra cost. So there is a lot of variables that enter into it. I know that, you know, they will start shipping this stuff usually around October, and I'll have them start shipping as much as we can hold, you know, October and November.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel, I think, is still –

Councilmember Goebel: I just don't think the price will go up and I think we joined the state buying group after the last crisis, right?

Mike Duckworth: We did, that's exactly right.

Councilmember Goebel: So they pretty well mandate or get us a better deal.

Mike Duckworth: That's right.

Councilmember Goebel: I think we go low end on it, myself, because you can't predict and you've got to be equipped, but we've had some fairly decent winters. You have to be prepared, but does being prepared mean having huge amounts of salt sitting there waiting for years to come or –

Mike Duckworth: Well, I mean, like this year, we've got 2,400, we don't have to buy that next year. Whatever we buy at this year's rate, may or may not be higher or lower, but it takes away from what we have to buy the next year. It's not like, you know, it's going to go bad or anything. There's not a shelf life to it or anything, so I would rather have a little more rather than not enough to be very honest with you. But that's why I'm bringing it to you. I'm using your guidance here. I talked to the Commissioners about it, and their suggestion was go talk to the Council.

Councilmember Goebel: I just think that with the financial picture we have over the next two years, if we can skim by somewhat, and then maybe replenish after that, if things do get better, instead of spending monies we don't really have on something we might not need.

Mike Duckworth: I guess the only observation I would have is if I was going to skimp or be very, very conservative, I would do that with resurfacing roads rather than clearing the path because we had an eight inch snow depending on where you lived in the county, up to ten or eleven inches, and it drifted, what was it, Christmas Day or the day after Christmas? And the majority of this 1,600 was used during that time period. If you get two or three of those, you've got problems.

Councilmember Goebel: We're not questioning that and we don't want you to skimp either, in that regard.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel, do you have a recommendation you'd like to offer or –

Councilmember Goebel: No, I don't know what the will of the Council is, I just think if we can go lower with the amount of monies that are available and try to get by, but 800, something like that? That will put you 3,200, which is close to an average year.

President Shetler: Yeah, I think it sounds reasonable.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

President Shetler: That was a motion, right?

Councilmember Goebel: It is a motion.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Okay, Ed, did you have a question?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mike, what does the bin hold out there?

Mike Duckworth: We can hold about 2,500 - 3,000 in that range, but we use it and then we replenish it. So it's brought here to Mulzer's and they hold it for North American Salt, up to December of that year. We usually use some in December, so we're able to replenish it and then if you have to hold it after that time period, they would charge you a storage fee. We've not ever had to pay that storage fee. We will bring it out and stuff that thing until it's oozing out the sides if we have to.

Councilmember Bassemier: Is the trend, salt goes up every year? Does it go up every year?

Mike Duckworth: Not really. It's based on supply and demand. And, of course, in this region we've had light winters, but if you look throughout Indiana, Indianapolis has had between 25 and 30 inches this year and, of course, Northern Indiana gets a lot more than that. So its based on the overall – you know, we help them balance it out but these systems that hit Iowa and Oklahoma and all that could very well hit us. And what I'm trying to do is to say to you, I think its better in this regard as part of public safety to err on the side of being over, rather than being under.

Councilmember Bassemier: I agree.

Mike Duckworth: That's my position, of course, you watch the dollars and I have to watch the roads, and so I'm hoping we can come to some type of middle ground here.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I agree with you. I think we need to be safe than sorry. And one good thing about the salt, it's there for the following year if you don't need it –

Mike Duckworth: That's why we've got 2,400 tons going this year, that's why we're actually asking for a thousand or so less than we did last year.

Councilmember Bassemier: So, I know there's a motion, what do you recommend

we order? I mean, you're the expert. You're out there –

President Shetler: He recommended 1,200, is what he was recommending.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Shetler: But we have a motion on the floor for 800. Yes, Pete?

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. Chairman, having been in a similar position as the Director of Transportation Services for the city, I always wanted to keep the barns full even to the point of building an additional salt barn for the city out on Fickas Road, with some plans to build a third one on the west side when we ran out of time and ran out of money. But I agree with Mike, I'd certainly like to see us vote down the current motion and I'll remake the one for 1,200 tons.

Councilmember Raben: You know, and Mike and I talked about this at length, and it's a crap shoot. It really is. We may not need – you said we used 1,600 this year?

Mike Duckworth: That's right.

Councilmember Raben: You know, this year, I wouldn't call it a mild winter, I wouldn't call it excessive, but it's pretty close to what our overall average is.

Mike Duckworth: Our average is 14 point something, and we've had about ten this year. So we're a little light this year and that was really too –

Councilmember Raben: So the risk is, yeah, the price might be $64 today, if we need more later it might be $66. So we're not really taking a gamble here, plus there's other materials, sand, calcium, things like that, that if you run out of salt or you run short on salt, you can start mixing it with sand or something. So I see no danger here in what we're doing and we do, you know, there's a lot of roads that are in need of repair and we're short on money. So we're worried about opening them up with snow on them. We might have to close them down in the summer because they're not passable.

Mike Duckworth: You're right, it's a balancing act and I want to remind the Council that last year I turned $350,000 back into the coffers to handle some of the challenges we had, so we didn't have to really look at layoffs and those kinds of things. My hope is that the state of Indiana recognizes it. I think there's a bill that takes some gasoline tax away from the State Police and a number of other entities and put it back into Local Roads & Streets. I'm hoping that's the case anyway because it's getting tight.

President Shetler: Right, thanks, Mike. Yes?

Councilmember Goebel: Mike, let's say we have a very harsh winter or December and you use 2,000 ton and it looks like you're going to need more, how long does it take to get more?

Mike Duckworth: Well, you have to go to an outside vendor and that could be – it's whether or not they can get it at that time, it depends on how they get it here, you know, whether they have to barge it or will they truck it? And that's an additional cost. Like Jim said, it's a crap shoot. It's, if everybody else does this, then everybody needs it, then that drives the price up. And they know that if you need it and you've run out of what the bid has been, that you're going to pay whatever, and that's what

drives it up. That's how it got to 125 that one year. We needed it and they had it.

President Shetler: Yeah, but there was a lot of circumstances, but bottom line is here, we have 2,400 in inventory, if we order 800, that's 3,200, that's twice what we used this year, so we'd have to have a winter that was twice as harsh as what this winter has been. Whether that's going to happen, I'm not Marcia. I can't tell you that one -- Marcia Yockey.

Councilmember Raben: 16,000 more tons would be the 120 percent of the 800, --

President Shetler: Yes, that's correct, so we still have some more capacity that, so–

Mike Duckworth: No, it will be –

President Shetler: You'd be able to order another 160 –

Mike Duckworth: Yeah, so you'd be a little under 1,000, which would put us at 3,400, right at 3,400.

President Shetler: Right. Which is, you know, much more than twice the usual year.

Councilmember Goebel: What did we use, I know 2005 was a tough one, or whenever – I'm not sure what year. Do you know each year how much we've used?

Mike Duckworth: I don't have it on hand right now. I would say that there's been a couple of years we've used – during seasons when we have a lot of two to four inch situations, it doesn't really make any difference whether it's ten inches or two inches, you're going to use about the same amount because you've got to go out, you've got to peel it and then you have to apply it and, you know, you're putting it on that much road anyway. So I would say, you know, we've had a couple of years where we've had to order extra up to around 4,000 ton or so, but you just never know. I just would rather have it on hand and be safe and not have to worry about where we're going to get it, but I also understand the financial situation we're in.

Councilmember Goebel: We probably would rather have you in that situation as well, but there's some other pressing issues that we've got to deal with.

Mike Duckworth: I understand.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion on the floor. 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 at 800.

Mike Duckworth: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: Alright, next is travel requests from the Treasurer's office and Health department. Any questions about those?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question. Just out of curiosity, Mr. Auditor, then is this going to be the first time we get to use, the Treasurer's office, the funds that we just designated this morning?

Joe Gries: This will be, because this is a state called meeting that the Treasurer has to go to, they will receive credit hours. Even though it will include the Treasurer's Chief Deputy, only the Treasurer can use that money in that fund. The statute is clear, that it's only the Treasurer, the elected officials.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: But is the Treasurer's travel this time completely covered out of the new fund, and not out of the General fund?

Joe Gries: For this travel starting today, it will be, yes. The other person that is going, that money would have to come out of the General fund.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Right, understood. Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, motion would be in order.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: Motion and then a ...

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Second, and then 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)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD APPOINTMENT

President Shetler: Next, announce that we've reappointed Wayne Ellis to the Economic Development Commission. That is one that reoccurs every year and his term was up, and I failed to mention that earlier in the year. So Wayne Ellis has been reappointed to the Economic Development.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Then next is Amendments to the Salary Ordinance and I think everybody is getting a copy of those on their desk. Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, Mr. President, I'll call attention to page 2 under Veterans, it says not to exceed 32 hours per week. That should be 29 hours, so make that correction. And I would ask that the Amendments as we have it here for Public Defender, DADS, Co-op Extension, Assessor, Veterans and Prosecutor as previously adopted be entered into the minutes for the record. So I make that in the form of a motion.

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: Anybody opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shetler: Public comment? Hearing none, motion for adjournment would be in order.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: It's been moved. And see you at the end of April. Let's see, that should be April the 24th at 3:00 for the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting and then a reminder to you that the next regular scheduled meeting for the County Council will be on May the 8th instead of May the 1st. That time has been changed to May the 8th, and that's at 8:30 in the morning. Alright, thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler	Vice President Peter Swaim
Angela Koehler Lindsey	James Raben
Mike Goebel	Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 8, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 8th 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 8th, 8:30 and time for our County Council meeting. I'd appreciate if we would 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 six members present, one absent, we have a quorum and I'd like for Stephanie to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Shetler: The next would be approval of the minutes from April 1st. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second. Anyone have a question about the minutes? 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)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

RECORDER

President Shetler: The next is the appropriation ordinance and the first section there on the Recorder's office has been withdrawn, so I'll turn it over to Councilman Raben for any questions and to go through the rest of the appropriation ordinance. I will let the record reflect that Councilman Goebel is joining us.

RECORDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1040-1900 1000-1040-190000	FICA	974	withdrawn
1040-1910 1000-1040-191000	PERF	1,273	withdrawn
1040-1200-1040 1000-1040-104120	Entry/Bookkeeping Clerk II	12,731	withdrawn
Total		14,978	withdrawn

PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning. So next would be Pre-Trial Diversion. We have a request for Insurance, Extra Help and FICA in the amount of $31,530, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: 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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2630-1920 1182-0000-192000	Insurance	10,000	10,000
2630-1990 1182-0000-199000	Extra Help	20,000	20,000
2630-1900 1182-0000-190000	FICA	1,530	1,530
Total		31,530	31,530

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING (APPROPRIATION)
THE CENTRE (REPEAL)

Councilmember Raben: Next, I'm going to take these two together, there's a request for appropriation for The Convention Center, Contractual, and then a repeal from The Centre, Operating, it's just moving funds around in the amount of $653,530, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Let me give a little bit of an explanation on this just real quickly. This is where we are, basically, the deficit of The Centre has been covered through the General Fund monies. This is one area that we are trying, it's kind of an accounting move a little bit here, but instead of taking it out of General Fund monies, we will be taking that out of basically the bed tax that goes through the county right now. In other words, out-of-towners will be helping to support The Centre instead of it being done as it has been in the past through the General Fund. So I think it is a way to help relieve our local taxpayers of a considerable burden, it's a way for us to make some adjustment there on that million eight hit that we got a few weeks ago. Yes, Councilman?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So this is a new accounting move we've not been able to do this in past years?

President Shetler: We probably could have, we just didn't. We didn't look underneath every rock like we are forced to do today.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So this is something we may be able to continue in the future? We've been able to be prudent and look under other rocks and finding some money here?

President Shetler: Yes, I think that there are other rocks available that we can flip over and with regards to this particular deal, I think it may be wise for us to see what we can do in the future with the state legislature to actually put some more dollars in this particular fund.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Absolutely. Sounds good. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, anybody have any other questions? Alright, 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.

APPROPRIATION

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
4005-0000-353600	**Centre Contractual**	**653,530**	**653,530**
Total		**653,530**	**653,530**

REPEAL

THE CENTRE		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1000-1440-353600	**Centre Operating**	**653,530**	**653,530**
Total		**653,530**	**653,530**

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Last we have two transfers. Burdette Park, transfer is from Other Employees in the amount of $25,000 to Contractual Services in the amount of $25,000. I'll move approval.

President Shetler: We have a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Let me, I was remiss in not giving credit earlier to our County Auditor. Joe Gries is the one that did have a good look at that $653,000 that helped relieve us. So I do want to give credit where credit is due on that. So we have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions on the present 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)

BURDETTE PARK **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1450-1180 1000-1450-145118	**Other Employees**	**25,000**	**25,000**
To: 1450-3530 1000-1450-353000	**Contractual Services**	**25,000**	**25,000**

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Under Highway, Insurance, transferring Insurance in the amount of $1,500 into Occu-Med for 1,500, 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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

HIGHWAY **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1176-0000-300000	**Insurance**	**1,500**	**1,500**
To: 1176-0000-376000	**Occu/Med**	**1,500**	**1,500**

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Anything else, James?

Councilmember Raben: No, that concludes the appropriations, transfers and repeals. So it's time for new business.

President Shetler: New business, Circuit Court. I believe the Judge is here.

CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

David Kiely: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning.

David Kiely: I'm requesting to fill a part-time position and I'll change the letter that we submitted to 29 hours per your memo and I fully understand that. It's a position that's paid through our user fees as opposed to the county budget. We had an employee leave and we're asking to fill that position.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: 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: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

David Kiely: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Judge Kiely.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Next, County Clerk, Debbie.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning. I am requesting to fill two vacancies and I wanted to explain that with line item 1500, I'm planning on moving a current employee from the Clerk's office into that line item and with that empty space and also line item 1310 is still vacant, if you approve these two openings here, I will still have two vacancies left in the Clerk's office.

President Shetler: So at the present time you essentially have four vacancies?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, well three. I'm going to move an employee from the Clerk's office into line item 1500, so that's going to leave a vacancy. And 1310 is – I have three currently. But by moving that employee, I'll have another.

President Shetler: So you're asking actually to just fill one vacancy and then you're transferring one from one spot to another?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay, so that will –

Debbie Stucki: Leave me with two vacancies.

President Shetler: You'll have two vacancies, and then the intent on those two vacancies is to remain vacant?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Shetler: Thank you.

Debbie Stucki: As I still take the time to evaluate and watch the workflow and see if those are – see if I need to fill those positions.

President Shetler: I'm just hoping that the Sheriff and the Prosecutor and everybody is paying good, close attention to this.

Debbie Stucki: I would also like to say that I have managed to open the Clerk's library back up, so I do have a full-time employee there. I was able to open that back up to help the public, and still have two vacancies. So we've been working hard to work with what we have.

President Shetler: Good. Thank you. Anybody have any questions? Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: The transfer, are you transferring anyone from part-time to full-time or are these –

Debbie Stucki: No, a full-time, but it's a step up for them from a COMOT IV to a COMOT V.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: And in the end, we're going to have two vacancies? When it's all said and done?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, sir.

President Shetler: Alright, this is a good thing. Alright, anybody have a motion for approval?

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. Anybody have any more 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. Thank you.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Let's see, the next is County Recorder. I'm sorry, that's been taken off. I don't see the Commissioners here. The Prosecutor's office. I do see Mr. Hermann.

Nick Hermann: Good morning.

Councilmember Goebel: Excuse me, Mr. Prosecutor, but on that last item, there would be no action today, correct?

President Shetler: That was actually on the other agenda that was originally sent out and then we have a new agenda and that is not on the agenda any longer, so there is no action on that today, correct?

Councilmember Goebel: Area Plan is not on it?

President Shetler: Oh, no, I'm going to come back to that and hoping that somebody from the Commissioners office will be here, I hope, to explain that.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, I didn't understand. I just thought it got approved.

President Shetler: No, no, no, no. No motion. Alright, so, Nick.

Nick Hermann: Good morning. We have a request to fill two vacancies. One is a Deputy Prosecutor position. It was filled up until last month and we had an employee leave to pursue another opportunity and we're requesting to hire that. That's for one of our drug prosecution positions. And the other is a Pre-Trial Diversion Secretary. That position is paid for out of Pre-Trial Diversion funds, those are non-General fund monies. So those are the two vacancies we have. We also have a request and this is a little bit convoluted. We have at the Council's suggestion last year, we hired two part-time child support agents. They've been with us for about a year, they've been fully trained, we've put thousands of dollars into their training and then last Thursday we got the memo about the change in the part-time and I know that that didn't come from this Council, it came from Washington, but we looked at that and those are two positions we can't really do without. And so we looked at our finances specifically with the incentive – Child Support Incentive Funds, we contacted the state, the state said go ahead and pay them full time, give them insurance, benefits, but in order to do that, we have to get your approval I guess to – Joe, what am I going to ask for?

Joe Gries: Essentially, you're asking for two full-time line items, also FICA PERF and Insurance line items within the IV-D Incentive fund. Those are not currently within our system, so if the Council would approve that, then those lines would need to be created and then those people would be paid at full-time with benefits.

Nick Hermann: So, it's basically to take these part-time to full-time and there wouldn't be any General fund money for Insurance, FICA or any difference in pay, it would just be to take them from hourly to a COMOT V.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I think we need to be careful here and I understand what you're wanting to do and I understand it comes from a different pot, but my recommendation would be to hire more part-time people or if these people can't stay for the 29 hours, you know, we might just have to replace them, but I don't want to start precedence here where we're – because we're going to run into this

throughout the county. You know, there's going to be people that their part-time job at 29 hours isn't enough and we're going to have this request over and over again, so I just want everybody to be mindful of that and, you know, I did have one question. In situations where we do have incentive funds and what have you that pick up salary lines, what about Workman's Comp, unemployment, that type of stuff. Does that fall in the regular General fund?

Joe Gries: We are a pay as we go Worker's Comp entity, so those, we have a budget within the General fund for anything any county employee or if the other departments or I should say funds like the Health department or Highway fund, they have some funds there, but in this situation, we wouldn't have a specific line item for that. That could be created for insurance and other things, but it's currently not how it's laid out.

Councilmember Raben: So the General fund, unless something changes, would be responsible for picking up for that.

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Shetler: That's just a matter, is that just a matter of accounting for it, though?

Joe Gries: I think in the past it was probably just put into one pot for all General fund or all county employees for certain funds and it has just never been divided out. It's probably similar to technology line items for insurance line items. We don't have every department have an insurance line item or different funds. In this situation, if the Council creates these line items, you could create an insurance line item for that. But I think it's just always been, as you said, an accounting type of thing where its pooled into one line item.

President Shetler: I mean, the county payroll outside of the General fund, what would that be, roughly? Do you have a –

Joe Gries: Are you talking about the Highway fund, the Health department fund, Cum Bridge, people in Reassessment?

President Shetler: Would that be like eight million dollars?

Joe Gries: It could be, yeah.

President Shetler: And Workman's Comp, I mean, I'm totally guessing, I don't know what the rate would be, but 3% type thing?

Joe Gries: I'd have to look at that.

President Shetler: So that's, I don't know, is that a quarter of a million dollars, $240,000, roughly?

Joe Gries: If I recall, last year we budgeted around $190,000, and I think we had to put in an additional, I'm going to say close to $200,000, so you're looking at close to 4, for last year.

President Shetler: It seems to me like it might be worth our while, though, to look at accounting for that in each of the different funding sources rather than, you know,

lumping that in and then the General fund absorbing that.

Joe Gries: And the Highway and Health department fund, those would be separate.

President Shetler: Okay, so then that would shrink that down –

Joe Gries: Things like the IV-D Incentive fund and other things where we do have some other people, probably there isn't a line currently for that type of thing, but yes, I believe you could account for that.

President Shetler: I think that would make sense for us to do that, but yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: We don't get fully reimbursed for anyone from IV-D, is that correct? It's a partial reimbursement?

Nick Hermann: This request deals purely with incentive money, it's none of the county's money. This is 100% money from the state based on our collection rate, which has gone up since we've hired these people. It takes us about six to eight months to get someone trained. It costs us thousands of dollars. We have to have somebody come down on the paperless system, it costs a couple thousand dollars a day, we have to send them to training, we have to get them signed off. They have access to federal employment records, those types – it isn't just somebody that shows up and makes copies. I mean, this is a detailed job and for the last year we've been operating with these people in place. They have a full case load, they're helping, we have roughly 15,000 child support cases among our people and we have those split up roughly evenly, and if we have to cut these two positions, that's going to increase everyone's caseload and decrease the ability that we have to collect child support essentially. So my request, I contacted the state and the state said, you don't need Council approval to spend our incentive money, which isn't really true because we need the line item, we need a place to pay it out of, and it's something I feel like we should bring in front of the Council, and I don't know that we could get it done any other way. But this is 100% money that comes from the state to us based on the amount that we collect and improvements that we have in collection. So it's not any of the county money. I understand there's some concern a little bit.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And I guess kind of reflecting back on what Councilman Raben was saying, maybe to put it in a different perspective, this is kind of a different scenario because of the cost of training, would that be fair to say? I mean, not only are we not using the General fund money, but I'm hearing you say that these people had to have special training and it may in the long run cost more to train a third or fourth part-time employee than to pay these two full-time, or do you have any feel for that?

Nick Hermann: I'd say that a good estimate would be, we have about eight to ten thousand dollars training in each of these people. You know, I don't know that it's worthwhile for us if we have someone that's only going to work 15 or 20 hours a week, we can't give them a full caseload. We can't tell single parents that you can't call on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday because there's nobody here to answer the phone and talk to you. You know, these are jobs that we have to have dedicated people there to respond and to work these cases. If we go to some – I mean, I was more than happy, it was actually Councilman Goebel's suggestion last year to hire these in at part-time and they could work 39 hours and you know, we could get what we needed from them. And that's worked well for a year and now with the change in the law, it's not going to work that way anymore. So instead of coming here and asking that the Council put up the money, we found the money to do it, and we're willing to put the money up so it doesn't have any effect on the Council's budget.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, in essence, all you're asking us to do is to create the line items so that you can pay these employees from those funds, and if you don't have those funds, the collection goes down and the funds don't come in, then what happens?

Nick Hermann: Our collections have consistently gone up every year. But, if for some reason, we don't have money in those funds, we obviously wouldn't be able to pay these people. Just plain and simple, and they know that. The money actually originates with the federal government, it comes to the states based on collection rates and then the state disperses it. I think they do it quarterly now, they used to do it yearly, and it's based on paternity establishment, collection, collection on arrearage cases, and whether or not we have orders in each of the cases, and our numbers have consistently been going up. We're a little concerned as is the whole state this year now that people's unemployment is starting to run out. Unemployment was actually a really good thing for us because we were able to seize that before it got to the individuals. But that's a state-wide thing and we're graded in comparison to the other counties so it's not a huge concern. We expect that our money will stay the same if not go up as it has over the last several years.

President Shetler: I think Councilman Raben and then Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Raben: Nick, I guess what I would like to see done here, again, is if it doesn't work out for these two part-timers, there is more out there, but what you've really lost is 18 hours a week, from 38 to 29 for two people. So in hiring another part-time person for another 29 hours, you're actually picking up another ten hours. So – eleven hours. So that's what I would like to see done here and the other thing is, too, we need to remember, as we got a note just yesterday from our legal counsel, that there is going to be a death penalty trial coming up and I don't know how the monies that we've set aside for you are holding out, but if there is any extra funds, if it needs to come from this fund or where it needs to come from, I think we need to get through that before we – if you've got additional monies, we need that for security at some point or it would be nice to know we have it in place for security if we need it.

Nick Hermann: In 2011, we requested from the Council money to try the case, money to house the witnesses, money to house the attorneys, to house the detectives from the Sheriff's department, and in anticipation that there would be additional cost to guard the jury, to house the defendant over in Clarke County, those types of things. We asked for a quarter of a million at that time, we got $25,000. We tried to be frugal, we spent about $12,000 on some early suppression hearings on some experts and then at the end of 2011, the Council took the remainder of the money back into the General fund. We didn't actually get to continue any of that forward. So we don't have any of appropriated money at all. So we're having to pay all the expenses for that out of existing funds.

Councilmember Raben: That's even more to my point, that –

Nick Hermann: But we would not be able to use Child Support Incentive money for anything other than child support collection.

Councilmember Raben: But you could possibly move other General fund salary lines into this and free up those funds.

Nick Hermann: Which we have done and has resulted in almost a quarter of a million dollars coming into the –

Councilmember Raben: Right. But there is a means in which we can free up funding should you need it.

President Shetler: Councilman Bassemier, I think, is next.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, if the money is coming from the state and if it will help your caseload, I'm going to make a motion to approve as requested.

President Shetler: And that's for all the requests on here?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, sir, it is.

President Shetler: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, then we have a second. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was wondering if you would entertain the idea of hiring another part-time because the question I have in this, we have 800 plus employees, and if we create two full-time jobs, does this get lost in the shuffle next year or the year after as far as, does it just come into our general budget? And how much out of IV-D actually goes to pay their salaries? And how do you keep track of that? Or is it forgotten after a year or two? Do you know what I'm saying?

Nick Hermann: I missed the last part of the question. How much of the IV-D gets...?

Councilmember Goebel: How much does IV-D pay on the salary of these individuals? Is it fully paid by the state?

Nick Hermann: Right now, with them being part-time, it's fully paid out of the – we get the incentive money and then we spend it on them. What I'm requesting, simply, is that we have two line items so that we can have them paid at a full-time rate so that we can provide them with insurance, so that we can do whatever we need to do to comply with federal law, and that money will be paid out of the incentive fund. So it would be paid 100% out of –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: One hundred percent out of the state, is that what you're saying?

Nick Hermann: Yes. I'd prefer not to have to pay them that much, I'd prefer not to have to pay insurance, but we need these people and so we're willing to make sure that the money is available, and make sure that it's there.

Councilmember Goebel: My question still is, how do we know down the road that this money will always be paid because if they're full-time working for you and you don't have the funds, then it falls back on the General fund, correct?

Nick Hermann: If they're full-time and we don't have the funds, then we can no longer employ them because I imagine if I come back in front of this Council and say you did this last month and now we need money to pay for it, the answer is going to be no. Just reading the tea leaves.

Joe Gries: Just to maybe answer Councilman Goebel's question, within the payroll accounting system, you have certain funds, which this is a certain special fund, separate from the General fund, has its own line items. For those people to be

moved, it would take Council action to tell the Auditor to move those, so it wouldn't just move over into the General fund. It couldn't until Council approved anything further.

President Shetler: I guess if it could –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I guess then to clarify, so the line items are completely in the incentive fund. They're not in the General fund at all? The line item, everything is handled out of that incentive fund?

Nick Hermann: That's my request, yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And when that incentive fund, if it were to dry up where the funds are not there, you would have to come back to this body to ask to move it back?

Nick Hermann: That's correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

President Shetler: I guess to kind of sum it up, my concern would be this, is that they're paid at 39 hours a week right now and at an hourly rate, no additional benefits, etcetera. So they're going to be moved to 40 hours a week, so you gain an hour per employee, so that's two hours that we're going to gain. And for that gain, we're going to spend over $50,000. That's probably going to be the most expensive hourly rate we've paid. Even though it's legal, I understand that, that's a lot of money.

Nick Hermann: If the Council is okay with me continuing against federal law to –

President Shetler: Well, it –

Nick Hermann: – 39 hours a week, I'd be happy to try that for a while, but –

President Shetler: It's the Affordable Care Act. I understand.

Nick Hermann: It doesn't seem too affordable.

President Shetler: The bottom line in, here, though, I think what Councilman Raben is getting to is that – what are we paying per hour on those?

Nick Hermann: Twelve.

President Shetler: Is it – I mean, I'm open to the –

Nick Hermann: They actually make a little bit more than a full-time person starting. I think they make like 40 or 50 cents more, something like that, than the full-time person.

President Shetler: And I'm not opposed to us looking at perhaps going to 14 - 15 dollars an hour, paying something more an hour because I know it's difficult and you don't want a revolving door of employees because it's too expensive to keep training.

Nick Hermann: And let me try and put this in a little bit of perspective –

President Shetler: But that could be a whole lot cheaper than having to pay for the

full-time benefits and everything as I mentioned. That's $50,000 for those two hours.

Nick Hermann: Well, I'm not too excited, like I said, about paying for it, but let me see if I can put it in perspective. These cases are different in that they last anywhere from 18 to 20 years. I mean, when you have a case with us, now sometimes they're active and they're actually fighting for support and trying to collect, and then sometimes there are periods of down time when somebody pays and they're not, but this is the person that that parent connects to. This is the person that for 18 years, they can call and get hold of, that they can get these things done and we have to make sure that we don't have people that are unqualified, don't know how to do these jobs. I mean, it takes an inordinate amount of time. You know, I think, probably get them through all the training six to eight months, it probably takes them a year before they're doing their job well and I know that that's probably true with a lot of spots, but this is basically the advocate, this is, in fact, pretty much the pseudo attorney. We have three attorneys that service 15,000 cases down there. I mean, it's the caseworker that has the personal contact, the caseworker that communicates with the parent, that actually does the work and gets the money collected.

Councilmember Raben: Have these two part-timers, are you telling us that they've really not served the need? These two part-time?

Nick Hermann: Because we've had them 39 hours a week, because they're here Monday through Friday when the parent calls, and because we've had a year to get them trained, I think they do, and they do very well. But my concern is, if we cut them down and they're only here half the time, --

Councilmember Raben: Well, what Tom is suggesting is, if you pay them more per hour to make up some of that, and you know, we keep saying 39. The Department of Labor, I think, you're not allowed to work over 38, at the old law. Is that not the way it was?

President Shetler: I don't know. I think we've gone with the 39 rule for whatever reason and –

Nick Hermann: I think it was 37 also, but we've been going with the 39 rule, so –

Councilmember Raben: I don't know that we've ever worked under the 39 rule. I thought it was 38. Maybe it was 37.

Councilmember Bassemier: We have a motion and a second.

President Shetler: I guess kind of what – if we go with the 29 hour, round it off to 30 to keep my brain functioning here, but that's roughly $420, at $14 an hour at 30 hours it would be roughly $420 a week. If they're getting 12 something an hour now and they're working 30, I mean, I think that there's a way that we can work this out mathematically where they may end up getting about the same thing and you could actually hire another person into the slot. The only thing it ends up costing us is perhaps $20,000 a year and not 50 or $60,000. And you end up with perhaps really more productivity, and I'd feel more comfortable with that myself. And the way, you know, you would manage it or structure it within the office would be instead of them starting at eight or whatever, start it from 9 and work till 3, you know six hours a day so they're still pretty well handling those same clients that they've been handling in the past. And I don't know that you'd have a great deal of disruption in it. So I guess just looking at skinning this cat a little differently.

Councilmember Terry: Is that something, Nick, you would want to take an

opportunity to sit down and process it?

Nick Hermann: You know, I'd like to have time to process it but we got a note on last Thursday that they have to immediately go to 29 hours, so I guess if I was going to try and process it, I'd try and do it here on the fly and try and get a vote from Council today.

President Shetler: Well, I think that really meant that by the end of the year, the average has to be 29, so you've got, you could, you know, if you need, if you could come back next month then and talk about that, and figure out a way, then I think that's certainly –

Nick Hermann: I guess if what you're suggesting is, that we continue to pay them as we have for the next month, then we can sit down and try and come up with something and come back next month, if that's permissible with the Council. I just want to make sure that I can continue to pay these people and they're not going to get a 25% reduction in their pay.

President Shetler: We have four months that we've got to figure out anyway, honestly. So I think another month isn't going to hurt, myself. Joe?

Joe Gries: I don't know the answer to that, maybe Mr. Ahlers could talk to it. But as far as what the Auditor can pay these individuals, I think we would need some formal of indication from Council that the 39 hours could continue for these individuals because we have received that memo.

President Shetler: Did the memo say to terminate it immediately or –

Joe Gries: I believe it was.

President Shetler: Because I think they really kind of went into effect at the beginning of the year, didn't it, the 29 hour deal?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Is this the memo right here that says "Due to budget constraints, effective May 10 all part-time employees will be allowed to only work a maximum of 29 hours a week." Is that the one that we're talking about?

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: I think they're looking at the actual law.

President Shetler: See, I think the federal law really required that to be done at the first of the year, and they're already running four months, I mean, somehow we have to find a way to catch it up anyway, I think.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: But then, I guess, do we need a legal opinion that it's okay for him to continue as is so we can work this out?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, you'll have to, I guess, Council will have to give him some nod that, due to the memo, that they're giving him an exception to the memo, first. Secondly, I think that's correct in terms of, for a month, it's not going to matter one way or the other in terms of the law.

Nick Hermann: So, I guess at this time, I'd request to withdraw that particular request and put it on for next month.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have a motion and a second.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll withdraw the second.

Councilmember Bassemier: If he's going to withdraw it, it leaves me no choice.

President Shetler: Okay, that's only the last two –

Nick Hermann: Yes, the request for the line item, I'm still asking to fill the deputy prosecutor in Pre-Trial Diversion.

President Shetler: So, Ed, do you want to renew your motion for the first part of it? He still needs those –

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll withdraw the whole thing.

President Shetler: Okay, but we need a motion –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I will make a motion that...is it the –

Nick Hermann: Deputy Prosecutor.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, let me get the right paper here. I'll make a motion then that we approve filling the Deputy Prosecutor and Pre-trial Diversion Secretary.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we've got a motion and a second. Any questions on 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)

Nick Hermann: Thank you. And if any of the Councilmembers want to talk about this issue, I would be more than happy to meet with you in the next month.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And could you bring us maybe some idea, you said your collections have increased, if we could get some comparison on, you know, you have the people working more hours, so it's actually bringing in more money, and maybe what that does. I think that would be helpful in the consideration.

Nick Hermann: Absolutely.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

President Shetler: I'm going to kind of skip over parts of this agenda real quickly and get down towards the bottom here and ask for GAGE and Debbie Dewey to please come forward and I know you've got quite a few guests here.

PRELIMINARY 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 17

Debbie Dewey: Debbie Dewey, for the record, of the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. And I'm really here just to introduce Chris Kinnett. Chris is the new business development director at the Growth Alliance. He joined us in January. Chris has nearly 30 years of economic development experience in Perry County, Johnson County, Knox County, as well as with the Indiana Port. He worked this project, so I'm here to kind of hand off to Chris so he can present this project to you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Chris Kinnett: Good morning, Chris Kinnett, Growth Alliance. It's a pleasure to be here this morning to introduce a new company that's looking to locate in Vanderburgh County out at the Vanderburgh Industrial Park, looking to locate in an existing building, the old Tenneco building, if you're familiar with the Industrial Park. The building has been empty for about two years, they're looking to bring in 44 new employees over the next five years at an average salary of approximately $22.50 an hour, and they're looking for tax abatement for 1.3 million dollars for additional new equipment that they'll be bringing into the building. That's really my spiel for the company. The company representatives are here and, Scott, if you would bring your folks up and maybe just introduce them so the people will know who you are, but the company is DSI Integrated Systems. They are not new to the country, but they're certainly new to the Evansville-Vanderburgh County area, very solid company that brings a lot to the community. Scott, would you like to talk about the industry a little bit?

Scott Shapkoff: Thank you, Chris, and I'd like to take just a moment to thank the Council for having us here this morning. First, I'll introduce the associates that I've got and we can pass out those. Jim Pinkley, who is the president and general manager of DSI USA, my name is Scott Shapkoff and I'm going to be the Midwest sales manager, kind of responsible for this area, I'm based, currently, in southern Illinois, that's where I was born and raised. Robert Russell, he'll be the plant manager, and Richard Fricke, he's going to be the maintenance manager at the plant, and Jim has passed out just a few of the company profiles. DSI is a global entity with – Jim, I may let you talk a little now.

Jim Pinkley: Good morning. I certainly appreciate the opportunity to be here in regards to this. DSI is a global entity headquartered in Munich. We have about 2,200 employees worldwide, and we do about one billion dollars in sales. It's split between heavy civil, which is bridges, foundations, tunnels, and then mining, which mining is about 55 - 60 percent of what we do globally. Within North America, we have six plants in the U.S.: Abingdon, Virginia; Louisville, Kentucky; Cambridge, Ohio; Martinsburg, West Virginia; Salt Lake City, and now the Evansville facility that will be here. In regards to that, we're continuing to look to grow our footprint, you know, in the Midwest area here because of the access to water, the widening of the Panama Canal. There is a re-emergence of the coal industry in this area and in regards to that, certainly we want to be part of the growth that would go along with that. We currently have some contractual customers in this area and a pretty good customer base that we supported through a warehousing entity that used to be formerly located in west Kentucky. We'll be transitioning that into the steel

manufacturing plant so it will be a steel manufacturing plant/distribution center, as well. And in regards to that from the contractual basis, I think you're probably seeing some news about Rhino Energy putting in their Pennyrile mine over east of Owensboro, Kentucky. That's one of our contractual customers that we have a national contract with them for their ground support supplies. Is there any questions from the Council on, kind of a little bit of the overview of the company?

President Shetler: I just want to thank you all, really, for this opportunity for people in Vanderburgh County. We appreciate you guys looking at our community and choosing us and we're grateful, so thank you.

Jim Pinkley: Well, you know, you put together a great package here with the low electrical rates in regards to that, as well. You know, we're really looking forward to engaging the workforce and from our other work with companies such as Peabody Energy that's located here, as well, you know, we hear great things and we're looking forward to being a proud member of the community.

President Shetler: Thank you. Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just wondering, do you foresee an increase or the 44 employees, will they be immediate or will that be a gradual...?

Jim Pinkley: It will be a gradual uptick over the next five years.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, and that's probably going to be – will you top out at that number?

:Chris Kinnett: Well, that's what they're anticipating at this point. Obviously, if there is continued growth, they would want to see an uptick in that, that's obviously their goal, but to try to put a number to it today, that's the number they came up with.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you and welcome.

Chris Kinnett: Again, this is a situation where we're putting to use a building that's been empty for two years, putting it to good use with good wage jobs, $22.50 as I said earlier is the average wage, of which, at the time we were looking at this, the average wage for Vanderburgh County was $18.25, I believe it was. The taxes are current and up to date on the building as of this morning, and obviously still due on May 10th, but it hasn't been posted whether or not they've made those payments yet, but they are current at this point. This will help diversify our labor force and, again, puts a building to use, so we ask the Council to approve the preliminary resolution for tax abatement for DSI Integrated Systems. I would also include that the state has presented them with an offer of $350,000 in EDGE Credits and $50,000 in training grants.

President Shetler: Alright, at this point in time, I think what we need is a motion for approval and then there's, as you know, another hearing where we set in the –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, motion and a second. Any other questions, comments? Again, very grateful that you all have selected Evansville, southern Indiana, a little nicer than southern Illinois, we think, but that's alright. But we're glad to have you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: It's always sunnier here.

President Shetler: That's right, exactly. 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)

Chris Kinnett: Thank you very much. We'll see you next month.

ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Next we do have the Assessor and that's Mr. Bill Fluty and it's his turn up. And, Commissioner, you slipped in but I didn't see you, so I will catch you next.

Bill Fluty: Bill Fluty, County Assessor. I think you received two letters from our office requesting, one was requesting two employees, that now has changed that I'm just requesting one. This is a request that you granted earlier in the year in personal property. We did hire into that position and we did evaluate that person short of 90 days, it just didn't seem to be the right fit so, actually, we're just coming back to redo this again. That's also a department that we have downsized and also merged with sales disclosure, so one person has retired from that, so it is a smaller department than it was a year ago. So we're asking to fill that position. The other request is bringing back a former employee and asking for $10 an hour as opposed to the usual 8.50. That person worked in personal property for 26 years and can come in without any learning curve. We feel this is appropriate and I think its been something that the Council has kind of put out there to take advantage of, using part-time, experienced part-time. And personal property, the busiest part is today with the current filings and all through the summer, so she'll just work this busy part. And we do have money available for that. So those are the two requests.

President Shetler: Bill, since January of 2011, how many employees have you reduced your –

Bill Fluty: Four.

President Shetler: So your total staff has been reduced by four people since 2011?

Bill Fluty: That's correct. Some of it's through technology. Duties that the Auditor and I shared in excise tax, there was software that was available that helped start reducing that, some of it's in just consolidation. All these things have been just through attrition, people have either gone to a new job or they've retired, and we just haven't filled, and we've combined. And that's kind of how we're doing it. We're close, I would say we're at our number. You know, you finally get to your number, to say this is what you need to serve and do the work. So I'd say we're pretty close. I'm not saying that some technology or some reorganization of the office wouldn't help in employee staffing, but at this time I think we're pretty close. We still have – you know, over the summer we're still making some changes and some

reorganization and looking at that. I still expect to bring in a budget lower than last year for the general fund and I'm hoping somewhere around two percent or higher, so I think I'll get to that even with what I have today, with this approval.

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

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Fluty, are we outsourcing more of the work for the Assessor's office than prior years? Are we contracting with other groups?

Bill Fluty: I would say no. I would say we may have selected something different and spent our money differently, but I would say we are outsourcing, whether it be a flyover for Pictometry or what we're doing now, some street level imaging, or things like that, or using maybe consultants differently, so it's just a mixture. But I would say that the actual dollars going out is similar for outsourcing. But typically, the Assessor's office has outsourced different things.

Councilmember Goebel: What kind of status is the Reassessment fund in right now?

Bill Fluty: We're on, right now, I don't know the – he'll have to give you the balance of that.

Joe Gries: The current Reassessment fund has an unappropriated balance of $47,795, and there's a 2013 budget with money left from the previous year of $272,000 to be spent possibly this year.

Bill Fluty: We have some ongoing contracts, some ongoing software things that transcend years, some of that money, but it will roll back into the Reassessment and it will be reappropriated or asked for in the budget session.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, the reason I asked is, I watched one of the Commissioner meetings and I think you had a commercial group coming in to take photos for the Reassessment commercial properties. Has that always been the tradition or has that been done out of your, in-house?

Bill Fluty: That's a change and I can explain that to you. In the past you had eight elected Assessors and they had limited staff and limited resources. So they are taking pictures of each home, of every home in Vanderburgh County, and were on different schedules. As we came in, we saw that some pictures were 15 years old, some were non-existent, some didn't have a date on them so as you pull up and you're trying to make some determination, and it's used by the police, fire, 911, Realtors, appraisers, banks, and these pictures aren't current. There seemed to be a need for those to be current, so we kind of switched with money we were going to use to pay for Pictometry for a flyover, and actually taking a lower level, I think it's picture, and spent very little money with the state and kind of switched that money for the pictures. Now this also does put a GIS mark on each door, so if a fire truck or police or a sheriff is en route, they may be able to pull this up and make sure they get to the right pinpoint place, so there is some interest there, we're sharing all this information out with all the offices. It also has the data verification, which has an overlay so it's more than just picture taking. We've always had pictures, but probably not in the same time. What we'll have now is 37,000 pictures have already been taken, they will be current, they will be 2013.

Councilmember Goebel: The entire county will be current?

Bill Fluty: That's correct, this year, industrial, commercial and exempt.

Councilmember Goebel: And we're staying with the old Pictometry?

Bill Fluty: The old Pictometry is different than this. This is a street level imaging –

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that. But we're not using that service now.

Bill Fluty: No, no, it's not scraped, it's just holding back on some of the money that's spent that year. As the Reassessment has dwindled and we've used it for different other projects, we've had to prioritize what we could do each year. So we're just kind of looking, but we need this and this will last for quite a few years.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? Do we have a motion?

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Moved and seconded. Do I have 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST TO FILL AREA PLAN DIRECTOR VACANCY

President Shetler: Commissioner Abell is here to explain to us on the Area Plan Commission appointment.

Marsha Abell: Good morning. Thank you. I apologize for being late. I was in the middle of another project and forgot what time it is. I'm here this morning to ask for an increase in the amount that was appropriated for the Executive Director of the Area Plan Commission. This year, we went back to the old system of having an MPO Director separate from an Area Plan Commission Director. We put, not me but some group before me, put those two together and the MPO represents more than just one county. The Area Plan Commission Director only represents Vanderburgh County. And looking at the way things were done, we saw that Vanderburgh County was possibly suffering somewhat from this arrangement and didn't feel that it would be in our best interest to continue, so we have separated the two. We have now found an Executive Director. We did an extensive search. Although the county pays the majority, actually in my opinion much more than we should, we pay 85% of the expenses of Area Plan Commission. The city only pays 15. The mayor did allow us to use his Human Resources Director, Mr. Fithian, and we sent out a nationwide

search for an Area Plan Commission Director. We got a lot of interest, unfortunately, we couldn't meet a salary that a lot of those people were demanding across the country. We did look locally and found Mr. Ron London. Ron London is an engineer. He has his engineering license and actually worked for Morley & Associates for many years and has most recently been with Cash Waggner. To be honest with you, we wondered why he was even interested. He's taking a huge salary cut to take this job except that he told us he's always been interested in it, always wanted to be in government and he thinks he could do a good job at it. I think the other reason is that a lot of the people that deal with the Area Plan Commission and the development industry, the developers, the builders were extremely supportive of him and put on a reception for him last week at SIBA and have sent us a lot of emails saying how happy they are to have an engineer in there. I can tell you that from our standpoint with the new rezoning that passed the County Commissioners last night, we are going to be needing the expertise of someone in Area Plan Commission more than we probably ever have. That's 200 acres of land that has never been utilized for anything but agriculture and Mr. London has been out there already, is aware of the situation as has the County Surveyor and I think that this is going to be monumental to us in having someone – our issues at the Commission with the Area Plan Commission has always been that we didn't like the fact that every answer was no. We were looking for someone who had enough expertise and education that could say well, you can't put that settlement pond, for instance, there, but let's see if we can't put it over here. He has this expertise, so we're excited about having him on. With all that said, I'm here to get some money to pay him. We had $14,087 budgeted for this position because it was a percent. Most of it was paid by MPO for the MPO director, so we only had $14,087. The salary, the way we arrived at the salary, Sandie Deig and I sat down and figured up the percentage increases that you've given over the years that we didn't have an Area Plan Commission Director, and went back to the last salary that he had, and gave that increase to see that this is what the Area Plan Commission Director would have been paid now, had he stayed in that position. We came up with a figure of $80,325. To that, I can tell you he's only going to be on salary seven and a half months. He has not, obviously, taken the job yet. He is scheduled to start Monday morning. Isn't that correct? I think he's been with your office.

Joe Gries: I believe so, yes.

Marsha Abell: So that's $50,203.12, so that we'll pay 85%, which brings it down to $42,672.65, and if you remove the $14,087 we have appropriated, we're looking at a difference of $28,585.65 to see us out through 2013. The County Attorney has sent a letter to the city indicating to them that we are exercising our right to renegotiate this contract this year. I have talked to the mayor about it and he is in agreement that this is not an appropriate split for the Area Plan Commission. Obviously, due to the fact that they continue to take in more of the property on the east side of town into the city and off the county rolls and he understands that they need to be paying a bigger percentage of the Area Plan Commission expenses, not just the director, but the entire office. We split everything 85/15.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Marsha, do you have any of that in writing for us?

Marsha Abell: What part?

Councilmember Goebel: Any kind of guarantee that the split is going to be changing?

Marsha Abell: Well, we're going to go into negotiation. See, we're under contract right now. We have to, by contract, we have to send him a letter that we're going to renegotiate the contract. We've done that. I can get you a copy of that. But we will go into negotiations as we do with all contracts probably about after November and the beginning of December.

Councilmember Goebel: And that will kick in next year? 2014?

Marsha Abell: Yes. What I will do is budget the 85% and then come back after we've negotiated the contract and let you know what the percentage is.

Councilmember Goebel: It's kind of difficult, even though it's only 28,000 to swallow right now in light of everything that's going on. It would be nice if there was some type of gesture, if there's an acknowledgment that the percentages are not right. Has the mayor suggested he might be able to find some funding for even this year?

Marsha Abell: Well, you know, first of all, he's not in town. He's in Germany so I can't ask him, but by contract, he doesn't have to. Just like by contract, they didn't have to do any of the other changes that – you know, if we forced it one way, we may have to have it forced down our throats the other way and I'm not sure we want that. Some of the contracts, they pay the biggest percentage of, that maybe we should be paying a little more of. So I think, to my way of thinking, you live by the contract, you die by the contract, you do exactly what the contract says. And we followed it to the letter.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. I guess my question was going to be, when you go into the negotiations, what's the basis that we're going to use for the percentages, that there's some kind of fairness is done on that. I mean, is it by population, is it going to be by land mass, percentages, activity in the office, you know, city versus county. I don't know if you guys plan that out or have thought that out yet.

Marsha Abell: What we've gotten so far is, I asked the County Surveyor for and he provided me with the amount of land that has been removed from the county rolls and put on the city rolls in the last ten years and it's quite extensive. I could actually get a copy of it, it's over in the office, but that's where we started. Joe Harrison is going to be doing this negotiation, and I'm sure that there will be other things that will come into it that they'll want to talk about. But I don't think there's much question, quite frankly, I think that the mayor even thought that they actually had the largest percentage because he's the one who actually let go the previous Area Plan Commission Director. So I think they thought that that was – this contract, this 85/15 split goes back to the 60's. Its been in place a long time.

President Shetler: Okay. The other thing is, it would be extremely helpful to us if this could be concluded and we'd have some resolution by budget time, so that we would know how to plan accordingly.

Marsha Abell: By July of this year? I will see if we can –

President Shetler: Say mid-August anyway.

Marsha Abell: I'll see if we can start negotiations sooner. Certainly.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we'll need that information actually sooner because right now we're not making an appropriation. We're going to pay this individual out of the 14,000 plus that's already budgeted.

Marsha Abell: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So you will need to come to us though sometime before the end of the year to make up that balance.

President Shetler: Pretty soon.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah. So, I mean, --

Joe Gries: Councilman Raben? I did a little bit of figuring. The salary for a month at the rate that the Commissioners are proposing, the money would run out some time in July. So probably the June meeting would be appropriate to make sure that we have the money available.

Marsha Abell: Well, I guess my question at that point is, is it going to be appropriated, because this man is not going to quit his job and come to work for us if he's going to work until July and we're going to tell him there isn't any money to pay him.

Councilmember Goebel: I think our question would be, do we negotiate with the city because my sense is that I don't think it's fair the way it's broken right now and I'm not going to support the 85/15. So –

Marsha Abell: Well, I don't think we have a choice, Mr. Goebel, it's a contract.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that. As far as extending funding, though, we do. No, I mean, if you get with the mayor –

Marsha Abell: For 2014?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, and come to us with a more palatable agreement, that might help the situation in June when you need to come back to fill the budget.

Marsha Abell: I still don't think I can have a man come to work that doesn't know if he's going to have a –

President Shetler: Right. So you're looking today for a motion that we approve of the amount of money that's going to be spent or at least the $28,000 to continue for the rest of the year and basing that on the promise that you are opening up negotiations with the mayor, and he's agreed to that, even though the contract has not expired yet, but he's agreed to open up negotiations to reduce our burden and increase the city's burden on the payment for the MPO – for the Area Plan.

Marsha Abell: Correct. The contract automatically renews year to year if we don't –

(Tape changed)

– that we're not going to, and that letter has gone out.

President Shetler: Okay, so a motion would be in order to –

Councilmember Raben: A motion to that effect.

President Shetler: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll echo that and make that as a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second it.

President Shetler: That was pretty clear, so – okay, we have a motion and a second. Do I have any other 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Marsha Abell: Thank you.

CORONER REQUEST TO HIRE PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

President Shetler: Okay, that bring us to the Coroner and Annie Groves is here. The request is to hire two new part-time employees.

Annie Groves: Correct.

President Shetler: And that's to cover that balance?

Annie Groves: Well, what it is, is once we went into the 29 hours, my office has to cover 168 hours a week. The full-time staff covers 60, so that's still 108 hours I need to cover and with the people that I have now, I don't have enough people because we've lost some. I wouldn't be able to follow the guidelines because they take 12 hour shifts at a time. So if they work a couple times a week, that's 24 hours, so the way I've got it right now, some of them are working three times a week so that we can get the hours covered. And the other question that I have on this is, and I don't know if anyone can answer this, I know it says the 29 hours a week, are we allowed to average that out to a month so that I could work them 116 hours a month?

President Shetler: I think it was annual.

Councilmember Raben: I don't think you can.

Jeff Ahlers: I think the way the law reads is that it's the average within 120 days. Now what I don't know is whether you can go over on the weeks. I mean, Joe and I are looking at these issues now, but I know the period of time that they looked back is within a 120 day period of time.

Annie Groves: So if they would do that, then I could do the 116 a month as long as I kept them to that?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, that I don't know, in terms of, I don't know that, what I would have to look at and I don't know that that means you can go over on a weekly basis by that much. I just know that they're looking at it at 120 day window, within that window, we'll have to look into to be able to answer your question on that.

President Shetler: You may have a 40 hour overtime type –

Councilmember Raben: But you're still, at the end of the day, you're still going to need more people.

Annie Groves: Absolutely.

Councilmember Raben: So I think for the sake of meeting the needs, we need to go ahead and approve this request.

Annie Groves: Its no cost to the county, it all comes out of the same line item.

Councilmember Bassemier: I will make a motion to approve that.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Its 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Annie Groves: Thank you, and I have one more question that I can ask you. I don't know if in this clause that they wrote and if you would check into it for me I would appreciate it, a lot of times when the federal people write stuff like this, they exempt first responders from those hard and set rules. And if you could look into that, I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you. Good question.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO CHANGE SALARY ORDINANCE EXHIBIT H FOR WIC EXTRA HELP PAY

President Shetler: Alright, Health Department is not here, but the Health Department does has a representative here. That's you.

Joe Gries: This is a change to the salary ordinance. Mr. Heck received information from the state that they have to change how they pay their WIC Extra Help, and this allows them to then follow with the plan that they submitted to the state that the state approved and then we'll fit within that plan. The change came because of the sequester from the federal government, that's money that the state gets and then the state passes that on to the Health Department and they had to make changes to how those employees, how many hours they could work within the year.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: 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. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: Travel requests. A couple from the County Clerk, the Auditor and the Veterans Services. Do I have any questions about any of those? If not, a motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved by Councilman Terry and seconded by Councilman Lindsey. 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. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT TO EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

President Shetler: We still need further discussion on the Public Library appointment so we'll take that up next month and we've already done that.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Councilman Raben, on the amendments to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, now we'll move to the amendments to the salary ordinance. Sarah, our administrative assistant is passing those out as I speak. There's two corrections we need to make. First, on page two, under Prosecutor, the third paragraph is the two part-time positions that we did not act on today so we'll need to cross that out and then below that the County Assessor, there's three different requests, the middle one for salary line 1090-1760, we did not act on that today. And I would move that those changes be made, this three page document be entered into the minutes and I would like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second to approve the salary ordinance amendments as amended. Do I have any questions about that? Seeing none, 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 7-0)

COUNTY CLERK
TRANSFER OVERAGE ACCOUNT FUNDS TO GENERAL FUND

President Shetler: I see a couple other faces.

Debbie Stucki: (Inaudible – comments not made at the microphone) – to come before the Council and maybe I didn't go about it the right way, but I wanted to request to transfer $1,150.68 to the General fund. This is an overage and shortage fund that has been carried over for the last eight years. If cashiers were over some money and they couldn't figure out and no one claimed this money, its just been sitting there and –

President Shetler: I move approval.

Debbie Stucki: – for eight years.

Councilmember Raben: I think we have to do a repeal. And is there an account number that that would –

Joe Gries: I don't know that there is. I believe this is part of the Clerk's bank accounts, money that you just have and so it's not part of any line item or a budget or anything. It's just money that was held for a certain situation and then if the Clerk wants to turn to the –

Debbie Stucki: But I'd like to clear it out and –

Joe Gries: It would be like miscellaneous revenue coming into –

Councilmember Raben: Quietus the funds?

Joe Gries: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: So does that require action or is that...

Joe Gries: I don't know that it does, but if the Council would like to approve it, that would be money going into the General fund.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we had a motion –

President Shetler: We had a motion and a second, so all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed to that one?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Debbie Stucki: We contacted the State Board and they said we could just give that over to the General fund. I guess, Joe, should I get with you on how to do that? Would that be okay?

Joe Gries: If you want to talk to Anne in Bookkeeping, she'll be able to quietus that money in for you.

Debbie Stucki: Okay, thank you very much.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, appreciate it. Okay, anything else? Anybody have anything? Alright, motion for adjournment and we'll see everybody back here, I think it's May 29th and that's at 3:00 for the Personnel & Finance.

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

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler	Vice President Peter Swaim
Angela Koehler Lindsey	James Raben
Mike Goebel	Ed Bassemier
Stephanie Terry	

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th 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, welcome to the Vanderburgh County Council meeting. I'd like to ask the clerk 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 six members present, one absent, I'd like to ask Councilman Swaim if he would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Shetler: I think everybody has received a copy of the minutes for May the 8th meeting. Do I have a motion or any questions about those minutes?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move for approval.

President Shetler: Its been moved for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: 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)

President Shetler: If not, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next is the appropriation ordinance. Councilman Raben?

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. First on the agenda under Area Plan is the salary for the balance of the year for the new Executive Director, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second for financing for the rest of the year for the new Director. Do I have any questions about that motion? I don't see 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.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-1110-1240 1000-1240-124111	Exec. Director	37,309	37,309
1000-1240-190000	FICA	2,855	2,855
1000-1240-191000	PERF	3,731	3,731
Total		43,895	43,895

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Circuit Court, Petit Jurors in the amount of $20,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any questions on that 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.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1000-1360-390300	Petit Jurors	20,000	20,000
Total		20,000	20,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's it for the General fund, next we'll move into Cum Bridge, Baseline Road Bridge in the amount of $75,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. 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: The motion carries.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1135-0000-475100	Baseline Rd. Bridge	75,000	75,000
Total		75,000	75,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

COMMISSIONERS
CIRCUIT COURT
SUPERIOR COURT (TWO REQUESTS)
BURDETTE PARK
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
REASSESSMENT/ASSESSOR
CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING

Councilmember Raben: Okay, then we've got a long list of transfers. If everybody is okay with the transfers, I'm going to move that we approve all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Give everybody a chance, a second to look over them. Do I have any questions about that motion or anything specific on the transfers? 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.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1000-1300-300000	Insurance	18,295	18,295
To: 1000-1300-350000	Human Relations	15,295	15,295
1000-1300-327000	Change of Venue	3,000	3,000

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1000-1360-394400	Special Reporter	4,000	4,000
To: 1000-1360-226000	Food	3,000	3,000
1000-1360-372300	Psych. Evaluations	1,000	1,000

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1000-1370-305000	Patient/Inmate Care	30,000	30,000
To: 1000-1370-394100	Guardian Ad-Litem	30,000	30,000

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1000-1370-394900	Home Study/Adoption	300	300
To: 1000-1370-394200	Judge Pro Tem	300	300

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1450-1180 1000-1450-145118	Other Employees	15,000	15,000
To: 1450-344000	Advertising	15,000	15,000

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1135-0000-474300	Broadway Ave Br 270	50,000	50,000
To: 1135-0000-475100	Baseline Rd Br 201	50,000	50,000

REASSESSMENT/ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1090-1990 1188-1090-199000	Extra Help	5,500	5,500
To: 2492-1090-1300 1188-1090-130000	Regular Overtime	5,000	5,000
1188-1090-191000	PERF	500	500

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 4005-0000-320200	Energy Savings Contract	65,000	65,000
To: 4005-0000-414000	Centre CIP	65,000	65,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Okay, underneath new business, we have a Circuit Court request to fill Probation Officer vacancy. Judge?

David Kiely: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning.

David Kiely: We had a Probation Officer resign and we're asking to fill that position through user fees.

President Shetler: And that position is vacant currently?

David Kiely: Yes.

President Shetler: And –

David Kiely: Vacated almost a month ago...April.

President Shetler: And there's money in there to fill it and you're asking for it to be filled immediately or down the road?

David Kiely: Yes, we waited until all that money was cleared and, so yes, we're asking to fill it immediately.

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: I have a motion for approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Thank you. Do I have any more 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. Thank you, Judge.

David Kiely: Thank you very much.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LEGAL AID REQUEST TO FILL PART-TIME SECRETARY POSITION

President Shetler: Legal Aid could not be here, but he gave his explanation last week. Do I have a motion for approval on that or any further questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: Do I have a second to that motion?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: And Stephanie seconds. Do I have any other questions about it? 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 6-0)

REQUEST TO CHANGE TWO PART-TIME POSITIONS INTO FULL-TIME WITH BENEFITS FUNDED BY PROSECUTOR IV-D

President Shetler: Prosecutor's Office, request to create two full-time Enforcement Officers, salary lines in the IV-D fund to fill two current part-time employees.

Nick Hermann: Good morning. I was here last month. My request at that time, we had two people that were basically full-time that were paid as part-time. They worked 39 hours a week and then we got the notice from the Council to come in compliance with the new federal mandate, that we supply insurance to anybody that works, I believe, over 29 hours. There were some questions at that time if it would be worthwhile to provide those two with insurance or to simply hire a third person without insurance, and those three people work 29 hours a week. And I wanted to get the numbers together so I could come back in front of Council, and I wanted to remind the Councilmembers as well that none of this is general fund money. This is money that comes out of the child support incentive fund. If it were general fund money, we would get reimbursed two/thirds from the state, but it's not. The numbers that we came up with were, that if we hired three part-time people at $16 an hour, which was higher than what they were making, but to compensate the people so that they made roughly the same, that would cost us almost $78,000. If we went the other route, which is what we suggested last month, which was to simply give the two employees that have been there with the office about a year and are fully trained, insurance, the cost depends on whether or not they take the insurance. If they both took the insurance, it's 99,000. What we expect is that one will take it and the other one, at least when she was hired, indicated she wasn't interested in the insurance, that will cost $74,000. But I wanted to bring both of those in front of the Council because there were so many questions last month. Our request remains the same. My preference would be simply to make the two employees now full-time, and to provide them insurance. The reason for that is kind of two-fold. One is the extensive training that's required and how expensive it is to get somebody up to speed and how long that takes. So I have an interest in keeping those people in those spots. And then the second is from a client standpoint, each of these people have a caseload of about 450-500 families that they help and they have a rapport with them, and have had over the last year. These cases last the entire time that a child is a minor. So my preference between the two would be what my request was last month, but I wanted to bring those numbers in front of the Council.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions? If anybody has the desire to approve this, then a motion would be in order.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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[1]Councilmember Goebel joined meeting during this discussion.

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

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Are you doing one or the two?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes, the two, right.

Councilmember Raben: All the benefits and everything, you're picking up?

Nick Hermann: That's correct.

President Shetler: I think the question is, Pete, the motion, does it include the entire request or is it broken apart?

Councilmember Swaim: The entire request.

President Shetler: Okay, it will be the two full-time and two part-time? Is that –

Nick Hermann: Is was an either/or. We were requesting the two full-time.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So the motion is to grant the two full-time.

President Shetler: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: The only question I would have is for the future, year after year, you'll be picking this up?

Nick Hermann: That's correct. I do think at some point it would be worth looking into if there were some way that we could shift costs, where we would continue to pay the same amount, where we could pick up the two/thirds state reimbursement, I think that would be worth looking into. I don't know of a way to do that at this point, so it's our intention to continue picking up the full cost of this, yes.

President Shetler: Okay, any other 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: The motion carries.

Nick Hermann: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX PHASE-IN FOR ACQUISITION OF MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT VANDERBURGH INDUSTRIAL PARK LOT 17 (DSI UNDERGROUND SYSTEMS, INC)

President Shetler: Next is resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council confirming the declaration of an economic revitalization area for tax phase-in for acquisition of manufacturing equipment located at Vanderburgh Industrial Park Lot 17 (DSI Underground Systems). In that resolution, we also need to set the number of years in, I'm thinking it was ten years. So I guess the person, whoever makes that motion to approve, that this is to allow the tax phase-in for a ten year period of time.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I will so move to make this motion with a ten year tax

phase-in.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? Do we need a roll call or is – okay, 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. It was by unanimous vote. Okay, thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: Then we have a travel request from the Health Department, a couple travel requests. Dr. Nicholson?

Ray Nicholson: These both are state mandated. One of them is on a grant and it's required for our officer for the vital records to go to that state mandated meeting, and the other is for Derrick Stratton, who is our MRC Coordinator and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

President Shetler: Okay, do we have any questions of Dr. Nicholson?

Councilmember Raben: Move for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Motion for approval 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. Thank you, Ray.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Okay, anything else? Next would be Amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: It will be just a moment, they're still making one last change.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President, a question on another matter. We had a copy on our desks of meeting dates. Is there anything that's changed? It's just to notify us again, remind us of when the budget is, perhaps?

(Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: I might just bring you up to date a little bit. Stephanie and I met with a group last week, CAJE, they are wanting us to put together a program that would incentivize employers in our county to hire ex-offenders into their workplaces. We've kind of expressed our financial plight at the moment and that it is bleak, and we really don't have the money or the resources at the present time to do anything, but we are working with them to try to come up with some kind of program that I think could be beneficial to the county. There are some state funds available and state programs that exist and we're kind of recommending that for the finance end, and the county's end to basically be supportive and I guess lending moral support perhaps, and to help put together some kind of a program that might give some impetus to a mentor program that we'd have maybe faith based groups that would actually work and help assist in working with, trying to get ex-offenders back into society and back into the workforce and stuff. And I spoke with Councilman Goebel's brother about a program that he's been pretty involved in up at Wabash Correctional, seems to be very successful, and what they're lacking are mentors, people that can actually help that caseload along and stuff. So that's just to bring you up to date a little bit on that. As far as the dental clinic is concerned, we're pretty well striking out about everywhere I think right now. We don't seem to be having any luck on doing it. The last I've heard is that the Echo Health Group has basically decided to go with a voucher type of program as opposed to actually setting up a clinic itself, or taking over the clinic that we have. So apparently that is not going to be, at least as we have seen it in the past. So those are two things I can kind of bring you up to date here, a little bit. Not necessarily totally positive news here, but we haven't got the resources, as you know. I think right now, we're probably looking at a deficit of about 1.7 million dollars perhaps if we would continue on with past historical trends that we've had and that's including the 600,000 we were able to kind of flop over. And if we can figure out a couple other ways to get some money in here, we could mitigate that somewhat, but currently, we're looking at about a 1.7 difference that we're going to have to find in our Rainy Day funds, etcetera, if we don't come up with some other procedures here, so.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Just another question on the topic of the budget. I know last year we had a meeting with department heads kind of making sure they were aware of the situation and what we'd like for them to do. Is that something that's on our radar screen or have we communicated to department heads what we'd like them to do with their budget?

President Shetler: We have not yet and it is on the radar screen. It's something that we do intend to do again this year and we need to do it pretty quickly.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, because I'd already had a question from a couple of my liaison areas that were getting ready to look at their boards as far as when the budget process was going to begin and what it was going to be, and I indicated that it's not going to be a very pretty picture. So just as soon as we get that information, I think the sooner the better. Thanks.

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was wondering if we could ask the Health Department if they've resolved their issue for the lease? Has that been taken care of, Gary?

Gary Heck: My understanding is that the Commissioners are going to do that at their next meeting on the 18th.

Councilmember Goebel: It's now been moved to the 18th?

Gary Heck: The didn't do it last night on the 4th.

President Shetler: Would that be retroactive?

Gary Heck: My hope would be that it would, but I can't answer that.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, well that's a substantial savings, I think, if we could lock that in as quickly as possible.

President Shetler: Yes, good point. Okay. Everybody should be getting their Salary Ordinance Amendments right now, if you'd just take a second to look over that, please.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm going to move that we approve the amended Salary Ordinance for Area Plan, Assessor/Reassessment, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Legal Aid and Prosecutor IV-D Incentive as prepared and ask that this be entered into the minutes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SPECIAL MEETING DATE
PERSONNEL & FINANCE MEETING TIME CHANGE

President Shetler: Anybody have any other business to come before the County Council today?

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. President, if we're going to have a meeting with the officeholders, would it serve us well to maybe do that either adjacent to the June 26th Personnel & Finance meeting, maybe either before or after? Just a thought.

President Shetler: That's a possibility. Is that getting a little late for them – when do they have to get those in? If we're having an officeholder meeting with the department heads and officeholders, could we do it adjacent to the 26th meeting?

(Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Shetler: No, it's a good suggestion. So maybe we could set that up for 2:00 on the 26th, is that correct? So we'll need to make sure of the room availability and then --

(Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: Sandie, we had talked about moving our Personnel & Finance meetings to 8:30 a.m. starting the first of August. I see we've still got 3:00, but –

(Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Shetler: What's that? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Remember we were going to move our fall – our August, starting August 1st, our Personnel & Finance to 8:30 a.m.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Just for August, September and October probably, and then November and December, we can go back to the 8:30.

Councilmember Raben: Probably December for sure, November is the –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

President Shetler: We're hoping it's a question, right, Mike? What we're going to do, because that 26th is a tad bit late for them to wait, for officeholders to wait on filling out the information that they need to submit for their budgets, is we'll send instructions along on how to proceed on that. For example, we'll ask them to keep the salary level at the same level it is today and that is not saying that we aren't going to give an increase, that's just saying what we'll instruct them to do because we can make that change on the fly, if you will. But what we'll use the 26th for is answering any questions or explaining our financial predicament or situation that we're in and answer questions related to that as opposed to directions on how to actually fill out the forms or anything.

Gary Heck: Will you plan for step or longevity increases?

President Shetler: Yes. Yeah, things that are normally, you know, that are going to be in there, yes. You would plan for that, correct.

Gary Heck: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? Anything else? Anybody have anything? Okay, the change on the Personnel & Finance, that was August, September, October and November, as it is now, at 8:30. Okay, anything else? A motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. We'll see you on the 26th at 2:00 unless you hear otherwise. Thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler	Vice President Peter Swaim
Angela Koehler Lindsey	James Raben
Mike Goebel	Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council held a special meeting the 26th 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 June 11, 2013.

County Council members present were:

Tom Shetler, President
Pete Swaim, Vice President
Ed Bassemier, Member

Council President Tom Shetler opened the meeting at 2:02 p.m. and called upon County Auditor Joe Gries for an update on Vanderburgh County's finances.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and county officials regarding 2014 budget constraints, revenue and expenses. Other topics included potential savings by establishing health care clinics, sharing resources between offices and engaging a consulting firm to explore efficiencies.

There being no final action or votes taken, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 3, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd 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 3rd, and everybody is kind of in a festive mood today, I'm sure. So at this time, I'd like the Clerk to call attendance, 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 one absent, we have a quorum, and I'd like to ask Councilman Goebel if he would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Shetler: Thank you. I need a motion for approval of the minutes of June 5th.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: It's been moved and –

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Shetler: – 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next is the appropriation ordinance, and we start with the Commissioner's Office, Councilman Raben.

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning. First, under Change of Venue under County Commissioners, the request is for $250,000, I move that we set it in for $150,000.

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.

(Six Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

Councilmember Bassemier: One opposed.

President Shetler: So we have six for and one opposed. The motion carries.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1000-1300-327000	Change of Venue	250,000	150,000
Total		250,000	150,000

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Bassemier opposed)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Next under Public Defender, Death Penalty, request for 150,000, I move that we set that in for 100,000. And that will pay the May and June bills.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the motion? Mr. Owens is here to speak to questions. Yes, Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Steve, since you're present, I was wondering, what is the total that we have due? I know we talked about it last week, but the total that's due right now, unpaid?

Steve Owens: We have $45,000 outstanding from May, roughly. As of this morning, I've totaled up what bills we have, and we still don't have them all in, and we're about 78,000 for June, and so I can tell you that 100,000 is not going to get it.

Councilmember Goebel: And you still have the sentencing phase, correct?

Steve Owens: The sentencing phase is next week, and that will be some additional cost. Then we have a transcript that will be coming, because an appeal is mandatory and the best estimate on the transcript is somewhere between 15 and 17,000.

Councilmember Raben: We'll have a better feel next month for what closer to the final tally will be and we can make further adjustments then.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a question from Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sir, how much has it cost us to house him up there in Clark County?

Steve Owens: I have no idea. That's part of the Sheriff's responsibility. My understanding, Mr. Bassemier, is the Sheriff of Clark County had an agreement with the Sheriff of Vanderburgh County. I don't have any idea what that agreement was.

Councilmember Raben: There is an estimate of about $5,000 for the 143 days to date.

Councilmember Bassemier: How long did he sit up there before he went to trial?

Steve Owens: Not quite two years.

Councilmember Bassemier: Couldn't it have been more cost effective to sit him down here and let him be housed down here and then when it goes to trial, whatever, --

Councilmember Raben: I can tell you, they've done that.

Councilmember Bassemier: They did?

Councilmember Raben: I think last –

Steve Owens: Well, he's here now, I can tell you that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right, okay.

Steve Owens: In terms of, he was brought back here. The judge ordered him transferred up there.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just curious if that was any savings. You know, I don't know what they charged up there, probably $50 a day versus down here, it might be just to feed him down here.

Joe Gries: I've got a little bit of information concerning that. Judge Moore sent an order for payment for housing an inmate through the end of January, which was $19,145. That was for the nearly two years, I think, he was there. And then from that time until the trial or when he came back, I've estimated at $35 a day, a cost of about $5,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'll throw my two bits in again, I still believe whole-heartedly that the state of Indiana sets up the criteria should be picking up funding for capital cases. A lot of counties would not try a capital case because they don't have the funds. We don't have the funds yet, obviously, this is going to be well over a million dollars. I just don't see the equity there. Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's kind of like the message I'm trying to send, too, Mr. Goebel, but somebody has got to – this can't go on. We can't afford it. No county can afford it.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President? Isn't there some amount, I remember seeing somewhere there is some reimbursement from someone that we get or did I just dream that?

Steve Owens: No, you get – in terms of the defense cost, you get 50 percent reimbursement.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Where does that 50 percent reimbursement come from?

Steve Owens: That comes from the state, and I think last Wednesday when I was here, Mr. Ahlers asked that I send him some information about contact people with the Commission and whether or not there were other things that could be reimbursed like the change of venue cost. My opinion is that is not reimbursable. I don't know if you've talked to the staff Council at the Commission or not. But I sent him the guidelines that the Commission has promulgated over the years as they pertain to capital cases. And as I read those, there are certain costs that they will not reimburse because they don't feel those are defense related costs. So to the extent that with what we currently have, rounding it off, if it's $700,000 in defense costs, the county will get $350,000 of that back or has, in the past, gotten some of that back.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So define defense costs. Is that just simply the attorney's fees and research, or whatever, or what does include?

Steve Owens: Attorney fees, investigators, mitigation people, paralegals, experts, witness fees, that sort of thing.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And then all the housing and whatnot, his travel back and forth has been, comes directly from this county, is that correct?

Steve Owens: The change of venue cost, is that what you're asking about?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Steve Owens: Yes, that would be paid by Vanderburgh County to Clark County, and that is not generally considered a defense cost.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So that's what we need to look at, those costs, to see about getting those reimbursed as well. Changing legislation so we can not have to go through this again.

Councilmember Raben: I can tell you where we're at since '10 on this, not including today's appropriation, not including what the Prosecutor's expenses are, not including the 150,000 we just granted to the Commissioners, we were at 576,000 before these appropriations today, so –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: From this county.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah. So the Public Defender's part of it now is upwards of 700,000 and it's going to be close to a million dollars when it's all said and done.

Steve Owens: Yeah, I don't think that's probably inaccurate.

President Shetler: Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: I received some information a couple of days ago from Steve. I'm going to call the State Public Defender's office. I agree there's some things that clearly are reimbursable, some that may clearly not be, some that may fall in the gray area. I guess, all in all, I guess I'm wondering whether we should submit them all and let them reject whatever they don't want to pay and then that way we know rather than us having to make a determination on the gray area ones.

Steve Owens: Well, I don't know what gray area ones you're referring to. I mean, clearly, the guideline seems to say, clearly, security costs and housing costs, and some other things are not reimbursable. I don't think that's a gray area. I think, frankly, with the Commission, Jeff, I think it would hurt our credibility with the Commission when we go to the Commission and ask them for consideration in other areas, whether it be increases in caseloads or other things. I don't know that it's beneficial for us to try to submit things that are clearly not reimbursable. The only gray area that I would see, if there is one, would be whether or not the cost directly related to the change of venue would be reimbursable. Typically, those costs have not. I mean, had this case been maintained in Vanderburgh County and we would have gone to some other county and selected a jury, and brought that jury back here, I don't see that those costs would have been reimbursable. So my understanding was that you were going to contact the Commission staff counsel and talk to them and see what their view was, and I certainly don't have any problems with including it if they say it's reimbursable. But if they clearly say it's not, then I don't see the benefit of trying to present it to them just to have them refuse it.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I intend to talk directly with them. My concern was, like on the – I mean, Criminal Rule 24 sets out things a little more black and white. The guidelines, as I looked through them that I got from you, seemed to almost be more like snippets from memos or something, and so I guess the question is I've got to ask them, I mean, it's not promulgated like a rule, are these still in effect, they don't really have a lot of elaboration. I guess one of the things, I guess, my thoughts were, is perhaps whether there's an argument to be made, for example, as Mr. Bassemier was asking you about the housing, as I understand it. For example, you know, Mr. Weisheit and his counsel wanted him to be housed over there in Clark County. I guess my thought would be that, for example on that, there would be an argument to be made that that was a strategic defense decision that was made, that for some reason for the defense, it was deemed or thought be beneficial versus there would have been no reason otherwise for him to have been there. So would that possibly be a cost that would be, in my mind, defense related. And that's just one example. But maybe some of these we could maybe parse out and see whether or not arguably they are defense related.

President Shetler: And further, I guess along that same argument, is that if we could illustrate for housing him, for example, just using that as an example, again, but if we could illustrate that had it been held in Vanderburgh County, that it may have cost us $12,000 over that same period of time and it cost us 25 by changing it, then clearly that 13, and not going as you're suggesting, say for the whole 25, but showing that we are being pretty cautious on what we see as the additional cost related to the request by the defense.

Steve Owens: And that was my understanding what Mr. Ahlers was going to do is to contact the staff counsel, talk to them to see what their position was. The

Commission meets once a quarter. I'm under an obligation to submit reimbursement requests within 120 days of the date of the payment. They won't meet until September. Staff counsel, if staff counsel tells you, yeah, I think that's a valid point, they're not going to be able to make the commitment that we can do that. They might say go ahead and submit it as part of your reimbursement, or they may say we can't decide that until it's brought up for a vote by the entire commission. So if we're going to get the ball rolling, I think the thing that has to be done, is somebody needs to talk to the staff counsel and say this is the questions we have, what's your position? They may very well come back and say the guidelines are pretty clear. I don't know whether they will say that or not.

Jeff Ahlers: And it may be that, and I don't mind making that initial contact. My thought is probably there will need to be another conversation and perhaps you and I need to both be involved in talking to them because some of these issues, for example, you know, I wasn't on the ground during the trial so to make these arguments, ultimately, to a certain extent, would have to be for you to make because I don't know on all of these issues which ones could arguably be said to be defense related or know the nuances as you would. So it would be helpful –

Steve Owens: Well, of the issues that we talked about last week, it was clearly the venue cost, the change of venue cost. That was requested by the defense, the change of venue. The transportation cost resulting from him being placed in Clark County, that was done at the request of the defense. The Judge ordered it. So those sorts of costs, I think you mentioned sequestration costs –

President Shetler: You know, rather than getting into the details here, I think it would probably be better for maybe the two of you to get together and see what areas would be gray that we could file something and try to get back as, you know, reimbursed as much as we possibly can on those costs.

Councilmember Raben: It might be helpful to have an itemized list of the non-reimbursables, and then allow Jeff to go through those and single out what he thinks that there's legitimate argument on.

President Shetler: And then questions that you have, get back with Steve on, and get this worked out.

Steve Owens: And he'll have to get that from Joe, because I don't have those.

President Shetler: Okay, perhaps the three of you then could get together on it. Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Just one further quick question, Mr. Owens. Have, in prior similar cases of venue change, have you ever included those as far as reimbursable?

Steve Owens: No.

Councilmember Goebel: So, and that's the way it is handled throughout the state?

Steve Owens: As far as I know.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Yes, Pete?

Councilmember Swaim: Steve, I think you had alluded in a previous discussion here about another, different state, that shouldered the whole cost of capital murder trials.

Steve Owens: Kentucky does.

Councilmember Swaim: I'm just wondering if at some point they handled it like we do here now and then in transition, they had a statute that turned that all over to the State Public Defender's Office, and if we can get a copy of it and maybe send it to legislative services, and draft something that would be fitting for Indiana.

Steve Owens: Pete, as far as I know, I can't tell you that Kentucky has never had anything that was county based. For the last several years, at least the last 15 that I can recall, the office of Department of Public Advocacy, which is their state-wide public defense system, had a capital litigation unit. They have a state-wide public defender system. And I think Illinois has something that is similar where they had a capital defense litigation unit. Other states, I know, have that. I don't know if prior to those states taking it over, whether or not they were county based or not.

Councilmember Bassemier: One more question, I want to ask Jim something. Jim, you said this was, our cost was $576,000, so, so far, is it fair to say that this trial has already cost over a million dollars if the state is picking up half? And the bills are still coming in? Is that a fair statement?

Councilmember Raben: The tally, I'm sure by the end of July will be knocking on a million dollars.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you, Sir.

Councilmember Raben: We're getting ready to grant a quarter of a million on top of the 576 today, so that puts it at 800, and then giving the Prosecutor money, we're going to approve another $13,000 in transfers on top of what we've already given him here shortly. So yeah, it will be a million dollars.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I hope Mr. Owens don't think we're – I hope Mr. Owens doesn't think we're picking on him. He's got a job to do and he's doing it very well.

Steve Owens: I don't know that you're picking on me, necessarily. I mean, it's not an economically sound penalty, I mean, counties can't afford it. I'm aware of that. Unfortunately, we're stuck with it.

President Shetler: And I think basically the point Mr. Goebel and Mr. Bassemier are both making is that we're spending a million dollars, that's basically two percent of our budget that we have in Vanderburgh County. We're the third or fourth largest county in the state of Indiana, so if it's hitting us with two percent, think about when you're looking at Spencer County and Pike and some of these others for their budget, a million dollar cost, because the cost isn't going to change much, a million dollar cost could be 25 percent of their budget. So that could be huge.

Steve Owens: Which is why they elect not to file them.

President Shetler: And economics should not dictate justice, ultimately. That's the bottom line here. So unless there's any more questions, the motion is basically to establish at $100,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think you've got a motion and a second, don't you?

President Shetler: And there's been a second on it. So I just wanted to reiterate where we were. Okay, thank you, Steve. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Six Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

Councilmember Bassemier: One opposed.

President Shetler: There's six in favor and one opposed. The motion carries.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1000-1420-394800	Death Penalty	150,000	100,000
Total		150,000	100,000

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Bassemier opposed)

COIT/COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Court Technology under County Council, there is a bill for the lease for the court system computers. I move that we approve $95,700.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second for 95 – did you say 700? Do I have 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.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4998-1480-346100	Court Technology	100,000	95,700
Total		100,000	95,700

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

PROSECUTOR
SALES DISCLOSURE

Councilmember Raben: Prosecutor, transfers. We're transferring 5,000 from Law Books, 8,000 from Return of Fugitive into Death Penalty, for a total of 13,000 and under Sales Disclosure, Data Management, we're transferring $10,000 into Training and Education in the amount of 10,000. I'll move approval of both transfers.

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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

PROSECUTOR		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1080-325000	**Law Books**	**5,000**	**5,000**
1000-1080-390000	**Return of Fugitive**	**8,000**	**8,000**
To: 1000-1080-394800	**Death Penalty**	**13,000**	**13,000**

SALES DISCLOSURE		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1131-0000-337000	**Data Management**	**10,000**	**10,000**
To: 1131-0000-331000	**Education & Training**	**10,000**	**10,000**

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: We have no repeals, no old business. New business, Superior Court, request to fill a vacancy for a Bailiff. Krista is here to answer any questions if anybody has any. Judge Pigman, did he answer some questions, I think, last week on that? On the need for the Bailiff? Anybody have any questions? If not, motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: It's been moved and –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: 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: The motion carries. Thank you. Good job. Brevity always works. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID REQUEST TO HIRE PART-TIME LEGAL ASSISTANT

President Shetler: Legal Aid, request to hire part-time legal assistant with non-city/county funds. Do we have any questions? Any comments?

Councilmember Raben: I guess, how much of this is funded by United Way and –

Kevin Gibson: None of it is United Way. The Indiana Supreme Court has a fund that they give money to Legal Aids and volunteer lawyer programs throughout the state. They get that money, they got the legislature to pass a bill raising all of the court costs by one dollar throughout the state. And that's how the Supreme Court gets their money. And so then they're dishing this out to the different volunteer lawyer programs and Legal Aids. So none of it's United Way and none of it is city/county.

Councilmember Raben: And the only way we can get that money is bring on more people? Or can we use it to offset the budget?

Kevin Gibson: Well, I'm not really sure what restrictions there are on it, but our board decided that our biggest need right now was additional secretarial help, so that's the reason why we're requesting for the – this used to be a full time position. The last few years we've had a part-time position instead, so now we'll have two part-time, to try to fill that gap. But none of this fund comes from the general fund.

President Shetler: Any other questions?

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

Councilmember Terry: 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)

Kevin Gibson: Thank you.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL PART-TIME PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE VACANCY

President Shetler: Health Department request to fill part-time public health nurse vacancy with MCH grant. Do I have any questions? Gary and Dr. Ray Nicholson are both here.

Councilmember Raben: Doc, is this a vacancy now or is this a new person? I mean, we're filling a vacancy with this.

Ray Nicholson: It's a vacancy. The whole department is down to about four nurses

and they only have one left, so the department is really hurting.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Thank you. 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 motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CENTRAL DISPATCH REQUEST TO TRANSFER FUNDS

President Shetler: Central Dispatch, request to transfer from parts for technician to four computers. Anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: I do. Should this not be part of our regular transfer items or – I'm trying to remember, who's got the most say in Central Dispatch? The city or the county? Right, so this really needs to be approved by the city.

Leslie Buckman: That's actually the money that, we came in 2011 and we just didn't use all the parts for the technician. He was very frugal.

Councilmember Raben: This needs to be then in the form of a transfer out of the 911 budget.

Joe Gries: These aren't budgeted funds. The 911 money.

Councilmember Raben: 911 has it's own account.

Councilmember Goebel: While we're waiting, do you go through the central office here to make the purchase or do you go out and find the best deal or how does this work?

Leslie Buckman: For the computers, we go through the city.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Leslie Buckman: And he has done that.

President Shetler: Any other questions? Anybody else have anything? I'm not going to attempt to –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: No, I was just going to clarify, we've got a second page on here that shows that this was done in 2011 the same way, is that what that second page I think is for? This shows that in 2011, May 10th, 2011, there was a

request and it was approved, and so now you're just needing to move your funds –

Leslie Buckman: From parts to buy computers. We used all the computer money. We did not use all the parts money.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay. And was this just like, is this an account that's replenished yearly or was this, I'm new, so I'm not familiar with all these funds.

Leslie Buckman: It's the 911 funds. I don't know how to better explain that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: But that's not part of the regular county budget then?

Councilmember Goebel: It comes from land based lines mainly. Everyone is charged as a surcharge.

President Shetler: So the fee is assessed on your monthly bill and we get money in from that routinely and then that goes into that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So then it's just not contained in our regular budget, basically.

Joe Gries: Yes, by law, it doesn't have to be budgeted. The Council could decide to budget those funds, but by statute, it doesn't have to be.

Leslie Buckman: In 2011 you okayed the spending of that money, now we're just asking to spend it in a little different way. Go from parts to computers.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, and I'm not arguing the need for the improvements. I guess I'm just a little fuzzy as to why this isn't part of a budget where it's a more formal process like an appropriation request and what have you. I mean, if it's the way it is, and I'll move approval today, but –

President Shetler: Seems like we could make that change at budget time to put that as part of the regular budgeting process in a separate account, which is not done currently, I guess.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Any approval we make today has to also be approved by City Council, is that correct?

Leslie Buckman: I –

Joe Gries: These are county funds.

Councilmember Goebel: This is the county portion.

Joe Gries: Right, and then in the past they have gone to the City Council to ask for approval as well.

Councilmember Goebel: Is this the total amount or will there be more going before the city? I guess I'm a little confused now as well.

Leslie Buckman: We're not asking for any more money. We're just asking to spend

it differently than what we told you in 2011. We did buy computers in 2011, and those are – those have been purchased. And we need four more. And instead of coming back and asking for more money, we just thought, since we have parts for technician left over from 2011 when we asked, that we would just get permission to use that money for computers.

Councilmember Goebel: So you also have a $15,000 request for more parts for technician.

Councilmember Terry: No, that was – so what is the new balance?

Councilmember Goebel: Oh, this is 2011.

Councilmember Terry: Yeah, and the new budget.

Leslie Buckman: I probably shouldn't have sent that because that can be confusing. I wanted you to see –

Councilmember Goebel: I'm easily confused. Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Terry: But what is the new balance, I guess, for 2013 and have you, I guess, done a new budget for what your plans are for the funds that are available?

Leslie Buckman: Well, the director and office manager both went through the budget process. I honestly can't tell you to date, what's in that account. I can tell you I'm not asking for any more money.

Councilmember Raben: It should be somewhere close to the $300,000 mark because this is – I don't even recall you coming back then, but I know you haven't been back in the last two years for any type of enhancements. So if you could get that and send it to our Council office.

Leslie Buckman: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Leslie Buckman: We'll call and get that today.

Councilmember Raben: Call for the vote.

Councilmember Swaim: You did indicate that you were going to go through Advance to get whatever additional parts you need, through Mark Rolley's staff to help you buy whatever else –

Leslie Buckman: The computers, yes.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, thank you.

Leslie Buckman: He's already got estimates for that.

Councilmember Swaim: Thanks.

Councilmember Terry: Are there any restrictions on the use of the funds?

Leslie Buckman: Those funds from 2011, no. There are restrictions with 911 money,

but that money has already gone through the restrictions, and it's been approved.

President Shetler: Okay, and could you please state your name for the record?

Leslie Buckman: Sorry. Leslie Buckman, deputy director.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Do we have a motion? I don't think we had one yet.

Leslie Buckman: I feel like I confused you all.

President Shetler: Oh, we have a motion but no second.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Alright, do I have any more 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.

Leslie Buckman: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, Mr. President, we'll check to make sure that this is indeed, that we don't need to make a line item or are we comfortable that we've followed the proper procedure on this?

Councilmember Raben: Well, Joe stated that it can be part of a – it can be another budget for in the future.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So we may want to revisit and kind of redo how we do it so we all understand a little better when they have to come back. Thank you.

TRAVEL REQUEST

President Shetler: Okay, next is travel request for the Surveyor's office, and Jeff is here, so if anybody has any questions.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion for approval and a second. I just wanted him to show that IU shirt up on television here, but that's alright. Anyway, thank you. 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: So ordered. Thanks.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUNDING BY THE EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING LEASE RENTAL REVENUE BONDS

President Shetler: Next is a resolution approving the refunding of the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Building Authority of certain outstanding lease rental refunding bonds. Is this the one?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, I've furnished you with the new resolution for this matter to go forward as we discussed before. I'm happy to answer any questions but as we said before, essentially, it's just refunding the bonds on The Centre. They'll have the same term, but we will save a million dollars due to the reduced interest rates, which, by the way, I just read the other day that they said that any – they talked about how the interest rates on municipal bonds are going back up and anybody that wasn't already in the process and locked in, they're starting to go back the other way. So it looks like our timing was good.

Councilmember Goebel: I'll move quick approval.

President Shetler: We have a motion for approval and a second –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: – that is by Angela. 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)

RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2014 AND CASTING THE VOTES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON SAID ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next is the resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council proposing an ordinance of the County Income Tax Council for homestead credit and

stuff. Then what we need to do first is to take a vote that this will be the first and final reading of the resolution. And if we pass that unanimously, then we will vote on the resolution and then on the ordinance.

Jeff Ahlers: So it will be the first and final reading of both the resolution and the ordinance.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second to make this the first and final reading on both the resolution and the ordinance. So let's take a roll call on that.

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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: So the next that we will vote on –

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of the ordinance for –

President Shetler: Resolution.

Councilmember Raben: Or the resolution.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a first and a second. Again, 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: Yes. There being seven ayes, no nays, the motion carries unanimously.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Next, we need a motion for the ordinance.

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, no nays, the motion again carries unanimously for the ordinance.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT

President Shetler: That moves us down to the Evansville Public Library appointment, and I put in a nomination or suggestion, is Barbara Williams. Again, Barbara, she's a former judge/magistrate in the Superior Court system, is an attorney here locally. I believe she practices basically on her own. Jeff, you may know. But she has an undergraduate degree in library science, and has been very involved in both the law library in the past and also public library systems. So if there would be no objection, we can place it in Barbara Williams' name. So I need a motion, I guess, for approval on that.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Then next is salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, there is only four today. Superior Court, line item 1370-1330 Bailiff, to allow filling a vacancy. This is a COMOT V position, the initiation salary is 23,892. After six months the Step 1 annual salary will go to 25,029. This position will become available August 19 of this year. Legal Aid, salary

line 4934-1990 at a rate of $11 per hour for 20 to 25 hours per week. This is to be paid out of the Indiana Civil Legal Aid Fund. Health Department, line 213.2-1180 Part Time Public Health Nurse to allow filling a vacancy in the MCH grant at a rate of $18.0169 per hour, for a maximum of 29 hours per week. And last, under Assessor, 1090-1760 Real Estate Deputy to be paid at the initiation rate of $23,892. After six months the annual salary will go to $25,029. This employee was previously – the previous employee in this line was a Step 6, at an annual salary of 38,799, so a little bit of a savings. I move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RECAP OF JUNE 26 MEETING WITH OFFICEHOLDERS

President Shetler: I'll ask for public comment here in just one second. I do want to just kind of give you quick updates on two different issues. One, last Wednesday prior to the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting, we did meet with some of the department heads and officeholders to explain to them the financial position that the county is in currently and requested that they, again, look deep and to find ways of thinking outside the box, maybe ways to consolidate within our county government within between departments and stuff that might be helpful. Over the past 40 years the city and county have done an excellent job of merging many departments, saving both the city and the county and the taxpayers as a whole, millions upon millions of dollars. There are certainly ways that with better cooperation within our own ranks, within county government, that if we would use some cooperation and be able to consolidate some of those offices just a little bit, I think that we could save, if not hundreds of thousands, maybe close to a million dollars there as well. We talked about the health insurance possibilities, Marsha Abell, County Commissioner, has been working and studying that issue very diligently and will be coming up with some proposals, I think, somewhat down the road here, that may save us quite a bit of money as well. So we discussed some of those ideas. We kind of explained that if we're not able to trim down the payroll in the next six months here, that we may have to become more involved and actually have to lay some people off. We are really looking at perhaps a two million dollar deficit. We do have some emergency funds. We do have some Rainy Day funds that are sitting back that we can utilize, but if we experience the Circuit Breaker next year affecting us like it did this year, we won't have many more years of those funds available to us. So we're going to have to become I think a bit more proactive on trying to trim the budget back, which doesn't come as good news, I know, to anybody. Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Without going into great detail, a health clinic for the county would save us approximately how much money?

President Shetler: The average – of private that I have spoken with is saving about a thousand dollars per year in both reduced premiums and other costs that they're having. So basically a half a million dollars could be at the minimum and it could save as much as $850,000. What I would like to see us do, and I think there's some interest out there in doing this, you've got the Airport employees and stuff that are sitting out here, and certainly that's government. You have Library people who are sitting over here, and that's also government. Is a way to find, I'll call it a consortium, but a way that we can kind of work together on the various different governmental entities that are outside of the county budget purview as it is right now, and look at setting up a way that we might be able to have multiple locations because the key for the success of this is to be able to get a buy-in by your employees. Once they recognize that they have zero cost, zero co-pay when they go to that clinic and zero for many of the, I think 26 - 29 different drugs that could be available for them that are the most, they're generic and most commonly applied drugs, things like Amoxicillin, things of that nature, once they realize those kind of benefits to their families, it becomes attractive. Now I'm thinking that expanding this thing between more governmental units would then make it affordable for us to have clinics that, say, one here, one on the north side, one on the east side, one on the west side, the convenience factor will make it very attractive on top of the financial incentives you have there. So I think if we can expand that thought process into that a little bit further, we could make it real attractive and perhaps save even deeper into the – because you save according to how many people actually buy into the program.

Councilmember Goebel: And the entities that already have the clinics, this service is relatively quick and the employee reaction has been positive?

President Shetler: As in any kind of change, I think the initial is probably a bit apprehensive, but once the program begins and they're involved in it, and they have to use the facility a time or two, they recognize that, had they gone to a MEC center or gone someplace else, they would have put out 100 - 125 bucks, and they walked away with zero dollars out of their pocket. That becomes real attractive and the word gets around real quickly, and most of these places, all of them that I've spoken to, have said that they've had tremendous success with the employees. And there's a time to get into it. I mean, it's not going to be immediate, but it does take a little bit of time – it's a learning curve like anything else would be.

Councilmember Swaim: So the health clinic, would the Commissioners also still purchase a commercial policy for things that would be needed by employees if they traveled, that sort of thing, or would it be totally – or would they totally self-fund the health insurance beyond what was available at the clinic?

President Shetler: Some of these groups have done that, some have just basically raised the deductible up to, say, the $2,500 range, which really then, because you're able to use the clinic free of charge and those basic drugs available to you, that 2,500 does not affect the average family. Now, there are circumstances that you may have there, and so you may choose a different plan because we offer multiple plans. Again, what is important here is to make it – to incentivize it enough that allows the employee to choose this as the option of their preference, and when that happens, that's when you save money. So the idea is to make it as attractive as you possibly can, as you incentivize it.

Councilmember Raben: Basically, it reduces the policies that we're working with now. You know, with time, it will reduce the rate. We can continue on with the same three different policies that's available or two, whatever it is, but the hope would be within a couple of years, our rates will actually go down.

President Shetler: That's correct. And you will save initially because you've raised the deductible to 2,500, let's say, or 2,000, whatever that number might be, and then you will save over the long run because the experience ratio will continue to decline. So as that declines, then you will end up with lower rates as the time goes on.

Councilmember Terry: Would there be a minimum amount of employees that we're looking to utilize that service before we proceed in –

President Shetler: ARC is carrying this right now with less than a hundred employees. So, and they're showing about a hundred thousand dollar savings. That might be about the smallest that I'm aware of. Most companies probably at three to five hundred employees that are involved in it. It usually takes about a minimum of six to nine months to return your investment of the build out cost for the clinic itself. The other advantage to developing a larger base would be that some of these places are actually, the clinics are open maybe two days a week. So that's another good reason, the larger base that we have, the more that we can get to a full-time operation at one or more locations which, again, then is going to make it a lot more user friendly.

Councilmember Terry: And one secondary question, are we looking at just medical services? Will there be dental, vision, --

President Shetler: That's my second part I'll talk more on later.

Councilmember Terry: Alright.

President Shetler: But, thank you. Yes?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question. And I think Councilman Raben may have answered it. The employees would still have access to their current policies for things that wouldn't be covered by their clinic, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: It would still be your option, is my understanding. You can continue to go to your family doctor, continue to pay your co-pay, continue to pay your co-pay on Amoxicillin or you can go to MEC and pay a higher co-pay, or you can go to this and you don't pay a co-pay and you can get free generic drugs.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Right, I guess I'm just thinking of drugs that may not be available there. You know, I know a lot of kids with –

Councilmember Raben: They may have to write your prescription and you may have to go to your pharmacy and pay your co-pay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: You know, because a lot of kids are on different, you know, Ritalin, or the ADHD or some of those kind of anxiety medications and things that may not be there.

Councilmember Raben: Probably would not be covered.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

President Shetler: What I've been told is that, it's something I don't remember the number, I apologize, but it's something like twenty something of the most commonly distributed drugs, prescription drugs that are out there.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So if you are prescribed a drug that's not one of those, --

President Shetler: Then you would get a prescription to go on to the pharmacist and get, you know, where you'd –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And you'd have to pay full price?

President Shetler: No, it would depend on what program you're on and stuff and you would still have your co-pay deal with that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I mean, because we want to look at cost savings but then I'm also thinking of just the employees and what they have to go through as well, too. So it's a tough call.

President Shetler: And this is very fluid right now, because we have nothing down. These are some concepts that we're still laying out and, again, as I said, Councilman Abell has been very involved in this as I have been on another track with it as well. So there's a lot of ideas floating around there on how best to set this up but the experience that I'm hearing from everyone has just been very, very positive results.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Alright, that's good to know. Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Shetler, you mentioned ARC, and I think they're a smaller group, but they overwhelmingly opposed this switch. I think the employees did in the beginning and now its overwhelmingly they approve it, once they got into it. So I think it's been a win-win.

President Shetler: Yes, that's correct.

Councilmember Raben: Even the city right here has it already in place and its my understanding that they're pretty solidly behind it as well.

Councilmember Terry: I think it's all in how you sell it. I think that's important.

President Shetler: You're right, absolutely. It's all in the selling.

DENTAL CLINIC

President Shetler: Now the second thing I was going to bring up is that I met Monday afternoon with a couple of people at Echo Health and they kind of gave me a better explanation of what their model for a dental clinic might be. The dental clinic as we've known it the past four or five years, I don't think is going to happen. At least not in the near future. The funding sources simply are not there. We had a three-legged stool. Two of the legs broke off pretty quickly and we were sitting there alone and there was no way we could affordably do that on our own. Echo looked at that very seriously to see if that would be something that would work financially for them. They really struck out on trying to get enough funding secured and they didn't really feel as if they were able to take care of the number of patients that are in need out there, and the need is great. The estimation, I believe, is well into the thousands and maybe four to five thousand people or better in the community that are in need of dental care that are unable to afford any sense of it at all. So the model that they have basically come up with – well, underneath the old model it was about $300,000 a year, was what it was costing to have a dental clinic with the dentist, the hygienist, the assistant, a bookkeeper, secretary, the rental of the place,

the drugs that they need on board, all the equipment, etcetera, it was close to a $300,000 budget on that. The model that they have come up with would cost about $150,000, and essentially what they're doing is going door to door to, I think it's 96 dentists we have, maybe 97, there's a new one in town. But anyway, the 90 something dentists that we have in town now, they are going door to door talking with them and speaking with them and see if they would accept what Medicaid allows for patient care, and if they're willing to accept that, then they're making them part of a network, if you will, and they're also asking how many of these patients would you accept in a given month. And then what the process, so that's part of it, is they get the dentist to buy into it, so now you've got multiple locations, you've got, you don't have one set place that folks might need to go to, but they can go basically to the dentist of their choice providing he still has capacity that he's agreed to, left. And then the second part of this is to develop a pot of money that would be available. They would screen all the people as they're doing currently, find out what their financial status is, and determine what kind of cost might be available to them. Now it may be zero, ten, twenty, forty dollars. They would pay Echo up front, Echo then would basically authorize X number of dollars to go to – they would tell them the dentist that they want to go to, and then they would look down the chart to see if that dentist has openings that month to take on someone and then they would set up the appointment for them, collect the co-pay from them at that point in time, that secures, that pretty well reassures that the person will show up for the appointment, and then that money would basically, the difference between their co-pay and what the dentist gets from Medicaid, that gap, let's say it's $78 is what the Medicaid program or Medicare, whatever, but whatever that rate would be. And say that the person has a $20 co-pay, then they would add $58 out of this pot that they developed, that $78 would go to the dentist for taking care of the patient then. Then basically, that pot is derived from coming and knocking on our doors, United Way's door, the hospitals, the dental association, Welborn Baptist Foundation are some of the people that they're looking to try and partner into this. I think that they'll be able to serve a whole lot more patients, number one, number two, at a whole lot less price, and number three, it will be a whole lot more convenient. One of the other problems that we had, I believe, at the county facility is that oftentimes, people would set up an appointment and then they didn't show. So we had a lot of time there that really was not fully utilized. With them paying that co-pay up front, they've already invested ten bucks, or twenty bucks or thirty dollars, they're more apt to show up to get that return back on it. So my feeling, and I told them what I'd propose: first of all, they will come here, make a presentation during our budget session on what they're looking for. My gut feeling is that – and keep in mind that we've spent anywhere from a hundred to a hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year, just different years, that basically we were putting up, but I felt like, given our financial condition where we are today, you know, we may be able to do something in the $50,000 a year range. I told them that there's six other people here that need to make that decision and be involved in that, and just throwing that number at you, and if you guys have a different amount, something else, we won't ultimately vote on that until it comes at budget time and give approval to them of how we want to take that out.

Councilmember Raben: Maybe we should have them come in July at our Personnel & Finance meeting in July.

President Shetler: We could do that.

Councilmember Raben: The budget session is already – you know, we're already limited on time.

President Shetler: And we can do that. Yes, Angela?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Is that, whatever amount we would determine, is that something that could come out of the Riverboat fund?

President Shetler: It could. It could come out of wherever we would decide. But yeah, essentially, we would take that out of the Riverboat fund, and it could come out of the Health department and the savings that they have from the rent, too. But just saying here.

Gary Heck: I know you're joking. I do have some comments for you publicly when you get to that.

President Shetler: Okay. So there are possibilities here and Riverboat is what I would recommend, yes. The one question I had of the group was what happens when that runs dry, and it runs dry in September, they go through their $150,000 or 220, whatever pot they've established and, basically, they just keep monitoring it and when that happens, they just simply say, I'm sorry, we're out of money, out of funds for the year, and it goes on to the next year, or whatever. So that was the one negative that I did see about it, but I don't know how else to address it.

Councilmember Goebel: That would be better than shutting down the clinic, though, like we've done.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: One other thought on that, I mean, keep in mind, EVSC does have the mobile dental clinic that's available for EVSC students so that might be something where they could monitor, if it's an EVSC student, that child could take advantage of the services that are provided. They come around to each school so that it doesn't come out of this pot of money, so there are lots of things like that that we can factor in.

President Shetler: Right, and they are aware of that system and they have spoken with them about their program and stuff as well.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: It's a great program.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody else? Gary, did you say you wanted to make a comment?

Gary Heck: The kids aren't the problem for the dental because the reimbursement from Medicaid is adequate that other dentists will take them. Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. When you're looking at the health clinic, I'd like you to consider the Health Department. Our landlord has vacant space on the third floor, it's already structured as medical office, about 5,000 square foot. The parking would be much more attractive than coming to the Civic Center, you don't have to go through metal detectors at our building. So your build out would be much less, and the landlord would be more than willing to look to our new $12 a square foot rent rate which we have in place now and we will have for the next several years. As far as the dental clinic, the National Association of Counties that provided the prescription discount drug cards is starting a new dental program. There's a webinar on July the 31st, it's going to be structured similarly to that where they've negotiated with pharmacies to take these discount cards and they're negotiating, it's my understanding, with dentists to do the exact same thing. And it's already part of the benefit package if you're a member of the National Association of Counties that you could opt into. So on July 31st there will be a webinar to explain it, and you should certainly, you should look at that as an option that Vanderburgh County would like to opt into as well. So I just wanted to be sure you were aware of that. As far

as the Circuit Breaker, we got a projected financial statement from the Auditor's office that showed that the Circuit Breaker affected the Health Department, and we've submitted a repeal request to try to address that this year to make sure that we aren't negatively affected with a deficit projected from the Circuit Breaker, so at your next meeting I think you'll have a repeal request from the Health Department to make sure we've addressed our budget, so that you're not negatively impacted by the Circuit Breaker. We'll see how that happens in future years, too. Any questions?

President Shetler: Thank you. Helpful, useful information. Anybody else have anything to bring before County Council?

Councilmember Raben: Move to adjourn.

President Shetler: If not, alright, we have a motion for adjournment, have a safe 4th of July, and we'll see you later this month.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Ed Bassemier

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th 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 7th and time for our regularly scheduled County Council meeting. I'd like at this time to ask the Clerk to 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	

President Shetler: There being seven members present, no one absent, we have a quorum and I'd like to ask Councilman Koehler Lindsey if she'll lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance now that she's out of breath.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Shetler: Thank you. A little bit winded, but that was good, Angela. Thank you.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Shetler: Next, I need a motion for approval of the minutes of the July 3rd and June 26 meetings.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Terry: 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: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Shetler: Next is the appropriation ordinance. Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. First on the agenda today, under County Council, we have a request in the amount of $889,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

(Five Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

Councilmember Bassemier: Abstain.

President Shetler: We have – roll call vote please, then.

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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. I guess I will mention, too, Councilman Bassemier is abstaining because this directly affects his personal pay. So we had five ayes, one nay and one abstention, the motion carries.

COUNTY COUNCIL		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1480-1110-1480 1000-1480-148111	Councilman	755	755
1480-190000	FICA	58	58
1480-191000	PERF	76	76
Total		889	889

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Goebel opposed/Councilmember Bassemier abstained from vote)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: We'll move on. Burdette Park. We have a request for Other Employees and FICA, for a total of $43,060, I will move approval.

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: Is there anyone opposed to it or wishes to abstain?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: If not, the motion carries.

BURDETTE PARK		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1450-1180-1450 1000-1450-145118	Other Employees	40,000	40,000
1450-190000	FICA	3,060	3,060
Total		43,060	43,060

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's it for the General Fund requests. Next, under Convention & Visitors Bureau, we have a request to increase the Director's line item to meet the new contract that has been signed, so the request is for $40,078, I will move approval.

President Shetler: I think it's 4,078.

Councilmember Raben: 4,078, yes.

President Shetler: Bob was smiling big.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, we have a motion and a second for $4,078. Any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Is this the beginning of the year request or –

Councilmember Raben: This is for the balance of this year.

Ward Shaw: I'm Ward Shaw, a member of the Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Bob's employment contract was originally a two-year contract that ended in May, I believe, May 27th, and this was his new employment contract to – there would be a new three-year agreement, so technically, I guess, he is not under contract until this is officially signed.

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

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed or wishes to abstain?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

CVB		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1127-0000-112711	Executive Director	3,466	3,466
1127-0000-190000	FICA	265	265
1127-0000-191000	PERF	347	347
Total		4,078	4,078

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD

Councilmember Raben: Next under Ineligible Homestead, we have a request for Travel and Mileage and Contractual Services for a total of 3,000, I'll move approval.

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.

INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1216-0000-313000	Travel/Mileage	1,000	1,000
1216-0000-353000	Contractual Services	2,000	2,000
Total		3,000	3,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COIT/SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, this is under COIT/Superintendent of County Buildings, this is utilities for the old courthouse in the amount of $70,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. There may have been a question or two. Does anybody still have some questions about this request? At the last meeting we didn't have the Commissioners here, we do have Marsha here today.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, let's, do you mind coming up? I'm glad you reminded me of that and I know there's probably others.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell, County Commissioner.

Councilmember Raben: Marsha, is it possible to get a report? I know last year, I think it was last year or do we have it now?

Marsha Abell: A report on the operating expenses? You should have it. I don't know if you –

Councilmember Raben: Give me just a moment.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Swaim: Ms. Abell, while he's doing his research, has the courthouse and the coliseum both been under, done an energy audit and change lights and all that?

Marsha Abell: The old courthouse did one previously. We haven't done one recently. I know there's a new company out that's been going around from office to office and asking about having it done. I do not know about the coliseum.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, thanks.

President Shetler: Marsha, I might, just real quickly, if I recall correctly, last year about this time someone had informed us that the usable unoccupied space was about eight to ten percent and you're showing about 28% currently. Have we lost a couple of tenants?

Marsha Abell: No, I think that – actually, I think it was kind of – well, we did lost one but it was a church in there that moved out. But what we're doing and you may have noticed, we put $100,000 in renovation of the main floor this year. We're trying to increase our rent by square foot, which may cause the occupancy rate to go up a little bit in the beginning, but we think in the long run, we're going to be able to start renovating and leasing out the entire building. We have requests and then when they see some of the space, they don't want to rent it because the halls really did not look good and the bathrooms didn't, and I would encourage any of you that have some extra time to go by and see what a good job they did renovating it. But I think we're in a transition mode right now on that and I think you'll see that.

President Shetler: I know we've been trying for four or five years to get DADS relocated over there and the last we heard on that several months back was that

they were unable to find adequate space that was congruent there, and I'm not sure if there's a way that that can be worked out. I don't know who they spoke with or who they worked with over there. But perhaps someone could be moved from one floor to another or change this around and give them the space that they need, that would be all together. I'd like to probably send those folks back to you or someone tell me who to send them to and I guess Marissa over here or –

Marsha Abell: Marissa actually does manage it and I think she would be happy to work with them. We're also looking at moving one of the county offices, and I don't want to say right now because they don't know, over to the old courthouse to get them closer to the Engineer's office and so – you know, the County Engineer is over there. So we may be freeing up some space in the Old Courthouse moving some things around anyway. So we could certainly look at that.

President Shetler: Angela and then –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So with the increase in rent that you mentioned, is that going to give us a better coverage on the electric and the water and sewer or have you got a good handle on how that's going to work?

Marsha Abell: We have that in the hands of an actual rental agent and, of course, we pay him a fee to do it, but we have consistently the lowest rent in downtown Evansville. And so it was his suggestion to us, if we could upgrade the facility we could charge more by square foot, which would in turn take care of the operating expenses because we do own the old courthouse.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Right, because is this pretty much an annual request that we don't have enough to cover, we think we do, and then the cost of running that place is a lot more?

Marsha Abell: It costs a fortune to air condition that place because of those high ceilings and the way it's laid out. And another problem, of course, is that we have people sparingly on all different floors, so we can't even shut off a floor because in the interest of renting it in the beginning, they rented whatever anybody wanted. Now, we're kind of getting a little more systematic about that and trying to keep bigger blocks open for a larger tenant and keep the smaller blocks together for the smaller tenants that won't want to grow any more than what they are.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So you feel good with, you said you have a person managing this and that this is getting some good feedback in getting us to a better place?

Marsha Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Great. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Marsha, I had discussed last week about, at some point in time, you know, maybe we have to revisit why we're leasing out this space and looking at it, I wish we had the actual total expense for operating it, but we're collecting almost $104,000 in rent, our utilities this year, after this appropriation request, will be $190,000 alone, plus maintenance, housekeeping, you know, everything else that goes with it, you know, so the hard fact of the matter is, we're losing our butts trying to keep the doors open and, you know, what we might need to do is focus more on – I mentioned it last week, just securing the envelope. Keeping the place dry, keep minimum utilities or HVAC running. You know, do

whatever we can to preserve the building, of course, but maybe trying to be renters isn't in the best interest of the county because I know we can secure the facility and maintain it for much less money than what it costs us to try to keep tenants in there.

Marsha Abell: And I'd be happy to put a pencil to that and give you some information on it. I think one of the problems we're going to see is that we have people in there like the County Engineer. You know, an added expense is going to be, you're going to have to find a place to put him. So, you know, that's, when you start talking about how much it costs to secure the building, then you're going to have to add to it any county offices that are over there, they're going to have to have space somewhere. It could be that just securing it might save money. I don't know, I'd have to really sit down and look at it, but I do know we utilize it for some of our county offices, so we'll have to go somewhere.

Councilmember Raben: We're almost chasing bad money with good. We really are. So this is I guess a talking point for in the future, but somehow we need to try and get a little closer balance than what we've got.

Marsha Abell: I think the county needs to make a decision about what they want to do with that building. You know, I mean, we're the ones who abandoned it and left it there, so we need to decide what, you know, whether we're going to make a great place for something like a museum. It's not well set up for offices other than county offices.

Councilmember Raben: It might be possible to find one single large tenant that's willing to pay the square footage price that it probably needs to collect to offset some of these expenses. But, again, I won't belabor the point, but that is something we need to be considering.

Marsha Abell: Actually, Commissioner Kiefer heads up the old courthouse and I'll make sure that he has all this information, and have him work on that. Did you have a question, Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No, I just think it's part of our heritage and a beautiful building and if we can maintain it and keep it, we need to do just that.

Marsha Abell: I agree that we need to keep it.

President Shetler: You know, James has a good point, though, one consideration would be to rent it to somebody, you know, perhaps for a dollar a year, they're taking care of all the maintenance, all the utilities, etcetera, we've just basically saved ourselves $150,000 a year, perhaps. So there may be a different way to skin this cat and look at it a different way with different eyes, and that may be a different opportunity.

Marsha Abell: I'll make sure Commissioner Kiefer knows that and he can work on that.

President Shetler: Thank you, Marsha. I think we had a motion and a second on the floor. Any other questions, comments? 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.

COIT/SUPT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4998-1310-320000	Utilities	70,000	70,000
Total		70,000	70,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPEAL REQUEST

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Repeals, Health Department. We have repeals in the amount of $77,023, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? I hope no one objects. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2130-1160-2130 1159-0000-115916	Director Nursing Division	23,373	23,373
2130-1520-2130 1159-0000-115952	Nurse/HCP/PT	18,832	18,832
2130-1540-2130 1159-0000-115954	Nurse/HCP/PT	4,000	4,000
1159-0000-190000	FICA	3,535	3,535
1159-0000-1910	PERF	2,337	2,337
1159-0000-192000	Insurance	24,946	24,946
Total		77,023	77,023

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CLERK
JAIL
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
HIGHWAY (LATE)
COMMISSIONERS
SUPERIOR COURT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Shetler: Next would be transfers.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Clerk. We've got several transfers from, I guess that's Supervisor, SR Clerk/MT, Booking Clerk to account, the account we're transferring into reads Administrative Librarian, it should be Juvenile Clerk, and then into Appeals & Venue Clerk, and Assistant Chief Deputy/Bookkeeper. I will move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: Do you want to take all these departments or just the one, or...?

Councilmember Raben: We can. As everyone – is everyone comfortable with the remainder of the transfer requests including the late transfer for the Highway? I will call attention to the late transfer for the Highway, that is to cover the current Superintendent's buyout.

President Shetler: Okay, so the motion includes all transfers –

Councilmember Raben: As listed, making note of the correction under Administrative Librarian to read Juvenile Clerk.

President Shetler: Okay, who seconded that, Pete or Angela?

Councilmember Bassemier: I seconded.

President Shetler: Ed? Somebody did. Ed, okay. Any questions about that motion? 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.

CLERK		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1010-1430-1010 1000-1010-101143	M/T License Susp Order Book Clerk	20,196	20,196
1010-1500-1010 1000-1010-101150	SR Clerk - MT	1,645	1,645
1010-1440-1010 1000-1010-101144	Bookkeeping Clerk	2,767	2,767
To: 1010-1410-1010 1000-1010-101141	Juvenile Clerk	12,634	12,634
1010-1260-1010 1000-1010-101126	Appeals & Venue Clerk	10,058	10,058
1010-1220-1010 1000-1010-101122	Asst Chief Deputy/Bookkeeper	1,916	1,916

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1000-1300-300000	Bond & Insurance	21,747	21,747
1000-1300-314000	Communications	35,000	35,000
To: 1000-1300-199000	Extra Help	3,480	3,480
1000-1300-190000	FICA	267	267
1000-1300-308000	Emergency Medical	53,000	53,000

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0300 1000-1320-132005	Confinement Officer	4,000	4,000
1051-1130-0306 1000-1320-132011	Confinement Officer	2,600	2,600
1051-1130-0312 1000-1320-132017	Confinement Officer	3,300	3,300
1051-1130-0316 1000-1320-132021	Confinement Officer	21,780	21,780
1051-1130-0318 1000-1320-132023	Confinement Officer	4,600	4,600
1051-1130-0326 1000-1320-132031	Confinement Officer	4,600	4,600
1051-1130-0330 1000-1320-132035	Confinement Officer	3,300	3,300
1051-1130-0336 1000-1320-132041	Confinement Officer	12,280	12,280
1051-1130-0337 1000-1320-132042	Confinement Officer	3,300	3,300
1051-1130-0343 1000-1320-132047	Confinement Officer	3,800	3,800
1051-1130-0354 1000-1320-132058	Confinement Officer	18,270	18,270
1051-1130-0356 1000-1320-132060	Confinement Officer	15,000	15,000
1051-1130-0338 1000-1320-132100	Clerk	10,000	10,000
To: 1051-1130-0369 1000-1320-132102	Clerk	1,682	1,682
1051-1130-0401 1000-1320-132104	EMT	126	126
1051-1130-0404 1000-1320-132107	Nurse	173	173

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1051-1130-0405 1000-1320-132108	EMT	126	126
1051-1130-0407 1000-1320-132110	EMT	126	126
1051-1130-0408 1000-1320-132111	EMT	125	125
1051-1850 1000-1320-185000	Union Overtime	104,472	104,472

SUPERIOR COURT **REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 1370-1680-1370 1000-1370-137168	Court Reporter	5,328	5,328
To: 1370-1301-1370 1000-1370-137135	Court Reporter	5,328	5,328

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS **REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 1361-1210-1361 1000-1430-143005	Confinement Officer	21,400	21,400
1361-1150-1361 1000-1430-143053	Clerk	21,000	21,000
1361-1290-1361 1000-1430-143054	Clerk	17,000	17,000
To: 1000-1430-153000	Shift Differential	3,000	3,000
1000-1430-185000	Union Overtime	56,400	56,400

HEALTH DEPARTMENT **REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 2130-1210-2130 1159-0000-115921	Clinic Nurse - Fulton	11,571	11,571
To: 2130-1971 1159-0000-197100	Accrued Payments	11,571	11,571

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

HIGHWAY **REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 2010-1041 1176-0000-117641	Laborer	2,766	2,766
2010-1001 1176-0000-117601	Superintendent	1,330	1,330
To: 2010-1971 1176-0000-197100	Accrued Payments	4,096	4,096

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Superior Court, request to fill a vacancy for a Case Manager funded by the, some acronym here that's pretty long and lengthy, SAMHSA grant.

Regene Newman: Good morning. Judge Trockman is unavailable this morning. He's just requesting to fill a Case Manager position at an initiation rate. It's all grant funded, no general fund money.

President Shetler: Okay, any questions?

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Let's see, Pete and then Angela. Okay, yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Benefits are included in the grant?

Regene Newman: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any other 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Regene Newman: Thank you.

President Shetler: Next, Commissioners, request to fill Extra Help position. Marsha stepped into the other room.

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: County Clerk, request to fill vacancies for Calendar Clerk and Circuit/Superior Counter Clerk.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning. I just wanted to let you know, I currently have four positions open in the office and my plans are to fill two of those positions and then line item 1430 is going to be eliminated from next year's budget, so I'm trying to be very mindful of what I need.

President Shetler: What did you start off with? 53? 53 employees?

Debbie Stucki: I'm not sure. 52 sounds –

President Shetler: Okay, you, earlier this year sometime in the spring, the month escapes me, you came before us and I think you eliminated two at that time.

Debbie Stucki: I did not eliminate two, I think I asked to fill two.

President Shetler: You filled two, but there were like three or four vacancies at the time.

Debbie Stucki: I think there were two. Its consistently been two since I've taken office. But currently, there's –

President Shetler: The bottom line of my question is, then, that you are still looking at basically a deficit in your employment ranks of two people by the time the year is out.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Shetler: Underneath this current plan.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: But you have not yet done so. Today is step one, right, as far as elimination?

Debbie Stucki: As far as my budget. Like I say, in line item 1430, I have eliminated from the 2014 budget in my plan.

Councilmember Goebel: Two positions or one?

Debbie Stucki: The one, for sure. The other one, I'm kind of waiting and feeling out.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you, Debbie.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Line item 1430 is not part of this request today, though.

Debbie Stucki: Correct. Because it's going to be eliminated next year, so I'm not asking to fill that position, correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, Debbie, just to be clear, you still have a net of – you're requesting to fill two positions, are there still two positions not being filled? One is going to be eliminated and one is not filled?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright. Thank you. A motion would be in order then.

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion to –

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)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST TO FILL EXTRA HELP POSITION

President Shetler: Commissioners, request to fill Extra Help position.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell, County Commissioner. This request is because one of our young ladies is going to increase the size of her family, so she's going to be taking maternity leave, and it's Marissa. And I intend to move Kristin into Marissa's spot and then I need to just put somebody in Kristin's spot while Marissa is gone.

President Shetler: So this is a temporary –

Marsha Abell: Yes, very temporary.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. 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.

Marsha Abell: Thanks.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Assessor's Office, Bill.

Bill Fluty: County Assessor, Bill Fluty. I'm requesting to fill a position in Personal Property. This is a division that we've already downsized through retirement and combined with sales disclosures, but we still need to fill one position here. I'll just remind you, I have decreased my staff by four in the last two and a half years and

have submitted a budget that I think is around 30,000 less in the general fund for 2014.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Any questions? Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: This is not, I'm fine with this, but as far as the general fund lowering, how about the Reassessment? Are we using all those funds right now?

Bill Fluty: In Reassessment, not all the funds. I think there is a balance in there, but it's similar to last year. I think it's pretty consistent to last year, if I remember right. I'd have to look at that.

Councilmember Goebel: And Bill, will you be able to find some funds out of that to help us offset the cost of IT?

Bill Fluty: Really there isn't money in there for IT. There was at one time, but two things have happened. Over the years, we reduced the rate for Reassessment, because there was a large surplus in there. Over time, then the years that I did pay to help supplement IT have reduced that to about what Reassessment brings in, about exactly what I need to spend to run the office. So I'm kind of on an even plane now. I did what I could in past years but it's not available there now. So its just where we sit.

Councilmember Goebel: It would be nice if you could go back and –

Bill Fluty: Well, we could raise the rate, but you don't want to do that and that's an increased tax rate and, obviously, with less funds there, we've cut. When we had extra money we did what we could and –

Councilmember Goebel: So, when you cut the reassessment fund, you're adding to the general fund.

Bill Fluty: No, I'm not adding to the general fund.

Councilmember Goebel: We have to pay for the IT that you had taken out of Reassessment.

Bill Fluty: But you're doing that for all offices. Many offices don't have a separate fund.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand how that works.

Bill Fluty: So I wouldn't agree with that statement totally, but I do understand it, yes. I just don't have the money.

Councilmember Goebel: But we did have it, but we no longer have it in Reassessment, so it's going to be squeezed out of general, somehow.

Bill Fluty: As it was in the past, correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: And I guess the other thing, basically, if we raise the tax rate for Reassessment, then that limits our ability to take what we can on our general fund.

Bill Fluty: Its really not helpful, in a sense. I think Joe can explain that a little better. Now, I've been away from it a little bit, but you're not really doing yourself any service by that, is my understanding.

Joe Gries: From one year to the next you have the ability to increase your maximum levy a certain percentage. And if you increase one fund over the other, then that limits what those other funds can be increased. So you can apply it all to one fund, you can spread it out over different funds that the county has. But if you increase one, it may take away from what you can do for others.

Bill Fluty: Those being within the same levy, if one increases, one has to decrease.

Joe Gries: It all is part of the same pie.

President Shetler: It's the same pie and so what happens is, if Reassessment gets a bigger piece of that pie, then it cuts down the amount of pie that's left over for the general fund.

Bill Fluty: But in reality, the Reassessment has gone down through the tax rate, and the general fund that's running the Assessor's office has reduced. So our cash balance has dropped. When we had the money available to pay for IT, we did what we could. We're at a point where that's not fiscally possible with what we're doing now. It would be, if you take money out of the Reassessment to pay for IT, we're going to have to ask for other money somewhere else from the general fund to run the office. So it's just a shuffle.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that. Could someone explain, if reassessment fund was lowered, the levy, the general fund levy did not increase correspondingly, did it? Did some other area get that?

President Shetler: No. We would have gone up, but you also have other people eating out of that pie. For example, Airport is now in that tax rate, it has been for the last couple of years, so what they are taking up to cover their deficit, eats into our general fund abilities to have money for our general fund.

Joe Gries: If you look at the entire tax rate as well, that also, you know, when you look at school and city and everything, all of that plays into your Circuit Breaker. So as rates continue to increase throughout, across the board, that increases your Circuit Breaker losses as well.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, my point is on the tax rate, we haven't changed, reassessment has gone down, someone has made up the difference. Some other group.

Bill Fluty: The general fund increased.

Councilmember Goebel: It did increase?

Joe Gries: It did. From one year to the next, we do increase the maximum levy. If the reassessment goes down, then that allows for the general fund to increase more.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, as long as its not going to another entity, because we're having trouble making –

Joe Gries: No, it's within the county's levy.

Bill Fluty: And the whole purpose was to lower that rate because the general fund needed money, and the reassessment fund had a large enough cash balance that it wasn't a risk. But over time those level out. So it allowed the general fund to go up to spend things on the needs of the general fund. But it decreased the reassessment.

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, but that amount of time to get it back down to where you're spending out reassessment has been about two years, that we come down to a break even point with reassessment, I think. And now we're still in a pretty big bind with IT. That's the only thing, I was trying to find a way to –

Bill Fluty: I think the Reassessment fund kicked in over, you know, close to half a million dollars for IT when it was available. Its currently not available. So you do what you can, when you can. Many offices don't kick in anything for IT or struggle to do that. So it was a source that was needed at that time to manage the budget. It was helpful at that time.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not disputing that. As long as we protect the funds that we have and they don't go to other entities.

Bill Fluty: And that didn't happen.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

President Shetler: Alright. Good point. Anything else? Motion would be in order then for approval. Oh, we already had a motion and a second, I'm sorry. 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)

AREA PLAN COMMISSION REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Area Plan Commission, request to fill vacancy.

Ron London: Good morning. Ron London, I'm the Executive Director of the Area Plan. All we are requesting is to fill a vacancy. Last month, we had a person leave for another position actually with the city. And we'd like to replace that position.

President Shetler: Okay, any questions? Motion would be in order.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion for approval.

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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Prosecutor's office.

Gary Schutte: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Gary Schutte on behalf of the Prosecutor's office. We're also asking to fill a vacancy. We had a secretary leave last month who handled Superior Court cases on the felony side. I believe the position has been offered to another county employee who I anticipate to accept. It will result in no increase in the budgeted line item.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions? Motion –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Any questions about the motion?

Councilmember Raben: Just a question. How many legal secretaries do you have now?

Gary Schutte: We have four on the criminal side, we have one that handles Superior Court, which is roughly – it's 40 percent of our 3-odd thousand felonies, so between a thousand and fifteen hundred, and then two that do the balance in Circuit Court, one that does office programs and juvenile court.

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: The motion carries.

Gary Schutte: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Health Department, request to fill vacancy.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. We have a request to fill a vacancy for a needed position in our secretary bookkeeper and finance. I think the transfer that you took care of earlier funded an accrued payout for the person who left, which would give us the ability to fill this position immediately and that's what our request is to do.

President Shetler: And the Health Department is a prime example of what we were talking about earlier. While it doesn't come out of the general fund per se, it does affect the amount of money that we're able to actually raise or the income stream that we have coming in from the general fund as well. So that's why we need to be very mindful of things that are done in the Health Department as well.

Gary Heck: I mean, by the same token, we've already taken care of our XP operating system problem using grant funds that we had. So we won't be, we're not contributing to that problem that you all are faced with as well. And the repeal that we just, you all just approved also takes care of the projected Circuit Breaker deficit that we would be facing by the end of the year, so the Health Department is also providing a solution that you accepted as well on that.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Any questions? Motion would be in order –

Councilmember Terry: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: 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 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: For the last two years I've mentioned that during our review of our oversight for those other budgets, that that meeting, you know, the Library, the School Corporation, all of those have a bigger bearing on our county budget than what we do during budgets.

Gary Heck: Yeah, I don't think the governor did anybody who works in local government any favors when that Circuit Breaker law was approved, for whatever that's worth.

President Shetler: Alright.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Sheriff Department to fill Jail vacancies.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Just to get it on the floor.

President Shetler: Motion and a second to approve. Do I have any questions? If not–

Councilmember Raben: This will still be, I can speak in general on this. The Confinement Officers, and what have you, they'll still be operating probably five or six short even after we approve these, and they're still working off the original numbers prepared in 1999, I think, before the Jail was maxed out like it is now, so they're definitely needed and the EMT is very needed, so I'll second that motion if its not already been.

President Shetler: I think we had a motion and a second already. Any other questions? Comments about it? Alright, 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: We have several travel requests that you can see, County Clerk, Auditor, Assessor, DADS, and Health Department. Do I have any questions? I think you all have been given a report on that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion for approval.

President Shetler: We have a motion for approval and the second is...

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Is here, and any questions on 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)

ECHO HEALTH
DENTAL CLINIC PROPOSAL

President Shetler: Next we have a presentation from the Echo Health Dental Clinic on their proposal there for that.

Sandee Strader-McMillen: I'm Sandee Strader-McMillen. I'm the CEO at Echo Community Healthcare and I'm joined this morning by Carol Collier-Smith, who serves as our Chief Operations Officer. A brief history of Echo Community Healthcare: for those of you who may not know, we are a clinic who has served the inner city of Evansville and greater Vanderburgh County area for over 23 years. We predominantly serve the uninsured, the under insured and the homeless. We're here this morning to talk to you about a proposal to assume some dental care for the indigent in your area. I'd like for Carol to speak to you a little bit about what Echo does and how we've managed referral services for speciality care and then we'll roll back into dental.

Carol Collier-Smith: A quick summary of our services: we provide primary care services and social services and that includes everything from prenatal care to geriatrics. We have five clinics, 17 providers which includes physicians and nurse practitioners and about 108 employees. As Sandee mentioned, we predominantly serve those that do not have insurance. We have 48 percent of our patients that do not have insurance, and have not been able to access dental care since the county clinic closed several years ago. So it's a pressing need. Last year when we were evaluating the impact of the dental clinic closing, we found that we were averaging about 35 calls a day amongst our five clinics of residents that are primarily from Vanderburgh County that are seeking dental care. How we provide specialty services for our uninsured services, we have found success in this model and this is what we're proposing to do for the dental clinic, and that's where we collect the sliding fee that we charge from our uninsured patients, which our lowest fee is $20. We collect that and then we schedule an appointment with the specialty office. At that point, then we can make arrangements for transportation, which is also a tremendous need for our clients. We have found that that increases compliance for our patients in making those specialty appointments. So by us making the appointment with the dentist, we would collect the fee, that keeps the office clerical work out of the dental office and it increases access for our uninsured clients to get dental care.

Sandee Strader-McMillen: About a year ago, I guess its been, the county Health Department approached Echo and asked if we were interested in assuming the operations of the then functioning county dental clinic. Through a lot of research and review, our Echo administration as well as our governing board of directors realized that's not something we were willing to do. We're not dentists, we've never claimed to be dentists, we don't want to be dentists. But we know how to manage this population of indigent patients. So what we've done over the past year is outreach to every dentist in this community. There are between 80 and 90. And very interestingly, the outreach and outpouring from the dental community has been very positive and very great. So under our proposed model of care, we believe that we can serve as many patients as the community dental clinic once did, but for half the price. No overhead, no additional salary for a dentist, no additional salary for

ancillary staff, no additional supplies. So what was currently about a $300,000-ish operation, we believe we can serve the same volume of patients for about half of that. Be glad to take questions, I'm sure you must have questions.

Councilmember Goebel: What has been the response of the clients that you deal, with whom you deal?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: The clients? Well, right now, we haven't started this program because we're waiting on funding.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand, but have you had any type of preliminary contact, how they would feel about...

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Well, we've done this historically at a very, very, very, very, very small scale. And our patients quite honestly are in such a state of duress and need, that any assistance and help they can get, they are most grateful. It becomes a little challenging with transportation issues, as Carol spoke about, but that's what Echo does. We manage that population so well.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Sandee Strader-McMillen: You're welcome.

President Shetler: So basically, your budget, you're looking for basically $150,000 for the total package?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Correct.

President Shetler: For an annualized –

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Correct.

President Shetler: - expense. The dentist will receive – how much will they receive for the care that they're providing?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Excellent question. None of the funding that we are seeking from any county or community partner will remain in Echo. All of the dollars pass directly through to the dentist at a much reduced reimbursement rate. We're in talks with 15 dentists that have already come to the table and said yes, sign me up. And we're looking at passing through what is the Medicaid fee schedule. Now, we can't do 25 different procedures. Really, the need is very basic. There are about four or five procedures that will meet the greater need of this demographic of patient. So the average of that reimbursement. Tom, was about $65. Now the patient is paying some of that, and then the county funding and other partners would subsidize the rest.

President Shetler: So, they're getting paid, they're going to get paid what the Medicaid allowance has scheduled.

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Correct.

President Shetler: But they're not able to go to Medicaid to get that money? You're not able to get anything –

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Correct. These patients are not Medicaid eligible

because they're primarily uninsured adults without disabilities.

President Shetler: Okay, so I know that you're also seeking other partners to be involved as investors into this program. Have you had some success and who is involved in it at this point in time, and how much money are they willing to come with on the table?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: We've had multiple meetings, some of which you've attended with us, I know, on behalf of the Council. But both of the hospitals, Tim Flesch and Linda White have been at the table, Carol Braden-Clarke from the United Way. We're working with the Posey County United Way on a much smaller scale, of course. The Welborn Baptist Foundation, I actually have a grant request in to them for a staffing position, a case manager position at Echo. So a lot of players at the table. Vanderburgh County Foundation, I'm composing a grant right now to submit to them.

President Shetler: And what kind of financial commitments have they made? And you don't have to be specific to tell me which group has given you what, but in a general sense, what kind of commitments have been made?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Verbal commitments, collectively, we're looking at about 50 grand. And then the additional salary for the case manager.

President Shetler: Okay. How much – well, I mean, obviously, you'd want it all from us if you could, but how much are you basically looking at from this particular body?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: I would love if this body would continue the funding that they once gave to the Health Department because it's doing the exact same thing. It's the exact same work, we can serve the same amount of people.

President Shetler: If that, if you don't get 150 and you get a hundred total, then what happens?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Then we won't serve as many patients as we could with a hundred.

President Shetler: So you'll serve –

Sandee Strader-McMillen: The program continues, that's exactly right.

President Shetler: You'll serve, but its limited to –

Sandee Strader-McMillen: We may have to cut off the voucher system or the referral system at month ten as opposed to serve out the rest of the year.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Angela.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So Sandee, do you have a bare minimum number that you would need from this body in order to make the program a go or is everything kind of still depending on what other people say?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: No, we'll go with $5,000, we just won't go very far. We have dentists at the table who are willing to accept our patients, which was what we thought would have been the greatest challenge, but they're here, they're willing to help, they're willing to do this work at a much reduced rate, so we'll go with $5,000,

$10,000, $50,000, we just won't get as far. What I would like to do, Angela, is meet the same volume of need that the county Health Department was once facilitating, which, by the way, isn't even close to what the need in the community is. But at least we're back to where we once were.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do you have any numbers at all that, if $150,000 is found, it serves X amount as opposed to 100,000?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Yeah, if we can get, collectively, funding in the amount of $150,000, we can serve between 26 and 2,800 patients.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That's about what was served at the dental clinic?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: But they had the dentist's salary and rent and all of those things which we're removing that from our equation.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And then are these, you mentioned a percentage of patients from Vanderburgh County, what is the percentage total of patients that we're serving that are from Vanderburgh County and from other counties?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Well, in Echo's patient base, which is about 15,000, over 92 percent are from Vanderburgh County. But most definitely, the vast majority. Now if the Council will approve funding for this program, we have a screening process with all of our patients and we would make this money go towards Vanderburgh County patients, that just makes sense.

President Shetler: Councilman Bassemier, I think, is next and then Councilman Swaim and then Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Bassemier: Now you're just presenting this today. When do you, when are you really wanting to start this program? Is this a 2014, or –

Sandee Strader-McMillen: We have dentists that are ready to go. What I don't have is the money to pay for those dentists. So as soon as we have hard commitments and finances in hand, we have three dentists on Franklin Street who say we'll take them right now. Send them over. We have two oral surgeons who say we'll take them. Send them over.

President Shetler: Okay, Pete?

Councilmember Swaim: What's the extent of – what's the – I never did know what the extent of the equipment is? I guess the Health Department has still got that and would that be problematic to get it moved over to your facility – and –

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Well, we aren't going to be facilitating any dental care in our facility, so we would have no use of that equipment. We're actually sending the patients to the dentist's office that's already established.

President Shetler: So there are assets that we could actually sell or whatever, at this point.

Councilmember Raben: Outside of, you had cited that the medical community and some help from Posey County or Warrick County, whichever you stated, but what is your effort as far as the private sector, the rest of the community on any fund driving work and what have you?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Well, Echo, as a corporation, does two fundraisers a year. We don't raise a great amount of money, predominantly what we do is medical care through fee for service. But we really haven't outreached to the general community specifically for dental. Not that we wouldn't going forward, and typically, our fund raisers are driven, they're project specific.

Councilmember Raben: Because I think, you know, I mean, they've told us what they need. We know what we have and quite honestly, we don't have $150,000. And, you know, we'll struggle to find or be able to make any commitment to you next year. So I would definitely encourage you to look at those efforts because I don't see this in the next handful of years or next year or three years ever being able to fund it to the tune that we've funded it in the past, because, you know, I'm not saying we're like Detroit or the federal government, but we're, in our own little way, we're broke as well. So we can't really even meet the basic necessities that are required by Vanderburgh County to operate government. So a little heads up, that the 150 probably is not realistic.

Sandee Strader-McMillen: I appreciate that, and I stand before you telling you proudly that we are shameless beggars and we ask people, we advocate for our patients in every way that we can, and we will continue to do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom, one more question.

President Shetler: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I almost forgot what a toothache felt like until a couple of weeks ago. I cracked a tooth on a popcorn kernel. I've been at a dentist for pain or whatever, so I know we need to do something. We need to help you out somehow. So its been almost a nightmare to me with a toothache and I just feel for these little kids or whatever, they need help.

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Right, and a lot of these people have been without care for a long time.

Councilmember Goebel: Ed, was that yellow popcorn or white?

Councilmember Bassemier: It was Rural King popcorn. It wasn't their fault, the popcorn was great. I got carried away a little bit. It's going to cost me six grand for them to work on it.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Just to be clear, though, you mentioned helping out kids, but this would actually be for adults, right? Because there's already a service that's provided in the community through the schools where they actually bring – it's a great service, bring it right to the door.

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Yeah, through St. Mary's, we have the mobile outreach clinic and we also have Kool Smiles, which facilitates the Medicaid kiddo population, and several dentists will accept Medicaid kids. It's the adult who is uninsured, not Medicaid eligible, not disabled.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and this question is probably not for Sandee, but just in general, if somebody knows how long we have, as a county, how long have we funded the dental needs, and then, are there other medical type needs that we fund as a county?

President Shetler: We started about '07 or '08, and we were funding at a tune of approximately $100,000, and then we went up to about 130, and then we did a joint thing between the Health Department and ourselves, and I kind of got fuzzy after that. It all terminated within the last two years and we really have not – we didn't budget anything last year or this year for it. But the last budget that we had out of this Council from the Riverboat money was $130,000.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So it was 130 from Riverboat, and we haven't had any of the services provided last year or this year, then?

Gary Heck: June the 26th of 2006, and it closed on August the 1st of 2012, and we had services all during that time with the exception of a short period when we were without a dentist in January of 2012, until one was hired in February.

Councilmember Raben: And I will mention this, and, Gary, you may want to come to the podium, one of the things that scares me as we talk about rekindling this fire is, initially, the two main hospitals here in town, were they contributing 25 apiece or 50 apiece?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: 50.

Councilmember Raben: When they asked us to get involved?

Gary Heck: They put up start-up funds so that the clinic could actually be set up and furnished, and then it was 50,000 at first, but they had never intended to be involved for the long period. They signed two years originally, and then they extended for a year. And the only reason we saw patients outside of Vanderburgh County was because the hospitals needed, they serve a thirty county area in three states. I know if somebody presented themself at their emergency room, they needed to be able to refer them to the dental clinic. Otherwise, we never would have been in the business of serving any patients outside of Vanderburgh County. But, and primarily, our patients were 85% from Vanderburgh County and the rest were –

Councilmember Raben: And I don't think it was conveyed to us originally that their commitment was short term. I don't recall that ever being mentioned, while it could have been mentioned to others, it –

Gary Heck: You'll have to go ask Royce Sutton and whoever else was involved at the time.

Councilmember Goebel: Lloyd Winnecke and Royce spearheaded it, but I don't think, I think Mr. Raben is correct, I don't think that was really –

Gary Heck: It was in the business plan. They never intended to be involved for the long haul. Their intent was only – but this also, when it was set up by CAJE was never set up to handle anybody except the adult population who was uninsured or under insured and it had to be subsidized by someone or it never would have operated at all.

Councilmember Raben: But my point here is I can kind of see us going through the same thing again. You know, when you think you've got partners, as soon as they get you on the hook, they leave you. So we need to, regardless of the outcome and what happens in the future, exercise caution and when we state those commitments, if its 50,000 from the hospitals, again, you know, before the county or before I would ever vote to commit another penny, I want to see their long-term commitment

because, as we discussed, we went six years. That's how long our commitment was, I want to see their long-term commitment.

President Shetler: I guess my recommendation would be, at this point in time, is that we would take some kind of action as a board or as a group here and make a commitment, you know, if we want to be in or not, to be of some assistance. I think it is important if your budget is $150,000, I would hate to see, you know, 40 or $50,000 is not going to go very far, so I'd like to make sure there are other investors that are coming to the table with a significant amount of money that will get that budget close to that $150,000. But I feel as if through our Riverboat funding that we could perhaps make a commitment and I would agree that we ought not be one of them to make it on a short term, but if somebody wants to phrase it in a way, the motion, if you would agree with me, but let's say $50,000 a year, make it maybe a three year commitment. And that is provided that we have, again, significant other investors that are coming to the table that can make this a substantial reality and not something that's just a flash in the pan here real quick.

Councilmember Raben: Are you asking for a commitment today?

President Shetler: Yeah, I would like to see us at least make a, some kind of verbal commitment. We could wait until budget time and insert that into –

Councilmember Raben: Do I need to remind you what you have in front of you that none of us have even visited yet?

President Shetler: Well, that's what I said, we can wait until budget time and put that into the Riverboat money at that particular time if we – but I think they need to know if they're going to have some commitment here so that they can go back to the rest of the investors and say we do have a hard commitment for this amount of money and this is what it's going to take and then maybe at budget time a month from now, they can come back to us and say we've spoken to the other people, here's where we are financially. And there may not be enough people here that agree with me and it fall flat.

Councilmember Raben: Well, my point is, you're not, you're just saying that we will consider funding of some type. We're not talking dollars or cents or anything? I would hope not until we finalize our budget. I mean, we're operating this year with a two million dollar deficit. We haven't even looked at what's in this stack of documents that tall that we're going to start reviewing in a couple weeks, so I don't see us acting in any manner today.

President Shetler: Yes, Pete?

Councilmember Swaim: Other than the potential partners that you already mentioned, do you have some kind of in reserve that you can put the arm on, that you haven't mentioned?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Well, I would sat that Echo is in financially for this, too. We're not expecting community partners to come to the table with money and us not contribute as well, so we are owning a piece of the financing and are happy to do that. We believe it's a missional decision and we're in. Also, as a 330 grantee, a federally qualified health center, we have the opportunity to file for federal grants to provide dental care in the future. I don't have a crystal ball, I don't know when the feds will release those grants, but we watch them all the time. So we have that potential long-term. I don't have it today, but we're certainly looking down at that

path.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

President Shetler: Angela?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: This is, obviously, it's a tough situation and I agree with what Councilman Raben is saying, that we're just getting ready to look and I don't want us to make a financial commitment to you today and then have to renege on that. I think we all know that it's an important issue that is a critical issue for our community, but the question is, you know, where is the proper source of the funding? And I think if we can find some in riverboat, I am certainly willing to look at that. To me, that would be a place to look in our Riverboat funds, but we're just not going to have a good handle on that until we get into the nitty gritty on the budget. So at this point today, I'm willing to be onboard and say I personally would support looking into Riverboat funds to see just if the county can afford support and appreciate so much your efforts because it is a great need and the only way we're going to do it is to be community partners. And I guess another question or suggestion, the community development block grants that the city administers, is there anything in there that allows for funding for this?

Sandee Strader-McMillen: I am not exactly sure I know the answer to that question although I have met with Mayor Winnecke three separate times regarding dental and that has not come to the table, but it's a question that I will ask.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I know those funds are for low and moderate, I don't remember all of the guidelines on that, and it may not be available for this source, but something to look into, and that's administered by the city. I'm not making a motion, I'm just – no, I'm not making a motion, I'm just giving my personal commitment that I will look into this and would be willing to support that. I'm not sure we need a motion today.

(Inaudible – microphone turned off)

Councilmember Terry: I just have a question. Just for this year, haven't we already allocated $150,000 for this dental clinic and we just have not utilized the funds in Riverboat?

Joe Gries: No, I don't believe so.

Councilmember Terry: So in the last budget season, we zeroed that out?

Joe Gries: That's correct.

Councilmember Goebel: I think the clinic was already closed so we withdrew that.

Councilmember Terry: In November.

President Shetler: The way it was operating for the last year or two was basically totally out of the Health Department making the commitment, I believe, wasn't it, Gary?

Councilmember Raben: I know it closed prior to our budget session.

Gary Heck: – going through the budget hearing last year and the County Council

had approved up to $100,000 out of the Health fund that could be transferred if and when needed. And since it closed in August, those funds weren't utilized at the end of last year and they reverted back to the Health fund. So that's what happened to that money last year. And I think you're absolutely correct because the budget wasn't finalized until September, it had already closed and you didn't have the Riverboat funds allocated to receive funds for this year at that time.

Councilmember Terry: Okay, well, everybody here knows where I stand on this. I'm very supportive of the program and I know that just off the funding sources you've just mentioned, Welborn, Vanderburgh, you're not going to find out about those until October or November, just because I do that same kind of work. So I'm with Tom, I really wish that we could make some level of commitment. I do understand our position and I hope that at the beginning of the year we're able to launch this program in a grand fashion with county support.

President Shetler: In essence, I guess the way I'm looking at it, and I understand Councilman Raben and nobody has been more of an advocate for the taxpayers than myself as far as making sure that we watch every dollar, and I know where we are standing financially this year and next year, and how difficult it's going to be. However, we were spending at a tune of about $300,000 a year between the county funds and Health Department, which is all county funds one way or the other as we've already expressed in a variety of ways. Reducing that exposure to $50,000 is 25 percent or less than what we were in the past.

(Tape changed)

President Shetler: So we're reducing our exposure by 80 percent from where we were before, which I think is a significant savings and cut, really, in the overall scheme of things here. So I like the concept, I think it's a way to serve the public for a very small amount in this partnership. So I think it works financially as far as I'm concerned. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I just want to commend you for your efforts because Echo has moved the – handling the same number of patients for half the price. You've got the dental community behind you and its taken a lot of the legwork out of this area, this body, so I do think that we should show some support as well.

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, one last recommendation. Maybe we treat our portion as a match, that way –

President Shetler: I'm open to that.

Councilmember Raben: – (microphone not turned on)

President Shetler: To a maximum of –

Councilmember Raben: – the hospitals, and what have you, for in the future.

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Interestingly, that's how two of my four community partners are approaching this. So somebody has to come to the table with something that I can match because if you're all wanting to match, I've got nothing. Yeah, it's a great theory in concept, but –

Carol Collier-Smith: Somebody has got to move first.

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Yeah, somebody has got to move the first card.

Councilmember Swaim: Just a suggestion, you might want to hit the controller up and just see if that block grant money would be available, if it can be used in that manner, and he's over there if you want to drop in unexpectedly. I just saw him go in.

Sandee Strader-McMillen: I will do that today. Thanks for the suggestion.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions or comments? I hope you guys have gotten enough information to go back with, I don't know if you have or not.

Sandee Strader-McMillen: I'm not sure either, but thank you for your time.

President Shetler: But I think, generally speaking, I think that there is at least support to do something and maybe cap it at a point and we would be glad to be involved. I think James had an excellent suggestion on trying to do some kind of a match. Maybe it's a minimum, but say, $25,000, a maximum of 50, matching something in between. You know, I don't know, that is if you need hard numbers to work with. But I think we're at least open, this is definitely a better buy for the county taxpayers than what we had in the past. So again, I applaud you for all of your efforts.

Sandee Strader-McMillen: Thank you.

Carol Collier Smith: Thank you for hearing us.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

GAGE TAX PHASE-IN COMPLIANCE REVIEW

President Shetler: Next is GAGE tax phase-in compliance. I think everybody was emailed this a week or so ago or at least the different companies and stuff.

Shance Sizemore: Correct, my name is Shance Sizemore with Growth Alliance. As Tom said, you should have received an email from me probably, actually a couple of emails. The first one was kind of the initial, the first group that I was working with because the assessments and their taxes are paid in kind of multiple steps. They come in different groups. This is both groups combined so you should have a spreadsheet in your packet that includes all the companies that have a tax phase-in currently on the books as well as their compliance with real property investment and job creation. If you look at it, the Shoe Carnival, Big Shoe Properties has put a letter of compliance stating the difference and looking at it from years past, you can see that they're actually improving their numbers as the economy comes back to an uptick. I can't speak directly for the companies, but if you have any questions regarding any of these numbers, I am happy to try to explain to the best of my knowledge.

Councilmember Goebel: I applaud the work you've given to us and you put in, and the contacts that you made with the companies. It looks like every company listed is working very diligently to meet their numbers and go above those numbers, so thank you.

Shance Sizemore: I think we should be impressed with the companies that we have

on our tax phase-in as well as the continued high compliance numbers. Obviously, you have companies like Berry who far exceed all of our expectations, but even the smaller companies have beat their employment targets and I think that's part of the realization when we're working companies that (inaudible) business model of, you know, understate and over achieve.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions? Then motion for –

Councilmember Goebel: I just think it's good that you're doing this work and it lets them know that we're, someone has got an eye on things and reporting to us, so thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, we need a motion for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, we have a motion and a second to approve all of the companies that are listed there, and we'll make that a part of the record. 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)

Shance Sizemore: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thanks.

COUNTY AUDITOR
REPORTING BY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGARDING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICTS

President Shetler: Next is Auditor reporting by Redevelopment Commission regarding Tax Increment Financing, the TIF Districts.

Joe Gries: There was a change in the law this past legislative session requiring Redevelopment Commissions to report to the fiscal body, which is the County Council, all of the information concerning our TIF districts. It includes revenue received from the previous year, expenses, fund balances, it also provides you with the information about when maturity for the outstanding debt comes to pass, and lists the amount that we're paying each year. So this, the County Council would be required to submit this then to the state through the Gateway system, which the Auditor's office has access to. So if you approve us to do so, we'll do that on behalf of the County Council and we'll submit this data through the Gateway system. And it has to be done by October 1. This will come through each year about this time and then we'll continue to do that. So if there's any questions about the information

I'll be happy to try and answer those.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do you need a motion to approve submitting this?

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

President Shetler: Next County Council meeting schedule. Sandie, the meeting schedule?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

President Shetler: Okay, August 14 we have a joint budget hearing with the city and county. That's at 3:30 in the afternoon here in these chambers. August 20th and 21st, we have budget hearings on county budgets, that will be at 9:00, begin at 9:00 in the morning and usually concludes about 11:30 to 12:00. August the 28th at 8:30 we have the Personnel & Finance committee meeting, so that's switching back to the 8:30 time. September the 4th at 8:30, County Council meeting. September the 11th, we have at 9:00 the budget cuts and at 9:30 we have the non-binding resolutions from the trustees. September 25th we will have the Personnel, at 8:30 in the morning we have the Personnel & Finance committee meeting, at 9:00 we have the final budget hearing, and at 9:30 we have the non-binding resolutions. Do I have any questions? We don't need a motion for approval, that's just the notification, I believe, for that. Thank you.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: The next then is the amendments to the salary ordinance. James?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, we have five pages of amendments to the Salary Ordinance. I'd like to move that rather than read these out, that they be entered and made part of the minutes, and I move for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Anybody wish to speak before the County Council? Seeing none, motion for adjournment would be in order.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: And I'll remind us, the meeting is adjourned, and remind you that we do have a job study meeting that is beginning in a few moments.

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

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Mike Goebel	Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 20, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 20th day of August, 2013 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: Good morning. Welcome to the first budget session. I would like 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	

President Shetler: There being seven members present, no one absent, we have a quorum. I would like to ask Council Clerk, Ms. Sandie Deig, to please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Shetler: Thank you, Sandie. Thank you for all of the hard work you've put in so far, and will be putting in in the next month here. Next, we do have just a couple of comments. Everybody knows that this is going to be a difficult year. Some of the numbers that we received earlier in the year have affected us, that we need to look at maybe cutting the budget by another two million dollars, yet this year, to balance the books. One thing we've been very fortunate on the last four or five years, that we've had very healthy beginning balances, cash balances, to start the years off. That has allowed us, with our declining revenue stream, to be able to balance the books and have yet a surplus left after the year. However, having four years of going through that, we're to a point now where those reserves will not be available next year, those cash balances. We are working on the projections. Joe and his staff at the Auditor's Office are working on the projections and the estimates. We should have those in a couple of weeks. It will be a more difficult year to get up to the $52 to $53 million than what it's been in the past. It will be a very difficult task indeed. So, I want everybody to keep that in mind as we go through this today, and realize that we're going to have to make some very serious cuts in order to balance the books for next year. Councilman Goebel?

Councilman Goebel: Mr. Shetler, what's the projection, off the top of your head, as far as deficit, if we operate as we are?

President Shetler: Well, we have a budget that's about $53 million, roughly, and we have a revenue stream that's historic, the last couple of years, that's been in the $48 to $49 million range. So, if we don't have much of a cash balance, it kind of, subtracting that would indicate that we would probably need to look at somewhere around a four to five million dollar cut. So, roughly ten million dollars, or, I mean, ten

percent of where we've been. Now, we do have reserve funds, some areas, that, I think, within different departments that we're going to have to look real hard at, other funds that they may have available that can be used for operating expenses, that right now are available. We need to look real hard at capturing all of those that we possibly can. So, there are ways out of it, none of it's pretty. It's going to take some cutting on top of some creative ways of financing. At this time I'll turn it over to Councilman Raben, the Finance Chairman.

COUNTY TREASURER
COUNTY TREASURER/ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING

Councilman Raben: Okay, thank you. First on the agenda today we have the County Treasurer, and that begins on page 8.

Susie Kirk: Good morning. Well, the first thing we can do because of a miscommunication is the Bank Service Charge that I turned in for $55,000, you can put that back to $45,000.

Councilman Raben: Page 143.

President Shetler: The $55,000 to $45,000, that's the Bank Service Charge.

Susie Kirk: Yes, in 2012 I think it ended up, well, 2011 was $49,000, I don't know that $45,000 is going to make it or not, but we are working very diligently on these bank charges that I think are a little high. So, hopefully, it will even be lower than that.

Councilman Raben: Okay, Susie, I have a question on Printing.

Susie Kirk: Yes.

Councilman Raben: There's a $2,000 increase. It looks like in years '11 and'12 we were spending just short of $15,000.

Susie Kirk: Well, unfortunately, with the price of things going up, and we do take some other, a few little things out of Printing that normally I wouldn't think that you would, but you do. Like our toners and things like that, we use these MICR toners, it's expensive. I have an idea that's going to go up. I will say this, it was a great idea to have the printing in-house back then, but things have changed. Used to, the reason it was so expensive to have someone print the tax bills was because whoever printed them also had to have the ability to do calculations of taxes. They don't have to do that anymore. So, there is a company, basically, that Joe had brought to my attention that we're going to use, that we're using for the tax sale where we'll also be saving money there, 80 counties in Indiana use this company. I'm checking into see how much it's going to be if they print our tax bills. We'll save postage, paper, toner, and this equipment that we have, being that we're not a printing company, we have to replace these rollers every time because it's not used the way it should, whatever, anyway, we're going to end up probably having to buy new equipment again. In the long run we are not going to save money by continuing to print the tax bills in-house. I will get all of that together. I will give it to every one of you so that you can see the differences that the next, maybe four or five years, will show, so that we can save some money.

President Shetler: Mike?

Councilman Goebel: I thought that's why we bought the printing capability here to save money.

Susie Kirk: You did, and the reason that you saved money is because when the past Treasurer decided to do that, which was a great idea at the time, like I said, the reason it was so expensive for a printing company to print the tax bills is because it wasn't just a matter of printing them. They actually had to have the software to actually calculate some taxes, okay, as it came in. It cost a lot more money to have the tax bills printed because of that glitch. We don't have that anymore. Now, whenever we send that to whatever printer that we use, everything's calculated, it's just a matter of print. So, the cost in printing the tax bills would be nothing like what it used to be. So, say in the next two or three years, it's going to be cheaper for us to use one of these other companies to do this. We save on postage, we get, that's big right there, just saving on postage, paper, toner, all of that stuff, because they can get it because they buy it in such mass quantities much cheaper. Like I said, let me get the figures, I'm still working on it. When I prepared the budget I was still in the process of working on this. I will get it to you all, and you guys can make up your mind what you want to do, because we will have to purchase new printing equipment, we might be able to print one more year with the equipment we have, maybe.

Councilman Goebel: Would you be able to figure the cost before whenever we outsourced the printing of the bills, to what it costs right now, and then your proposal–

Susie Kirk: That's what I just said–

Councilman Goebel: – of outsourcing again?

Susie Kirk: – I will be getting every one of the Councilman the cost comparisons of what it is now, and to what it would be if we moved to a printing company. Okay? Factoring in that we probably will have to buy new, and when I say, it's not just printers, it's the machine that stuffs the envelopes and all of that kind of stuff, because we ended up all of us staying a few nights till midnight stuffing the envelopes because the machine didn't work.

President Shetler: I would be interested–

Councilman Goebel: I just meant the, before we bought the printing machines here, could we get the cost when we outsourced it?

Susie Kirk: Oh, prior to that? Sure.

Councilman Goebel: Now with the printing, and then with your proposal for outsourcing again?

Susie Kirk: Absolutely, yes.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: I would be interested in knowing how much labor is also involved in getting the product out.

Susie Kirk: Labor, by?

President Shetler: What you guys are putting into it. What kind of effort you guys are putting into it.

Susie Kirk: Okay.

President Shetler: Because that's a cost factor that we need to, you know, plan on, as well as the materials.

Susie Kirk: Yes.

President Shetler: Angela?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: How long have we had the in-house printing?

Susie Kirk: This, let's see, it would be, I think we're coming up on the fourth year.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, the equipment, in essence, lasted four years?

Susie Kirk: Well, you have to remember, there's two printers, that is a huge amount of printing for two printers, okay. When you go to a printing company they have like, they're all over the place. So, these printers have really, really been overworked. Now, the sorter, the machine that stuffs everything, is rather complicated. It has little rollers and different things that, you know, stuff and da, da, da, da, da. Well, it's, because we don't use it every day, because if the rollers don't roll every day and everything's moving, what happens is they get like flat, you know, like you set something down, and then they don't want to sort, they don't want to pick, they don't want to do. So, we have to replace the rollers, which are kind of expensive too. Then, like I said, this toner and all of this stuff is just quite a bit of money. Our printers, yeah, I mean, these two little printers have really busted their rear ends getting this stuff printed out, because there was only two of them. So, that's a lot of printing for two printers. So, but, like I said, I'll get everything, all of the cost comparisons because I want everybody to be in agreement, as we go forward, do we want to stay with this, this is our options, or do we want to change?

Councilmember Terry: Susie, is it still the case that there's some other departments using that printing, that printer?

Susie Kirk: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: I thought that was part of the plan as well, to help save on printing costs.

Susie Kirk: Yes, we do.

Councilmember Terry: So, how will that change, I guess, moving forward?

Susie Kirk: It's just not, there's just not enough. Well, let's put it this way, this stuff is ours, we can keep it back there. Maybe whoever the department is, if they want to buy, you know, the Sheriff's Department, they bring their toner, stuff like that, so, I mean, we can let it sit back there and, I'm not going to say that it's going to work every time. Do we stuff your stuff?

Councilman Raben: You know, in fairness to the situation with the equipment and the printers, I mean, it was fairly industrial equipment. It was bought knowing that it

was going to do a lot of printing. I think, actually, we're just completing our third year. I think–

Susie Kirk: Yeah, I said, we're going into our fourth year next year.

Councilman Raben: – we budgeted for it in '11, and it began in the fall of printing on this stuff. In fairness to the past Treasurer, I think we saved like $50,000 a year for the last three years.

Susie Kirk: Oh, absolutely. It was a great, yes, great idea. It's just that we're coming to the point where it may be a passe type thing. If we can find, if we can save, like I said, on the postage, the paper, the printing and not have to continually buy these rollers and possibly buy the new equipment. If it was a real printing thing, it would be different, if it was running all the time.

Councilman Raben: Even new equipment has glitches, you know, these machines would probably be good for a couple more years, and just like any piece of equipment, you have to maintain it, and, you know, there are some costs to making repairs. So, but, anyway, you're going to get us some stuff to digest.

Susie Kirk: Oh, absolutely, we're not quite there yet, but as soon as we get it, get the cost comparison, that's when we'll make our decision, and everybody will be in on it.

Councilman Raben: We'll move on, page 131, Travel and Mileage, that, I don't think we've seen that in the past. Is that for office holder training?

President Shetler: That's the new state law–

Susie Kirk: Oh, that's the $2,000, yeah.

President Shetler: – I think for this year, and then next year (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Susie Kirk: Yeah, it's out of the Recorder's budget, or whatever they got. Joe, do you want to explain all of that?

Joe Gries: There's revenue that comes into the Elected Official Training Fund. The State requires now that Treasurer's and Auditor's and Surveyor's to receive a certain amount of training. They set up this fund, they put this money in here, and it can be used for travel and expenses for this type of training.

Councilman Raben: Okay.

Joe Gries: It takes it out of the General Fund.

Susie Kirk: I only go just enough to get my hours in. I do not abuse it.

President Shetler: Joe, was it $15,000 a year? Is that correct?

Joe Gries: That went into the fund?

President Shetler: Yes. I mean, it wasn't a great deal of money.

Joe Gries: No, it's not a huge sum. It looks like the opening balance for this year was $23,000, and it hadn't been used before that. So, probably between $15,000 to $20,000 a year.

Councilman Raben: Okay, we're going to move on. Thank you, Susie.

Susie Kirk: Thank you.

CORONER

Councilman Raben: Next, Coroner, page 23.

Annie Groves: Good morning, Annie Groves.

Councilman Raben: Does anyone have any questions of Annie? You know, the big line has always been the Autopsies line. That's kind of one you just never know.

Annie Groves: That's true. The reason I went ahead and asked for more, is because every year, in September, I have to come back. I just thought I would throw it in this time.

Councilman Raben: Are we up to date on billing other counties, when we can?

Annie Groves: Yes, we are. We are up to date, and we still put the revenue into the General Fund, because State Board of Accounts won't allow us to put it back into our account.

Councilman Goebel: So, you're prepared to come back next September when we reduce this?

Annie Groves: Yes, you'll see me again, yes.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

Councilman Swaim: Ms. Ann, give me some parameters on, let's say a hospital death where somebody's under a doctor's care, he signs off, is that one, for sure that you do not need to do a post on?

Annie Groves: We don't go, if it's a natural death in the hospital and there's no foul play, we don't go. But, I thank you very much for bringing that up, because I ask each and every one of you to please call the State Senators and your State Representatives. Right now Representative Bacon has, is introducing a bill that every death has to be reported to the Coroner. If that goes through, that will add my case load about 2,600 more, and I don't know what that cost would be, but it would be unbelievable.

Councilman Swaim: Well, I understand the reporting part, but that certainly doesn't necessarily mean that you need to do a post on that person just because it's reported.

Annie Groves: It doesn't mean I need to do an autopsy, but we still have to go to the scene, and we still have to do paperwork, and we still have, you know, that. Where, right now, we allow a doctor to sign, because there's no reason for us to be involved.

Councilman Swaim: That's going to be pending in this upcoming session?

Annie Groves: Yes.

Councilman Swaim: So, you need some help, right?

Annie Groves: Please, please.

Councilman Swaim: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Annie, why is he proposing this?

Annie Groves: He did last year also, and it didn't come out of committee. I'm hoping that this year it doesn't. I can't really answer that. I do know that the Coroners Association is meeting with him today to try to get it stopped, because of what it would add to all of the counties case load.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Annie, on the, going back to the Autopsies line item, the $255,000, how did you arrive at putting that amount in?

Annie Groves: From the previous years, what we spent, and then what I have to come back and ask for.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, is that kind of an average of the previous years and you increased it a little bit? Or, is this just exactly what we spent last year?

Annie Groves: What I did was I increased it so that I don't have to come back and ask for another $40,000 like I do every year. So, that's what I did.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Swaim: Angela would like to come over and attend a couple of those. So, I would be more than happy to bring her over if you could accommodate her.

Annie Groves: Okay, absolutely.

Councilman Swaim: Thanks.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilmember Bassemier: Annie, you had one, you and I talked about that, that 1070, that Deputy Coroner/Histotech, it went up four point eight percent. Would you explain why it went up again?

Annie Groves: That was a step raise that's built in with the budget.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any other questions of Annie? None? We'll move on then.

Annie Groves: Thank you.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Councilman Raben: Weights and Measures, page 41. Good morning.

Loretta Townsend: Good morning, so far.

Councilman Raben: I have a question, on the Utilities–

Loretta Townsend: Uh-huh?

Councilman Raben: – is it less in the new building? Would it not be?

Loretta Townsend: Well, when we moved out there, we had no idea. I mean, because when we was there at the Executive Inn it was all included, and we had no idea. So, we just sort of reached out and grabbed a number. It hasn't been that high so far, but what we have done, we've used that, I don't even want to say extra, that don't sound good today, but some excess to transfer into the accounts, rather than coming up here and asking for money. We sort of use that as our cushion or whatever, which we had to, I think we're going to have to this year on account of Fuel, because somehow we didn't figure enough for Fuel. Who knows about the price of fuel. We run out of Fuel money, actually, we were joking about it, but it doesn't look too good for Weights and Measures to run out of gas money.

Councilman Raben: Okay, on the Utilities, we show spending through July 15th of almost $3,000, so that's not the total? There's other monies that's been–

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, well, all of them, down through here, the last printout that I had that came, I guess, from the Auditor or wherever, was 6/26. Since then, on 8/14, I went through our budget book that we keep, you know, just like a bank book, and there's a lot of difference. A whole lot of difference. Some of it's just half of what they have down there, that we've got left. On account of the reasons of turning in the blue claims and this type of thing, it's a process. When we turn something in, it's not going to show up on that, that same day, and this was like in June. So, like our Printing and all of that, I mean, on our Printing it shows that, let's see, $225, well, no. We have, well, out of $2,500, we only have $1,175 left. So, I mean, the books and our stickers for next year. As far as Maintenance and Repair, they move so many of these accounts around, they're just not as much self explanatory as they used to be. Maintenance and Repair, we've got to get the vehicle repair out of that, where before it said Vehicle Repair, but we've got to get the vehicle repair out of that. We've got vehicles that's going to have to have whole new sets of brakes on them, because they're not new, which we haven't done, which needs to be done, because we don't want–

Councilman Raben: You know, just out of curiosity, checking fuel pumps isn't all you do–

Loretta Townsend: Oh, no.

Councilman Raben: – but, how many fuel pumps this year will you check?

Loretta Townsend: Oh my God, Jim. I'd say, well, let's see, this last month we had, what, 800 and something in one month, and we're not done yet by any means. Today they're down on the river, but it's not in fuel pumps, because we have to go,

it's down, that big vehicle scale down there, plus some other scales that they have. I will say, this year, somewhere around 3,500.

Councilman Raben: That's quite a few. They grow by the day, it seems like.

Loretta Townsend: I'm going to tell you what, and I mean it, one of them is sitting back there with me, I make one of them come with me every time, I want them to see what it's like up here, begging, don't go out and spend it because you can't get it real easy. I'm not saying it for his, but, I mean this and I'll say it to anybody, I've got the best Inspectors and you've got anywhere in this city or county, I've got the best three. So, that's how it's being done.

Councilman Raben: Great.

Councilman Swaim: Loretta, for purveyors of gasoline and diesel, when they're a little bit off, what's their compliance time that you give them normally to get back?

Loretta Townsend: It depends on what it is. We usually would give them ten days, but if it's something that it has to be ordered from the company, and that's out of their hands, they can't get it, of course, they're going to be shut down. I mean, they're not going to be using it. It's going to be tagged to where they can't use it. We're going to put a red tag on, then we're going to put a padlock on it. If we put a yellow tag on it, they can use it, because we'll put the tag around the nozzle, but people won't use it, and that could be for something because their one light is out on the indicator, or because there's something that's not a danger and something that's really not going to hurt, but we want it fixed, you know.

Councilman Swaim: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I've got–

Councilman Goebel: While we're on this subject, do you announce before you come to inspect? Or, is it, I know, I wouldn't think you would.

Loretta Townsend: No, we're sneaky. The only way that we'll do that is if they have their own repair people. Then it saves us a lot of time and everything for them to be there, but our main little thing is that little security seal down underneath that pump. They remove that, they can't get it back on, and that's the calibration of it.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you for doing that.

Loretta Townsend: That's the first thing we look at is to make sure...when we go into a station, and I tell them, or whoever is there tells them, we want the keys to the bottom of the pumps. Now, if they don't have the keys in that station where we can check that security seal, then we're going to yellow tag every one in that station. They don't like it, but that's why we're there, and then they get the key. That's the first thing we look at is down underneath there, and if our key is there, then we know that they haven't messed with the calibration of it, because you've got to get that security seal off in order to mess with the calibration. If the security seal is gone, then it's court time. I mean, you know, there's no reason for them to be doing it. Now, if they have to change it, if they have their own repair people that are legitimate, that have their equipment checked once a year like we do, well, then, they

can call us and they can go ahead and they can cut that off, but they've got to let us know that they've done this. Then we go over there then and we re-check it even after they've checked it, and then we put the security seal, our security seal on it.

Councilman Raben: Okay, we're going to take one more question from Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Loretta, how many cab companies do we have now? Are they all in compliance?

Loretta Townsend: Let's see, we've got, well you've got Yellow, but they sort of call themselves River City too, Checker, that's all one outfit, so, and then you've got Mighty Cab, and then you have Unity, then you've got Dave's Taxi, and then you've got one running loose out there, that we don't know where he's at.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I need to know, is he in compliance, because it affects where I work at.

Loretta Townsend: Oh, I know it. They're in compliance right now, those are. The one that, the Gibson, or ABC, he's not. I mean, I've gotten calls from the woman who runs Newburgh up there and she's having fits with him too. I mean, so, you do what you want to with him, but I noticed the times that I've been out at the airport, it's usually Dave's that's out there, and Dave's is good. They're all good, but there's some preference. There's some of them that I wouldn't crawl in a cab with, but, you know.

Councilman Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: I didn't mean for you name them off.

Loretta Townsend: We have to, the thing on them cabs is, they don't get along. They don't like one another, and they don't get along. So, what we have to do, we have to separate them, even when we're doing our cab checks, we can't have certain companies there at the same time, because I mean, and he knows this, they'll fight. They actually will fight–

Councilmember Bassemier: For locations.

Loretta Townsend: – and we don't want that, and we're not going to separate them. He had to do it himself at the airport.

President Shetler: Do we do any inspections on any areas that is not mandated by State statutes?

Loretta Townsend: In any areas?

President Shetler: Yeah, I mean, cab meters, fuel–

Loretta Townsend: You would be surprised, it's weights, measurement and count, and that takes care of everything.

President Shetler: But, it's statute, is the statute real broad on what you are to inspect? Or, is it very specific that this must be inspected, like fuel and weights on grocery stores, etcetera? Do we, have we expanded that or broadened that scope?

Loretta Townsend: We haven't personally, I mean, here, just to make numbers. We haven't done that, but that weights and measures and count covers everything. It covers everything. If you go buy a car, you're buying one car, you know, I mean, it covers everything, there's hardly anything that it does not cover, including packages.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, Loretta, thank you. We'll move on.

Loretta Townsend: (Inaudible) no money.

COUNTY SURVEYOR
MAP FUND
SURVEYOR'S PERPETUAL FUND
COUNTY SURVEYOR/ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING

Councilman Raben: Next, Surveyor, page 21.

Jeff Mueller: Good morning. Jeff Mueller, Vanderburgh County Surveyor. It's awful quiet here.

Councilman Raben: Are there any questions of...I will call attention that this budget is down about $42,000 over the prior year.

Jeff Mueller: We do plan on coming in with less money this year than what we've got budgeted. We had one employee that I did not fill that position this year, and I don't intend to fill it next year either.

Councilman Raben: Okay, very good. Thank you.

President Shetler: Is that something that we can't eliminate from the budget book itself? Or, is that something we could do?

Councilman Raben: It's, yeah, he's not asking for it for next year.

President Shetler: I mean, it's been eliminated from the book then?

Councilman Raben: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilman Swaim: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Councilman Raben: Okay, any other questions? Any questions? None? Jeff, thank you. Good job.

Jeff Mueller: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: We will move on to, well, we do have the Map Fund on page 101. I mean, if one wants to glance at that.

Jeff Mueller: I think that's just $500.

Councilman Raben: Yeah.

Jeff Mueller: Yeah.

Councilman Raben: We have the Perpetual Fund on page 128.

Jeff Mueller: Okay.

Councilman Raben: Any questions on that one? That one is where it was this year, no increases. Then, we have the, like the other budget, we had with the Treasurer on page 132, the Training Fund.

Jeff Mueller: Yeah, and by law there's 24 hours of required training. I went to Purdue Road School this year, and instead of taking that money out of the General Fund, it came out of this. Next Tuesday I'll be going to a thing in Indianapolis, you guys approved the travel request, again, that money, that travel money will come out of there. So, you know, the goal is to get the 24 hours of mandatory training and use the money out of that fund.

Councilman Raben: Okay, Jeff, thank you.

Jeff Mueller: Okay.

Councilman Raben: We'll move on.

COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY CLERK/IV-D
COUNTY CLERK/ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING
COUNTY CLERK/ELECTION OFFICE
COUNTY CLERK/PERPETUATION FUND/COIT

Councilman Raben: County Clerk, page 66, or page one, excuse me.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning.

Councilman Raben: Are there any questions on the Clerk? Or, do you need more time to look?

Councilmember Terry: Debbie, I didn't see in the rationale for the Juvenile Clerk, I think there's about a 54 percent increase there.

Debbie Stucki: Oh, that was moving an employee that transferred from another department from a COMOT IV, one, to a COMOT IV, six. Through the money that I've saved by not filling some positions, I was able to transfer money. I didn't have to ask for any money from the Council. I am deleting line item 1430 for next year.

Councilman Raben: Okay. Any questions? I'll call attention to a few that we'll see throughout the next two days. Record Storage is zeroed out, but there is $60,000 in the COIT budget.

Councilman Swaim: Debbie, what's your total workforce now compared to maybe what it was when you took office? The number of Deputy Clerks that you have now?

Debbie Stucki: I'm currently, I have four vacant positions.

Councilman Swaim: What are the plans for those vacant positions?

Debbie Stucki: The plan is to let one go. I'll probably fill two before the end of the year, but I'm continuing to evaluate that. I just had two more employees give me their two weeks notice. So, I'll be back in September to ask to fill those. They've moved on to better paying jobs.

Councilman Swaim: So, as of today, do you have a total number for me?

Debbie Stucki: There are four.

Councilman Swaim: I mean, I know four, but–

Debbie Stucki: Oh, employees?

Councilman Swaim: The total number.

Debbie Stucki: I'm sorry, I would have to count that up.

Councilman Swaim: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, we'll move to page 66, IV-D account. Any questions there? None? Okay. Page 130, again, is the Training Fund that's been established for office holders, and that's another $2,000. Are there any questions on any of the Clerk's budgets?

Councilmember Terry: I guess, in the rationale book, I guess, there was an explanation about a possible increase for the Office Machines, regarding, I guess, Indiana House Bill 1311? Some additional equipment?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, for the election machines.

Councilmember Terry: I guess, do you have more of an update since this was submitted?

Debbie Stucki: I'm still getting some price quotes, and I also have, I'm in contact with the Commissioners to see if they'll pay for that this year out of the CCD Fund. So, I'll try to find out more information for the next meeting.

Councilmember Terry: That's still going to be about $80,000 to maybe $100,000?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilman Raben: You know, the overall Records Storage request is less this year.

Debbie Stucki: Yes. I can, I'm able to take it out of the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund. That's for record storage and maintenance and preservation.

Councilman Raben: So, you're going to make up the difference of the 15 and the 60?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilman Raben: Okay.

Debbie Stucki: And, it looks like I'm not going to have enough for this year, but I am able to take it out of the Clerk's Perpetuation to finish the year, as well.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, great. Yes, thank you.

President Shetler: How much, what kind of balance do we have in that fund? And, how much does it generate a year?

Debbie Stucki: There's about $500,000, I believe, Joe, and, I think, we get about $50,000 to $60,000 a year.

President Shetler: What is, do you know what the statute requires, or the restrictions on that money, how it can be spent?

Debbie Stucki: It's for records storage and upkeep. A lot of our cases we have to keep 25 years.

President Shetler: So, there's a balance of $60,000 in the COIT? Is that what you said?

Debbie Stucki: No.

Councilman Raben: There is, yes.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilman Raben: That's what's budgeted out of COIT.

Debbie Stucki: What's budgeted for it, instead of $120,000 from last year.

President Shetler: Okay, so we could, I mean, that may be an avenue to look at, if you have a balance of about a half a million dollars you said?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you.

Debbie Stucki: But, the–

Councilman Raben: You're thinking let it pick up the entire–

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilman Raben: I like your thought process.

Debbie Stucki: We also, we have to pay for the warehouse and all of that out of there as well. So, I was going to try this the first year and see, because if we paid the whole thing every year, we wouldn't generate enough money to.

President Shetler: How is that Perpetual Fund generated? I mean, where is that, is it–

Debbie Stucki: There's money off of each document, each new case.

President Shetler: That document fee, is that set by statute?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Shetler: Or, is there any flexibility there?

Debbie Stucki: It's set by statute.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, thank you. Any other questions? None? We will move on to Election Office, page 31.

Debbie Stucki: This is a totally new one for me.

President Shetler: I do have a question, Debbie. It appears that Election Assistant, that that salary has increased ten percent anyway, so.

Debbie Stucki: I was just looking at past records, and also we have a spreadsheet in our office, and I've noticed some of the totals, I actually should have double checked some of those in MUNIS. Apparently they were a little off on our spreadsheet. So, there are some things, as I was looking at this again last night, I think could be gone over again.

President Shetler: Will that be an employee transferred over to the Election Office from your staff?

Debbie Stucki: No, that's the Part Time Help.

President Shetler: This is for Part Time Help.

Debbie Stucki: Yeah, for the people that work in the office.

President Shetler: Oh, okay. I thought it was for the one.

Debbie Stucki: So, it's not one person. It's a group of people.

President Shetler: Alright, and that goes underneath an hourly wage then, that's how they're paid?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilman Raben: So, the point of that was, we need to reflect the number is based on '10, as a comparison to what we need for '14.

Debbie Stucki: Right, because it wouldn't be a Presidential.

President Shetler: The Election Office, does it have any room in there allowing for any other employees, other activities to go on in that space?

Debbie Stucki: I think there are six, seven, I think there are eight desks out in front. I believe they have six employees and then the Supervisor would be there and myself. Of course, when it's not an election year, that space just sits there.

President Shetler: Well, I didn't know, you know, we are looking around for some space to accommodate the clinic, you know, possibilities and stuff like that, particularly if we expand, and it's done with the city and the county. So, I didn't know if there were other departments that would be able to consolidate into that office there somewhat. If you had the physical room for that, but you're saying that may be a little bit tight?

Debbie Stucki: I think, especially during an election year with the machines that you have set up out, that's usually out in front there where there is floor space. That's the only room.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilman Raben: My last question is on Contractual Services. There's a significant change there.

Debbie Stucki: Again, I think it was just the figures I was looking at. So, I could go back and double check.

Councilman Raben: Yeah, that's one we'll really need to screw down pretty tight.

Debbie Stucki: Yeah.

Councilman Raben: Then, Office Machines, are we purchasing something?

Debbie Stucki: The State is now requiring, anybody with poll books, electronic poll books to have a scanner for drivers license, and also a signature pad to sign their name. So, we have to purchase those for each poll book, for the 2014 election we have to have those.

Councilmember Bassemier: Is the State helping out on that cost since it's mandatory?

Debbie Stucki: No. We are looking at going to a State run program, Odyssey, which is going to help with some licensing cost.

Councilman Raben: Okay.

Councilman Goebel: Do, is there any other group that would need this type of scanner throughout the county, for drivers license and signatures and things like that? Or, is the Election Office the only one that would use it? What during the primary and during the general election, three out of four years?

Debbie Stucki: I'm not sure who else would use any equipment like that.

Councilman Goebel: Just asking. It seems like another great amount of money that we're putting out, and the whole idea was that we were hoping with the remote voting and things like that we could save funding. Once again, unfunded mandate. Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any other questions? None? Debbie, thank you.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

SHERIFF
SHERIFF/COIT
SHERIFF/CCD
SHERIFF/JAIL
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilman Raben: We'll move on to Sheriff, page 11.

Eric Williams: Good morning, Sheriff Eric Williams. I think I'll go with the trend and wait for questions.

Councilman Swaim: Will there be a point sometime during '14 when the corrections staff will be up to snuff, as far as what's required to ensure safety of the staff?

Eric Williams: Based on current projections I would say no. The staffing analysis that was done when the jail was built was based on a population of 512. It also included several positions that were within the User Fee Account, and as you're probably aware, there are seven vacancies within the User Fee Account because the account currently is not able to fund those positions.

Councilman Swaim: Today's population is?

Eric Williams: We're going to remain seven below the minimal staffing that was set when the facility opened until that time. As far as the rest of the staffing goes, we fairly diligently try to rotate people in as quick as we can when there are vacancies, but there are some savings both to the county and to the office by doing them in groups. So, there are going to be periods of time when we're below minimum staffing, excluding that seven from User Fees.

Councilman Swaim: Today's population?

Eric Williams: Today's population? I knew that was going to be a question. When I left the office today we had 579 inmates total, 101 females, and over in Community Corrections we had 103. So, Community Corrections has 200 beds, 144 males and 60 for females. The jail has 512 beds, 64 of those are for female. You can tell we're quite crowded right now. I try to avoid the word overcrowded, because I'm not exactly sure what that means. We're just crowded.

Councilman Swaim: The federal courts know what that means.

Eric Williams: Yeah, well, they have a way of pointing that out to us periodically.

President Shetler: Sheriff, are you taking a pay cut? I noticed about a $1,500 difference in–

Eric Williams: I don't know. I didn't figure my pay salary in there, so.

Councilman Raben: Okay, do you want to explain the Post Command Receptionist?

Eric Williams: Yes, if you would like me to. My budget calls for the elimination of three full time positions. The exchange, which we went through the Job Study and they will be on your Council agenda this month, to exchange two of my Clerks into Booking Clerks, which would take them from a COMOT IV to a COMOT V. So, we're going to lose three full time positions in doing that. We're going to close the Command Post down in our after hours. We've done several studies looking at that, and there's no value in being open late night. We don't get any kind of foot traffic through there. So, we're going to close that to the public after hours. Also, included in my budget within two areas that are not General Fund budgets, but there's the elimination of two positions within the Community Corrections/DOC Grant. As you're aware, the DOC grant funds a large portion of the Community Corrections operation. We're going to leave one of those unfilled to maintain under the grant numbers. If you're not aware, for at least the last seven years the State has flatlined that grant and not given any increases to anybody. In doing that, as we increase our salaries and benefits cost more, those eventually meet, and we're at that point. We have been the last few years. So, by eliminating the one position, that will help keep us under that so we're not looking for other dollars to stay in the grant. The other position we're changing over to a Confinement Officer/Supervisor position. That should help us with staffing, because that's not a number that we have in there, and that will be within the Community Corrections grant. So, it's not a General Fund item, but that person will be working in there and should help towards capturing some of the work done under overtime right now. I don't know if that–

Councilman Raben: So, for clarification, the trade off on the Post Command Receptionist, the two Booking Clerks, you'll see those in your Community Corrections budget, won't you?

Eric Williams: No, you'll see two, within my main General Fund budget, you're going to see two Clerks that are changed to Jail Clerks or Booking Clerks, and those are the ones that are going from COMOT IV to COMOT V. They'll be new hires, so in actuality their numbers will be less starting off this year. We're also getting, we're eliminating two positions that are Post Command Receptionist and we're eliminating a Groundskeeper's position. So, there's a net change of three full time positions out of the General Fund budget, and one full time position out of the Community Corrections/DOC Grant budget.

Councilman Swaim: Is the Fuel contract just done once a year? Or, is it a possibility to do that twice a year or quarterly? Or, how do you guys do that normally?

Eric Williams: Right now we piggyback with Purchasing with the city and the county. Basically, the city's public safety fleet, I believe the busses might be on it, our office. We negotiate that annually, you know, kind of everybody watches the numbers to look when we might have the best opportunity to buy our fuel. We usually buy it for a year out. We usually get that contract in place probably eight months in advance of the contract actually....our current fuel rate is very good. I'm not sure what it is, but we're still doing well on Fuel. In fact, I think our Fuel budget is going to be okay this year compared to previous years.

Councilman Swaim: I didn't know if you wanted to re-negotiate.

Eric Williams: I would say we would probably lose right now if we tried to re-negotiate it.

Councilman Raben: On the Fuel line where it's zeroed, also you'll find that in COIT. On the COIT Account. I've got one question, on Data Management, I guess, it's account 337000. We also have $31,000 in COIT, is that correct?

Eric Williams: I couldn't tell you. I'm still struggling to get caught up with the account number changes and the transition from COIT, from General Fund to COIT, and from General Fund to CCD. So, there's several numbers out there. I would be happy to take a look at that one.

Councilman Raben: It's account 337, on page–

Eric Williams: What page is it?

Councilman Raben: –wait a minute, let me make sure my notes are correct first. Okay, I stated COIT, my notes are wrong, it's actually CCD. In CCD we have Data Management at $31,556.

Eric Williams: Is that the same number that appears in the other? (Inaudible) in both places?

Councilman Raben: No.

Eric Williams: I'll have to look at that. I can't give you a specific answer.

Joe Gries: If I recall–

Eric Williams: Are the account numbers the same?

Joe Gries: – I believe it's for the Sheriff's Department KRONOS upgrade.

Eric Williams: Okay.

Joe Gries: That was put into the CCD budget.

Eric Williams: So, that should have been a one expenditure probably. It probably shouldn't have been carried into the new budget.

Joe Gries: It's in the revised budget column. So, that money was carried over from last year to finish paying off the KRONOS upgrade for the Sheriff's Department. So, that line item won't be in, well, I mean, it's requested, but I think you can probably eliminate that.

Councilman Raben: Eliminate it–

Eric Williams: I was going to say–

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Because your KRONOS upgrade is complete.

Councilman Raben: Can we eliminate it out of the General Fund and continue, keep the $31,556 in the CCD?

Eric Williams: I think the General Fund one is for our contractual IT services.

Joe Gries: Right.

Eric Williams: That was a separate fund set up for the KRONOS, because the Commissioners, the way they paid for it.

Joe Gries: It was a purchase of upgraded equipment and upgraded software.

Councilman Raben: Okay, but–

Joe Gries: I think you, I mean–

Councilman Raben: We can still do this, eliminate it out of the General Fund, and instead of $31,556 in CCD, we can do $35,000 in CCD.

Joe Gries: Capital Development Fund, I don't know if IT contractual, I can check on that to make sure that we're okay if we put that budget into CCD.

Councilman Raben: Okay.

Joe Gries: Yeah, I can look at that.

Eric Williams: I'll be happy to, just give me a call, we'll go through the numbers–

Joe Gries: Okay.

Eric Williams: – and make sure we're both on the same page.

Joe Gries: Great.

Councilman Raben: And the Rent, for clarification, Rent is in COIT at the $103,000. Sheriff, real quick, we are running not ahead of schedule, but we're not way behind, explain to us some of the things that you've done in terms of medical and the savings that we've realized, and even the food contract and what have you.

Eric Williams: Well, we're constantly evaluating Medical. That is the one, as you all know, that could bite us at any moment in time. Obviously, as the jail population continues to be above, Medical is an increased cost, because it varies with the number of inmates we have. There are also a lot of opportunities to constantly be evaluating savings. For example, this past year we've changed our pharmaceutical vendor, which has saved us a considerable amount of money. We have changed our billing services. We have an outside firm that looks at all of our bills coming in for inmates and makes sure that they have all been coded properly, because that's an art in and of itself, to make sure that we're paying for the services required and that we're capturing all of the dollars we can under the statute, limiting the amount that a medical provider can charge a jail for inmate services. Those together, right now our Jail budget for Medical is below where we have historically been at this point in the year. Knock on wood and hope that we don't have a significant injury or significant issue out there, but I don't see us coming back and asking for additional Medical dollars this year. We, obviously, are always looking for ways to save, or to make opportunities to do things in-house. For example, we do our dental x-rays in-house, we bring an x-ray service in, as opposed to transporting. We have a contract with a local dentist who now comes once a week. Her job, as opposed to us transporting and taking all the costs and risks associated with that, she basically, she gives us a four hour block of time, and she does as many teeth as she can in the block of time. Because of the way we're set up, we're able to stay way ahead of the curve on that one now. That's one of the areas that we've done, what I consider to

be an excellent job of tending to the shop and making sure that we're at least getting the best bang out of our buck. That's not going to be an area that's ever going to be cheap for the county, it's just not, but it has been a lot worse in history.

Councilman Raben: That's important that it doesn't really reflect, the Medical dollars don't really reflect the population.

Eric Williams: No.

Councilman Raben: So, good job.

President Shetler: Sheriff, are we able to bill back on any of the indigent prisoners that you might have in there or not?

Eric Williams: There are limited opportunities–

President Shetler: To Medicaid.

Eric Williams: – that we find. I mean, obviously, we would like to find folks that have insurance and bill their insurance, but those are few and far between. Generally, the folks that are our long term, that are with us for an extended period of time are also the folks that don't have insurance and don't have any forms. There is some statutory, in the Indiana Sheriff's Association is constantly working with the legislature to try to enact legislation that helps balance what's reasonable, but with making sure that we can contain costs for our jails and the inmates that are in there and looking for every opportunity we can to divert those costs back to the State or to other health care providers or insurance or wherever we can. We do what we can, but there aren't many opportunities based on the population that we serve. I don't know if that answered your question or not. We're constantly looking for ways to bill folks back for the dollars, but there's just not many to be found.

President Shetler: Do you guys try to do that in-house, or do you have a service that does that for you?

Eric Williams: No, we do that in-house, because every one is so different. Every inmate that comes in there has a different story, has a different situation, may or may not have insurance. Not without being stereotypical, the vast majority of the inmates that may come into our facility that have insurance available to them are also the ones that generally bond out fairly quickly and are not there for an extended period of time, so don't receive much medical care while they're there.

President Shetler: Have you explored that possibility of contracting that out, that billing service?

Eric Williams: That specifically, no. We've not looked at that. I would be happy to, that's another interesting opportunity to look for avenues to bill back costs associated with our operation. We would be happy to look at it. Generally, a lot of those come to my attention through the Indiana Sheriff's Association and our network of other jail folks. I've not seen something like that, but that doesn't mean it does not exist.

President Shetler: I know there's a lot of private entities that do that kind of function. Since that's what their specific job is, they just may be a little bit better at it, and free up your people to do what they're supposed to be doing.

Eric Williams: Sure. Absolutely.

Councilman Raben: Okay, let's move on, since, we've kind of got ahead of ourselves, let's get out of the Sheriff's budget and the Jail budget, in case we have any more questions along these lines, but the Jail budget begins on page 48.

Councilmember Terry: Jim, before you do that, I just have one question on the STOP Domestic Violence grant. How many years is that grant?

Eric Williams: It's annual. We never know, actually, that's one of those that I expect somebody to make a State comment. The State set this up, we're involved in it, it's constantly being reduced. They actually don't approve funding until after the fiscal year has started for them. So, we kind of operate on a hope and a prayer a lot of times that they're actually going to fund it, and that they're going to approve it at the prior values. It does not meet the needs. That's one that we generally have to supplement.

Councilmember Terry: Okay, and, I guess, what's accomplished, what does this grant do for us?

Eric Williams: The Domestic Violence Coordinator is one of our deputies positions assigned in the investigations. Their primary responsibility is to handle the case load that revolves around domestic violence cases, which they're fairly substantial. The deputy that handles that position for us right now happened to be the first chair and the lead investigator on the Weisheit murders. You know, that was a domestic incident, and she took care of that one and handled that. Her case load is fairly heavy.

Councilmember Terry: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, on Jail, anyone have any questions? As we look at page 53, you'll see Medical, there's $400,000 in the COIT. I'll call attention to that line again, looking back 2010 and 2011 those numbers were significantly more than they are today.

Eric Williams: I don't want to shoot myself in the foot, but as of today's date we've expended $155,889 out of that line item, and we're at, you know, roughly, you know, we're well over half way and we're way under halfway as far as expenses. So, we think we're on the right track, we just hope that we can hold those numbers true through the end of the year.

Councilman Raben: Food you'll also find in COIT. There's $650,000 budgeted in the COIT.

Eric Williams: We are looking at an opportunity to make a savings in our Food budget by changing the line up of the products served. Looking for a, what I would consider to be an alternative to the protein that's required by the State in our diets, our caloric intake for the inmates, and moving towards what would be a higher percentage of soy based products, which we think in the re-negotiation with our current vendor will drive the price down approximately one cent per meal, which doesn't sound like a lot, but at one cent per meal producing, you know, anywhere between 1,800 to 2,000 meals a day, that number adds up in the course of a year.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any other questions on the Jail budget?

Councilman Goebel: Comment. I would just like to commend the Sheriff and your department for all of your innovative creations you've had. You've reduced your staffing, you've consolidated jobs, you've reduced the amount we're spending on medical costs for a higher population, and this is the type of, I guess, lesson maybe all of us could learn. It's basically what Mr. Shetler has asked for as maybe combining jobs and saving the county money and still providing a great service. So, thank you.

Eric Williams: Well, I appreciate the comments. Number one, I would be remiss if I didn't say we've got a stellar staff. Vanderburgh County is very lucky to have the professionals serving in all of the ranks of the Sheriff's Office, and in all of the positions. They do a great job. We're also very hopeful that we can continue with these numbers. Obviously, the jail population is what drives it, and things that happen inside of the jail. The true test of whether or not we're successful in saving money is how we fare in lawsuits. You know, as you change your medical service, that's an opportunity to get sued. As we do things differently, that's an opportunity to get sued. I think history would show, and our recent record is that we've fared very well over in federal court with our law suits. So, that's the test that we want to continue with, but thank you.

Councilman Swaim: Sheriff, population wise, just in case you had to farm out about 50 of those people to keep some nice lady like, Sarah Evans Barker, from breathing down our necks, would....one of my favorite judges by the way.

Eric Williams: I can tell.

Councilman Swaim: She, are some of the surrounding counties, I mean, if you had to get 50 people out of there for a short period of time, is the rate half way decent that we could afford it?

Eric Williams: We've looked at a lot of theories on how we would reduce our jail population should we be forced to do it, number one, or should it reach a point where we can no longer operate in a safe manner. Right now we feel comfortable that we're operating safely, but even with these numbers we're able to maintain it. We're fortunate with the jail design, it's a lot more flexible in handling population surges than the old facility was, but, yes, there are plenty of organizations or counties around us that are short inmates. They had built, there are several counties that built facilities based on housing State inmates, and as the State has retracted those from those counties, they have openings that we could put folks into. Our best theory we have right now is that we would, if we had to move inmates, we would basically sell our male inmate population, free up one of our current male housing units, and redirect that to female housing. That would create 128 beds. Right now, today we have, I think I said 101 females. So, obviously there would be a gap there of female beds. We would then put ourselves on the market to take female inmates from other facilities to help reduce that cost, or at least to work against one another. It would still end up costing us more, but, hopefully, we could make a dent in that cost. I'm not convinced we couldn't charge a premium for housing female inmates, above and beyond what we'd pay for male inmates.

Councilman Swaim: What would the neighbors charge us per head? I mean, just a ballpark figure.

Eric Williams: Thirty five dollars a day, plus we would pick up medical and we do transport. That's a pretty safe guess.

Councilman Swaim: Thanks.

Councilman Raben: Okay, hopefully, we won't have to step on those grounds.

Eric Williams: We've been there before, so we're prepared to do it. We would just like to never go there again if we could avoid it.

Councilman Raben: Okay. Let's move on to Community Corrections, page 75. The only question I have on Community Corrections is Clothing Allowance. History doesn't reflect $25,000, but–

Eric Williams: No, and that's probably a number that could be scaled back. That's just been the standard number we've put in there. You never know what your needs are going to be. It has gone down based on the number of people that are in there also. It's a fairly fixed number per employee.

Councilman Raben: Okay, the Overtime, we're all too familiar with making an adjustment there. So, we probably will need to adjust that back somewhat. Not that it won't come to bite us in the–

Eric Williams: No, and, again, that's the discussion I think at some point we're going to need to sit down and have and work out some....with that concurrent number of people that we're short. Like Councilman Swaim suggested, you know, our staffing analysis was done when the facility was opened. It was done with a 512 capacity. We took the most minimal number that was allowable, or basically within what was an accepted range for those positions. Those positions included those that were within Community Corrections. Now, we have to remember that we have contractual agreements requiring minimum staffing on shifts. So, there is guaranteed overtime that we can't avoid. Some of that though we would be able to reduce if we had the staffing that we really need to have. Right now we're making that staffing because of using overtime dollars. There's probably lots of math we could do in there to find where that balances out. Some overtime is very cost effective, but you reach a point where, I think, that it becomes difficult to manage and there may be other solutions. I don't know if we're there yet or not.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any other questions of the Sheriff? None? Thank you.

Eric Williams: Thank you very much.

VOTERS REGISTRATION

Councilman Raben: We'll move to Voters Registration, page 33.

Tony Bushrod: Good morning.

Connie Carrier: Good morning.

Councilmember Terry: Good morning.

Councilman Raben: Are there any questions of Voters Registration? None?

Councilman Swaim: We're noticing some of those minus columns over there on the right. We appreciate that.

Tony Bushrod: You're welcome.

Councilman Raben: Okay, well, thank you very much.

Tony Bushrod: Thank you.

Connie Carrier: Thank you.

Councilman Goebel: I do have one. On the Printing, that's going to go back up next, are we going to spend money on that again yet this year?

Connie Carrier: We no longer print poll books. We have the vote centers.

Tony Bushrod: But, we will have to pay to have new voter registration applications printed, which is mandated by the State, but we're going to do it as cheap as possible.

Councilman Goebel: You will do that here, in-house?

Tony Bushrod: No, because we have to use like a certain–

Connie Carrier: Card stock.

Tony Bushrod: –card stock.

Councilman Raben: Will you be doing that this fall?

Connie Carrier: The State has changed the registration card. It's not grand fathered in. We have (Inaudible) left over.

Tony Bushrod: Right, I mean, we have boxes left over that we can't use. So, we're going to have everything printed out, but I'm going to check and see if we can maybe use them in-house to do transfers and stuff like that there.

Councilman Raben: My point is, if they contract it this fall, we can zero this out and they can spend monies from this year, right?

Joe Gries: Unless they have expenses next year that would come up again. Yeah, I think you're right. They have $2,500 for this year too to spend in their budget.

Councilman Goebel: We have $2,500 to spend, we haven't spent it. So, could we just carry that over?

Joe Gries: Yes, you could encumber that.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any other questions? None? Thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT
SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION PROGRAM
SUPERIOR COURT/COIT

Councilman Raben: We will move to Superior Court, page 57.

Terry Dietsch: Good morning.

Councilmember Terry: Good morning.

Councilman Raben: I will call attention to, a lot of the increase in this budget is there's twelve step increases for employees. As you move through, when you get to page 62, YCC Operating Costs, that will be in the COIT budget at the $1,836,819. Judge, you and I had talked about, when we met reviewing this budget of the percent of increase, the annual increase within that budget. What did we establish it was?

Terry Dietsch: I'm sorry?

Councilman Raben: Their annual increase in their contract? It's three percent? You know, I might ask, I don't know, Jeff, I guess, it would be the County Attorney that probably needs to review that contract and the Commissioners and what have you. One of the things that I would like some type of information on that is, when we committed to that YCC agreement, it's probably been what, ten years ago?

Terry Dietsch: Yes, and my understanding on that, Mr. Raben, is that a new contract has never been entered into. If I remember correctly, although I didn't have any direct involvement, I believe they're still operating under the initial contract and it carries over from year to year. Again, if memory serves me correctly, if that is done, then that increase is three percent each year. You can check that, but that's my recollection.

Councilman Raben: If my memory serves me right, I think we, part of our contract is for like 28 male beds–

Terry Dietsch: Yes, so many, yes.

Councilman Raben: – I don't know how many female beds and what have you, but, at the time that was, well, that's more than we need, but that allows for growth should we need it. If you're not occupying those 28 beds, we can utilize those for other counties and we'll reimburse you "x" per diem for any of your 28 beds that is used by other counties. I don't know that we've ever been give a credit for anything. Again, I think we need to ask the County Attorney to look into that, because I certainly don't think we occupy 28 beds, 365 days a year.

Terry Dietsch: Well, I don't know the answer to that.

Councilman Raben: So, we, I mean, I would be of the opinion that we should have a substantial credit coming back, you know, much less pay the three percent annual increase that the contract calls for. Are there any other questions on anything within this budget?

President Shetler: My only question, Judge, how, a couple of years ago I asked the question about the offenders and how many might have some severe mental/psychological/emotional type problems that are people that who are kind of

going through the system time and time again, and therefore taxing the finances there greatly. There are some who I've spoken to that feel like there may be some merit to requiring at least a few of the probation officers, in the future as we replace them, with psychology degrees. That may help, I don't know, eradicate, but help lessen the problem with the people that are, you know, keep repeating that have those kind of emotional and mental disturbances and stuff. Do you have any idea of what it may cost additionally to require a probation officer to have a Psychology degree.

Terry Dietsch: Well, if you're looking at that, then, I think, the Council would have a problem with entering salary, with a basic salary, because those people, in order to attract those people you're going to have to pay them a reasonable salary. Now, how that would work within the Juvenile Division, at this time, is maybe uncertain. However, it's certainly a thing that can be explored. We have here this morning, Mr. Faraone, who is a Supervisor in the Juvenile Division, he may be able to answer that better at this particular time.

President Shetler: Yeah, and I was thinking of adult as well as juvenile, you know, in general speaking. I didn't know if that might be a ten percent bump in a salary for a Probation Officer, or a 15 percent bump.

Terry Dietsch: I don't know, but it would certainly be a bump.

President Shetler: Right.

Terry Dietsch: We do have, you know, the Guardianship Services of Southwestern Indiana, doesn't get directly to your point, but it's a program where people are trained to be guardians for those who have no other persons to be guardians, if they have a mental illness or any other type of disability ,including ADD, that doesn't get to your point exactly, but it is one program that's helpful.

President Shetler: Yeah, well, it is a serious issue that is taxing our court system and the criminal justice system in general. I understand to the tune of about 30 percent fit into that category. So, if we can, you know, mitigate that to some degree, I would think that that would be an investment that could go a long way to reducing our cost here.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, if a program could be designed to accomplish that end.

President Shetler: Right. Alright, thank you, Judge.

Councilman Goebel: Judge, as far as Petit Jurors, usually it's about $45,000 budgeted. I know it's up this year.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, you know, that's a non-controllable kind.

Councilman Goebel: I understand that.

Terry Dietsch: The reason is that the jury trials have been booming.

Councilman Goebel: Right.

Terry Dietsch: And we don't anticipate that that's going to decrease.

Councilman Goebel: I was wondering, for our sake, if we could lower it back, maybe by $10,000 and then maybe make you come back and ask for–

Terry Dietsch: Yes, our position on that has always been, if the Council needed to reduce a non-controllable account to help in it's immediate needs, that's fine with us, as long as it's understood that if additional money is needed it has to be appropriated.

Councilman Goebel: It certainly appears that there are more jury trials right now, with the numbers that are up, but if we could do that, I don't know.

Terry Dietsch: That's something that must be paid.

Councilman Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Raben: Judge, could you explain the new line, the Guardian Ad-Litem to the Council, the matching grant line.

Terry Dietsch: Oh, okay. That is what I was telling Mr. Shetler about. A few years ago, a program was established to assist elderly people, disadvantaged people, disabled people when they had no one to act for them as guardians. These people that become guardians are not paid, however, they must be trained. A few years ago, a State grant was available to assist in that program. The State grant is still available, although now it's available only if the county comes up with a matching grant. In addition, it has to be an additional line item. That's what we've put in for this year. That basically is what that's about. Like I said, Mr. Faraone is here if you wish for more details. I'm sure he would be happy to fill you in.

Bernie Faraone: Bernie Faraone, Juvenile Court. The program, Adult Guardians, was established, actually pioneered by Judge Niemeier and several other, four or five other judges in other counties in Indiana. I think the idea was germinated in like 2008, and created State grant money in 2010. Past laws governing adult guardianship programs, and it was funded for about a year and then they withdrew the funding. There's been efforts by those pilot programs, and they all have to, they all are operated out of Probate Court, by law, Juvenile Courts do have jurisdiction over probate matters; guardianships, estates, trusts and so on. They found a need where there are situations where there are patients in medical hospitals, like St. Mary's, state hospitals, like our Evansville State Hospital, nursing homes, for example, like the Protestant Nursing Home, where patients are being treated and they are mentally and physically incapacitated either by injury or physical disease deterioration, in which they have nobody to address their end of life issues or they may not have a living will or advanced directive on whether or not they should have a change, whether or not they should have surgeries. The end of life being, should they be pulled off extraordinary life supporting means. At the very end it's St. Mary's and the State Hospital and the nursing homes, they don't have anybody in position to decide how that individual should be buried. So, this program arose, and it meets the needs and there continues to be a need. So much so, that finally with a bunch of lobbying and arguing at the State level, they just passed actually funding for the program, effective July 1st of this year there's $500,000 established to operate these programs. But, for a probate court to get the money they have to meet certain requirements, submit grants. The good news is, for the first year of the program, the counties, if they have a program like this, they don't have to have that matching money, that would kick in the second year is my understanding from Judge Niemeier. I'm also in contact with the director of our program, Guardianship

Services of Southwest Indiana, Erin North, and she just submitted a grant to try to get the matching funds for the first year.

Councilman Swaim: Bernie? I was trying to think back to some previous logistics when I was on the department with regard to YCC, and I guess, specifically, do you guys still make use of the Regional Village up at Vincennes? Partially, maybe to answer Mike's question, do some of those staff, people up there have advanced degrees? I know they used to have some people who were, well, let's see, the politically correct way to say this is, stern disciplinarians, but I don't know about advanced degrees.

Bernie Faraone: Well, actually, that's a good question, and when it was posed, I think by Mr. President there, is the contract with our local detention center, the Youth Care Center, they do have an on staff Psychologist that is part of the contract that provides some of the evaluation services that are required. They do provide, they have other case workers in the detention center that provide, they do inventories, depression inventories and questionnaires, they do drug screenings, it's a standard practice whenever a female or male adolescent gets detained, they submit the urine screenings and that information is supplied to the court immediately. It's been very helpful.

Councilman Swaim: Do they sometimes, I know a lot of that is pre-adjudication up there–

Bernie Faraone: Yes/

Councilman Swaim: – do they, is that a place that's used in lieu of maybe boy's school after adjudication or not?

Bernie Faraone: As far as the Vincennes?

Councilman Swaim: Yes, the Village.

Bernie Faraone: Yes, it's Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village. Our local detention center actually has 36 beds; 30 for males and six for females. It's pretty filled on most days, but we do use Vincennes and we use a Muncie Detention Center when we have an over crowd and managed trials and so on as we may have to move, when it's filled here, move some to Vincennes and/or Muncie to make room and allow for arrests tonight, tomorrow night, last night. It's the nature of the business.

Councilman Swaim: Thank you.

Councilman Goebel: I'm a little confused on the matching grant. Did you say we were waived for this coming year?

Bernie Faraone: Yes, sir.

Councilman Goebel: So, we don't have to fund this?

Bernie Faraone: Correct, it can be zeroed out for this year. My understanding is what we really need is to have that line item created.

Councilman Goebel: Okay, we can create the line item and put a zero in there instead of $25,000?

Bernie Faraone: Yes, sir.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Terry: I have a question on that grant. I guess, have we given any thought to, when that grant ends, or what's the plan to sustain that program, since we're newly established.

Bernie Faraone: Right, in fact, the State funded the $500,000, and we trust, or have faith that they'll continue to have that amount, but whether or not Vanderburgh County will be eligible for it, I think there will probably be different requirements, other than the matching they will probably look at the numbers. If one county has more need than another county. So, my understanding is we're not going to be guaranteed $25,000 every year, or $30,000, but the laws are set in there. Now, I think the State, we sense, realizes there will be an on-going need, especially since we know, across the world, is that people are living a lot longer, 80's, 90's and part of aging is also getting Alzheimer's and dementia–

Councilmember Terry: Correct.

Bernie Faraone: – and other physical incapacitations.

Councilmember Terry: Correct, and so this grant must come to, you said, the Probate Court?

Bernie Faraone: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: It cannot go to, you couldn't sub-grant that to a non-profit that, you know, kind of has that more expertise in that area to deal with that issue?

Bernie Faraone: Correct.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Bernie Faraone: It's got to go to a probate court with a juvenile, usually it's juvenile court.

Councilman Raben: Okay, thank you, Bernie.

Bernie Faraone: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Next we have the Supplemental Adult Probation Program.

Terry Dietsch: Excuse me, Mr. Raben. In answer to your question, Ms. Terry, like all grants, if the grant dries up, and you want to continue the program–

Councilmember Terry: That's my reason for asking that. Have you all made that determination that you want to continue this, even if the grant is not there? Because that's something we have to consider and think about.

Terry Dietsch: Like I said, that's true with all grants.

Councilmember Terry: We need to start thinking about that more, if we're pursuing grant opportunities, what's the long term commitment?

Councilman Raben: Thank you. Any questions on page 136? It's unchanged. Well, I say that, okay (Inaudible. Microphone not on.) Oh, okay, page 150 has the COIT, the COIT Account has the YCC contract. No questions on that?

Councilmember Terry: Did we say that we were just going to do a review of that contract?

Councilman Raben: Yes, I would like to ask the County Attorney to review that contract.

Jeff Ahlers: I'll contact Mr. Harrison. If I'm not mistaken, I think that contract is fairly recent, isn't it, Judge? Wasn't that just entered into within the last couple of years?

Terry Dietsch: The contract?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, when they built the new facility, or no?

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, I think it was before 2010, I think, a couple of years before that. I'm not sure exactly how many. I know the initial contract was to run out in 2011, and since that time a new contract has not been entered into, as I said before. We're simply operating on the old contract. The contract was between the Commissioners and YCC.

Jeff Ahlers: So, you think there wasn't a new contract, that we're just operating year-to-year then?

Terry Dietsch: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay.

Councilman Raben: Okay, we'll move on. Judge, thank you.

CIRCUIT COURT
CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL PROBATION

Councilman Raben: We'll move on to Superior Court, page 54, or Circuit, page 54.

David Kiely: Good morning, or afternoon, we're getting close. David Kiely, Circuit Court Judge. Do you want a summary? Or, do you just want to get into questions? We're looking at two different budgets. The county budget I think we're looking at an increase of 1.69, which is basically our step increases, and the FICA and PERF. The Probationary Fund budget is an increase of 6.16, and again that's your PERF, or FICA, and then as you all recall, in March, we consolidated two part time positions into a full time position, and that's where you see that six percent increase. However, you want to handle this.

Councilman Goebel: The Psychological Evaluations?

David Kiely: Yes, I increased the request for the amount of money for Psychological Evaluations to reflect where we're truly spending the money. In 2012 we spent

$12,000. This year we've spent, I think, $4,500, with, I know that I've ordered more, we're going to be up near that $12,000 again. I think the increase, basically, over the last three or four years is due to the fact that we're not having them done free from Southwestern Indiana Mental Health any longer. We're paying for our psychological evaluations. I did one, I reviewed one last week, and I saw the bill for, and we have to have two psychologists do them. One of the psychologists billed $1,200 for it. So, that's what we're looking at. I took it from the Special Reporters Fund, I didn't ask for, I increased the Special Reporter Fund, moved the money into the Psychological Evaluations, so there wasn't a request for additional funds. What I'm trying to do is reduce the number of special reporters we're calling in to court. We've been able to do that.

Councilman Goebel: But, that request is reduced by $2,000, and the evaluations are going up $5,000, is that right?

David Kiely: I think we have, Karen, help me out, we increased the Psychological Evaluations $6,000, and we reduced the Special Reporters $6,000. Line items 1360 and line item, I'm sorry, 3944 and 3723 are the two we're comparing. We did reduce it $6,000.

Councilman Goebel: I was looking at the revised budget amount for Special Reporter.

Councilman Raben: Judge?

David Kiely: Yes?

Councilman Raben: As we reflect on your budgets, do you know what the total is today in your Supplemental budget?

David Kiely: I think Karen–

Councilman Raben: What your available funds are?

David Kiely: –can give us that exact figure. It's $517,000.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, you're going off the original budget, or the revised budget numbers? Because, if you look at the revised budget on Psychological Evaluations, you go from $2,000 to $7,000, revised budget on Special Reporter goes from $14,500 to $12,500. So, I think that's what we're trying to match up.

Karen Angermeier: The revised budget is from where we've already transferred out of there this year.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay. So, you're looking at the original to–

David Kiely: The original '13 budget, reducing it $6,000 for the 2014.

Councilman Raben: Now, let's move into the Supplemental budget then. There are some changes, Judge–

David Kiely: Yes.

Councilman Raben: – and in our book they start at page 134.

David Kiely: Yes.

Councilman Raben: It's the first three items, Probation Officer, Staff Attorney Administrator, and then Special Stipend that have gone up.

David Kiely: My Staff Attorney Administrator, that's a two year step raise. The Receptionist/Secretary is a two year step raise.

Councilman Raben: Would that–

David Kiely: The Secretary is a 15 year step increase, and then we also had our Chief Probation Officer, that's in the other budget, I'm sorry. Those are the increases. Oh, I'm sorry, no, my Chief Probation Officer, there's a rather large increase, and that's due to the State of Indiana's minimum guidelines that the Chief Probation Officer can be paid.

Councilman Raben: That's which line are you referring to?

David Kiely: That would be 210128.

Councilman Raben: 128? Okay. Yeah, that's State allowed minimum. I guess, my question is, on the Stipends, I mean, do we, as a county, I mean, are we obligated to step increases on a stipend? I mean, you would, I mean, I can see that it's the proper thing to do, it's our personnel policy that we do it on their salary line, but on a stipend?

Karen Angermeier: It's called a stipend, but it's our Supervisor of our Drug and Alcohol Program, and per the judicial center minimum salary guidelines, that Supervisor salary is set.

Councilman Raben: Okay, but that's back to, you're back to 210128.

Karen Angermeier: 160.

Councilman Raben: Oh, 160, okay. So, that is not a stipend?

Karen Angermeier: Correct.

Councilman Raben: So, should that $5,000 not, should we not eliminate that Stipend line and put it in the appropriate line. I mean, why do we have it broken out?

Karen Angermeier: That's just the way they have done it historically, broken out. I mean, we could put it into her main salary, if you want to. I give Mr. Deisher a copy of how all of these salaries are broke out.

Jeff Ahlers: Would it go to the General Fund (Inaudible)?

Councilman Raben: Yeah, it probably would then.

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Councilman Raben: Okay, are there any, Karen, is there anywhere where we're giving step increases to a stipend? I mean, is there any actual stipends in here then?

Karen Angermeier: No, there's never any extra stipends. This is just the salary according to what the county says it should be, or the State minimum.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, if we took that line item out, it would show up in the regular salary line item for that position?

Karen Angermeier: We would have to move it, because that's part of the minimum salary guidelines.

Councilman Raben: Okay, I'm about as clear as mud on that. Okay, but I understand. I mean, I don't want it moved to the General Fund either, but I thought there were stipends throughout this budget that were actual stipends.

Karen Angermeier: In previous years past it had been a stipend, but then when the State put these minimum salary guidelines in tact, it's more the minimum salary. It's not a stipend anymore.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, do we just need to change what it's called?

President Shetler: Yeah, it should be like a partial salary.

Councilman Raben: Well, I don't know that–

Karen Angermeier: It's a Supervisor, Probation Officer Supervisor.

President Shetler: Yeah.

Councilman Raben: It's worked this way, obviously, forever, until now, so, I see no need to change it. But, I guess, going back to Superior Court then, are there, do we know, and I'm not directing this to you, but do we know is there stipends in that budget where we're paying step increases? Let me look at that.

Councilman Swaim: Judge, while he's looking at that–

David Kiely: Yes?

Councilman Swaim: – if you had to bet your next paycheck on whether, on the infinite wisdom of the General Assembly, do you think they're going to come across with another magistrate for you? Or, do you want our esteemed Auditor hold the check until we see what happens?

David Kiely: I'm optimistically confident. I mean, our numbers, and it's something that, our numbers support more judicial officers in Vanderburgh County period. One of the things that, and I know you probably don't want to hear this, but one of the things that I've been talking to Judge Trockman about, Chief Judge in Superior, and I'm going to get with Judge Niemeier about, is we need to address you all and let you know the state of the judiciary, and the state of probation, and the state of juvenile, because we are truly in a position where we're overwhelmed. I know you hear that from everyone, but I think we need to sit down and show you just numbers compared to the rest of the State. We don't have the numbers that we should, or we don't have the numbers that the other counties have to support their judicial.

Councilman Swaim: I may have a little more insight than some of my colleagues up here, having dealt with that for a number of years, but I know of what you speak.

David Kiely: Yeah, I mean, it's, the numbers that our Probation Officers are handling is high compared to the rest of the State. Our judicial numbers, we've been in the top five in need of judicial officers for the last several years. We were second last year, we dropped to fourth, it's going to third because one of the counties in front of us received another judicial officer. To let the rest of you know, it's a minimum of funding from the county if we do receive a magistrate. The State funds the magistrates.

Councilman Swaim: So, an additional magistrate in Circuit would just get you kind of at the break even point, caseload-wise.

David Kiely: It wouldn't even get us there. We would still be, I would say, we would still be in the top of the, the top 15 percent of the State in need of officers, judicial officers.

Councilman Swaim: Wow! Thank you for the info.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any other questions?

Jeff Ahlers: Judge, I know that whenever a magistrate is added, I guess, the State pays all of that cost, except for whatever the four or five thousand dollar stipend is.

David Kiely: $4,000, yes.

Jeff Ahlers: If a new judge is added, I guess, the judge's salary is the same, but the county would pick up the staff, and some of my colleagues, they started saying, well, you know, we really need a judge, and I said, well, the county budget, you know, we've got problems supporting the staff. One of them came up with the idea as to whether or not filing fees can be increased. I haven't had a chance to look yet. I didn't know if you knew, off the top of your head, if in the future there was ever any staffing issues whether that's a possible way to get funds, or whether that is something fixed by the State that we can't change to help fund increases in the judiciary. I don't mean to put you on the spot. I can look it up, it was just something I'd talked about.

David Kiely: I don't know the answer for sure on the raising of the filing fees. I don't know the answer to that. I don't think a county, I may be wrong, but I don't think a county can just go in and raise fees, filing fees, without State approval. I don't believe.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I assume it would require State approval, what I didn't know is whether it can be done and the money stay local to help with the judicial issues. Now, I know in Illinois they've done, it's an interesting concept, where everything you file there's a fee. So, every motion a lawyer files you've got to send over a couple bucks. So, but I know we don't have that in Indiana, I just didn't know if you knew whether filing fees could be used to offset....I'll check into it.

David Kiely: I know the filing fees are going up every year. The State legislature is increasing them to raise funds for all of the programs throughout the State.

Councilman Raben: Okay. I guess, you'll get back to us on that, huh? Judge, thank you very much. Karen, thank you.

David Kiely: Thank you all.

Councilman Raben: We're going, our President would like to take a pause for a good cause. So, want to recess for about five minutes?

Councilmember Terry: Five?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Only five?

Councilmember Terry: Only five.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Only five, we'll hurry.
(The meeting was recessed.)

(The meeting was reconvened.)

Councilman Raben: Okay, looks like everybody is back. We'll get rolling again.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICES

Councilman Raben: Turn to page 64, Drug and Alcohol Deferral Services. Are there any questions? I see your budget is down four point eight percent.

Debbie Greenwell: It is. I'm Deb Greenwell, and we are very proud to present a budget that is reduced by four point eight four percent, which translates into $16,786. Most of that is personnel changes.

Councilman Raben: Okay, are there any questions from any members of Council? None? Well, good for you, and sorry for the long wait.

Debbie Greenwell: Thank you so much.

Councilman Raben: Thank you very much.

Councilman Swaim: We're proud to have you up there with four point eight four percent minus. Good job.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Councilman Raben: We'll move to Area Plan, page 36.

Ron London: Ron London with the Area Plan Commission.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Welcome aboard.

Ron London: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, I'm sure there's some questions. President Shetler?

President Shetler: This may be a little bit premature, I know you're relatively new. Could you give us any kind of breakdown of how much activity is done in the county versus what's done in the city limits?

Ron London: Well, I know recently, in the last few years, I think you've had some annexation done too, which has taken some areas out of the county into the city. So, I would say, we're probably more at a 60/40, or 50/50 percentage-wise in what we deal with in a city-county comparison, I mean, in the couple of months that I've been here that's just what I've kind of recognized overall.

President Shetler: Is it possible to do, before the middle of next month, maybe get for us, going back a couple of years so we could, you know, have a little bit of a stationary platform to work from there. Let us know what it kind of breaks down to, the activity of rezonings and Area Plan's activities and stuff, city versus county.

Ron London: Sure. I can try and throw something together and get it back here to you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilman Raben: Ron, one question, on Communications, do you have a feel for, is that all cell phones?

Ron London: No, actually it doesn't even include our cell phone. The breakdown that I have here for our communications is that we have to pay the Commissioners for our phone system. We also have the televised meetings that we have, which, right now runs us around $9,000 a year. We pay, I think, approximately, about $150 every half hour that we're on, and that is for the Area Plan Commission meetings and also the Board of Zoning Appeal meetings. That's kind of a floating cost, just depending on how long each one of those meetings last.

Councilman Raben: Okay. Legal Services, that's kind of a moving target, is it not?

Ron London: Correct. That is. I believe, right now where we're at, we've roughly spent $20,000 as of the end of last month. So, we may come in slightly under budget on that. It all depends year-to-year depending on how many possible lawsuits we might have. So, right now we're looking pretty good.

Councilman Raben: Okay, and then you do have a request for $4,000 for Office Machines.

Ron London: Well, we haven't had, right now, the majority of our machines in our offices are ten years old. We're not part of the refresh program. So, what I'm trying to do is create our own refresh program where we try and purchase maybe three computers a year. Right now we heavily use what's called the GIS system, and our computers are very outdated for what we use them for. So, that's the reason why I went ahead put it in there for the budget for the $4,000. We also need to upgrade from XP, which is, we need to upgrade to, I guess, Windows 7. The majority of our computers in our office run XP now, and as of the end of the year I don't believe that's going to be a system that we're going to be able to use anymore.

Councilman Raben: I know the IT folks are working on that. I think it's April of '14. So, we're looking at different county-wide, different fixes for that. I guess, should we

approve any upgrades, or that $4,000 request, we could put that in Reassessment, could we not?

Joe Gries: Absolutely.

Councilman Raben: Okay. Questions?

President Shetler: I brought this up at the joint city-county budget hearing last week, but your Zoning Enforcement Officers, are they pretty well out there 40 hours a week checking on enforcements and stuff?

Ron London: Our Zoning Enforcement Officers, the way that's stated in there, their title is, they do a lot more than just enforcement out in the field. They do all of our permitting inside of our office. If someone comes to the desk, our Zoning Enforcement Officers are the ones that actually go up to do all of the permitting with those people. They also prepare for our site review meetings and for our Area Plan meetings. So, they're doing a lot more than just going out in the field and doing enforcement. In fact, we're probably a little bit behind on that, because we are short one person now. We're trying to fill that position. So, we're having a hard time keeping up with all of the phone calls that we receive to go out and try and check on those, along with doing all of the permitting that we do inside. So, we're trying to keep up, but it will be nice to be able to have that position filled, which we've already requested and that's been approved.

President Shetler: I guess, what I'm trying to look for, is that it seems to me that there would be a lot of common responsibilities between the County Assessor's, in some of the roles that they're doing, and what you guys are doing with Enforcement Officers, or at least what they were designed to do originally. That, if somehow that, I don't know if there's, maybe there's very good communications going on between the two, but I would think that upon their inspections and their measuring, and, you know, going out to properties and site inspections, that they might be seeing some violations here or there. Do they report those kind of things to you all? Do you all have an opportunity then to inspect that or check it out?

Ron London: I would say the majority of the violations that we need to go out and look at is from people just, general people calling in, or we also have the website, the Mayor's website that he had put together also that we get quite a few comments on that for our Enforcement Officers to have to go out and look at. On top of all of the permitting that we have to do for all of the signage that goes up in the county and the city, that's a job just for one person on its own. So, you really have to know all of the current rules and regulations to be able to, whenever you go out to make a judgement on if someone is violating a code and what do you do about it. So, if someone from the Assessor's Office was going to try and do that, they would have to be updated on all of our codes and code violations.

President Shetler: It just seems like this is a perfect opportunity for some cross training, that we could definitely get more efficiency gained from these guys on both sides. Because you have, you know, people chasing rabbits in a lot of different areas here.

Ron London: Sure, I mean, we would love for, if they would like to get cross trained to be able to go out and do some of those things, that would be great.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilman Raben: Question, Angela?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, Ron, going back to the Office Machines, the $4,000, can you break that down any further? You mentioned three computers and the upgrade, as far as like what the cost per computer estimate, and then how much the upgrade costs.

Ron London: Well, I believe the estimate for each computer was roughly between $800 and $1,000.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Ron London: Then, we were going to try and spend the, and I'm still trying to get final numbers on that upgrade from XP to, I believe, it's version seven of Windows. I budgeted in there roughly $1,000 for that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and then you mentioned that the computers, you need to replace a lot of them in the office. About how many are you looking to replace? And, maybe do you have an idea of how long?

Ron London: Well, what I would like to do is, we have 12 people on staff–

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Ron London: –that includes myself, and what I was planning on doing was every year to purchase three computers, to be able to refresh, so every four years, which everyone knows a computer four to five years old you're already out of date, so I was trying to do a four year plan by buying three computers per year. Right now our computer systems are roughly, we're at ten years old or older. So, we need to be able to do something for the heavy amount of usage we have for our GIS system and some of the things that we need to put together for our Area Plan meetings and things like that. So, that's the reason why I wanted to try and start that this year.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, Ron, thank you very much.

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Councilman Raben: Okay, we will move, Convention and Visitors Bureau, page 87. Captain Bob?

Bob Warren: Good morning. Gosh, we've had an exciting time at the CVB recently. So, between softball/baseball fields and hotel construction, we've got a lot going on. We're bringing to you this morning a relatively flat budget. I think you'll see about a one percent increase in it. There are some things that we have done in the budget. We're continuing to transform, if you'll recall, last year we came to you with a completely overhauled budget system that our board of commissioners are using. We've continued to work with that. We have re-structured, and as to Mr. Raben's comments a few moments ago, I think in the personnel side of our budget there's going to be a couple of notable changes that you're certainly going to ask questions about. If not, I'll direct a statement, if I may. We too have had an issue with stipends,

and our board of commissioners has asked us to make certain that our budget stays as transparent as possible. Therefore, our Visitor Services Manager and our Office Manager, we have taken the stipends out of the Visitor Center budget and placed them in the actual salaries and wages section of this budget, which does create an increase. In addition to that, we will, this upcoming year, with the softball/baseball complex moving forward, we're recommending a change that will allow us to hire a Sports Facilities Manager in the amount of $45,000, and that's basically just replacing one of our existing positions. The budget is in front of you, I would be delighted to entertain your questions.

Councilman Goebel: Are the shovels ready for the softball/baseball?

Bob Warren: They are. We'll be before this group more than you'll probably want us this next 12 months.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, are there any questions? No questions? Okay, we'll move to the Capital Development Fund, page 119.

Bob Warren: As you can see, this past year we completed our office renovation project. If you haven't been by to see that, we certainly encourage that you do so. We have appropriated for 2014 the $1.4 million for the sports complex, and that will be the land acquisition that we are proposing, and that we currently are engaged in a purchase agreement. So, that will be coming before the Council at a later date, but we are allocating $1.4 million for that 96.2 acre purchase out at Goebel. It's owned by Jim Johnston, and we do have a purchase agreement.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any questions on that? None? Bob, thank you.

Bob Warren: Thank you. We appreciate your support.

Councilman Raben: Good luck.

COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL COIT

Councilman Raben: Okay, we'll move into County Council, page 84. Just a couple of items that I would like to call attention to is that we just need to be mindful of that this number could change, and the changes could really add a lot more work before (Inaudible. Microphone not on.) Insurance. Right now we've got appropriated ten million dollars in hopes that our providers and underwriters can meet the challenge of getting it back down, you know, along with some of the other changes that the Commissioners may implement, but that number could change, and it could change drastically. So, I mean, we know that things are really difficult now, if that number changes and goes up from there, we're not even considering that in the amount of cuts that Tom cited, you know, we need to make, based on insurance numbers not changing. So, hopefully, it won't, but I just need to call attention to that . The other is Contractual Computer. That's in the COIT, the Council COIT budget at a million eight ninety one, three eighty four. I'm going to ask that we figure out a way to reduce that number significantly. You know, that million eight may be the necessary number, but, again, that's a lot of money, and I think we need to probably trim three or four hundred thousand out of that.

Councilmember Terry: Jim, does that million eight include some of the improvements that need to occur, come April?

Councilman Raben: As far as getting Windows Seven compliant? I'm sure it does. It doesn't? It does not?

Joe Gries: I don't believe so, because when they put their budget together that was just starting, we were just starting to look at the numbers for the XP and the licensing issues. So, I can go back and check with Computer Services, with John Staples, but I don't believe it does include that.

Councilman Goebel: What is the real estimate then?

Joe Gries: They're still working on that. I just talked to Tim at break, and he said they've talked with Microsoft and there are some changes in how they are doing their licensing, and we're still trying to put all of that together and bring it to Council on the September meeting so that everybody knows what those numbers are.

Councilman Goebel: So, it's one point eight nine, or roughly two million plus?

Joe Gries: It could be.

Councilman Raben: Ouch. One other, you'll see under Court Technology, last year we budgeted $68,000, and that was because they had about $350,000 to be carried into the fiscal year 2013 for their projects. For some reason, I don't know that the carryover didn't happen, so that's what the significant difference is, to get them back to where they needed to be for 2013. That's $414,000. Are there any other questions on County Council? County Council COIT on page 152, but we discussed that already with the Contractual Computer. No other questions? Okay.

911 EMERGENCY

Councilman Raben: We'll move on to 911 Emergency Fund, page 103. Any questions? None? I don't know that I would have the answers for this one. Thank God.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilman Raben: Local Emergency Planning on page 102. That's exactly the same as it was last year, $8,000.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

Councilman Raben: Next, we will move to page 100, Local Drug Free Community. I don't know, do we have a representative here? No?

Councilmember Terry: No. They have a new Executive Director, I know.

Councilman Raben: I guess, I would like to just hear a little bit about some of the things they do, and what some of these lines represent, like Discretionary Office Expense.

Councilmember Terry: That's usually the personnel cost. I know she's, I think she's part time, the Executive Director. That's the staff cost, generally, and then the remaining lines are the grants that they grant to community organizations.

Councilman Raben: So, they're not actually administering anything. This $200,000 is being granted by–

Councilmember Terry: Pretty much, and so they have that one staff person that kind of oversees reporting, and then they have a board or a council, which are made up of all of the grantees.

Councilman Raben: Who is the Director then?

Councilmember Terry: Her name is Crystal Sisson, S-i-s-s-o-n.

Councilman Raben: Okay, well, that concludes today's agenda. Is there anyone from the audience that wishes to address anything with the Council? Nothing? Okay, Mr. President, with that, I'm going to move that we recess until tomorrow morning, August 21st at 9:00 a.m. Do I have a second on the recess?

Councilman Goebel: Second.

Councilman Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we have a motion and a second to recess until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday–

President Shetler: Tomorrow.

Councilman Raben: –tomorrow, August 21st. Roll call or?

President Shetler: No, we'll recess and we'll see you tomorrow morning at 9:00. Thank you.

(The meeting was recessed at 11:20 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 21, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council reconvened their budget hearing session this 21st day of August, 2013 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. It's just a little bit after 9:00 here, and I would like to reconvene the budget hearing from yesterday. I will turn the gavel over to our Finance Chairman, James Raben.

Councilman Raben: You might do the roll call first.

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: Seven members present, no one absent. We have a quorum.

Councilman Raben: Okay, now we're official.

President Shetler: Now it's yours.

Councilman Raben: Alright, thank you. Good morning, folks.

COUNTY RECORDER

Councilman Raben: First on the agenda today, on page 10 for the Councilmembers, the County Recorder. Good morning, Z.

Z. Tuley: Good morning. Z. Tuley, County Recorder.

Councilman Raben: Okay, are there any questions on County Recorder?

President Shetler: If the Council might indulge me for just a moment here. First a comment, there's been kind of a media blitz lately about a half a million dollars, I guess, that's being spent on preserving the records in the Recorder's Office, and I've had several phone calls with that regard, most have been, you know, concerning the fact that here we're in such dire straits financially and that we would be spending a half a million dollars. I've kind of explained that that was a unilateral decision by the Recorder, and the Council was not involved in that at all. So, my questions to you, with that regard on that particular project, did we get bids on that? Estimates?

Z. Tuley: It wasn't required.

President Shetler: Okay, so, we did not?

Z. Tuley: Right, the company that's doing it is the recording company that we have a contract with. Fidlar is our recording company. They are in partnership with U.S. Imaging. U. S. Imaging is who I hired when Fidlar wasn't a partner with them. I got price quotes on that. It wasn't required to be bid, but they did come in as the lowest price quote when I did the aperture cards.

President Shetler: Okay.

Z. Tuley: So, this is the same company.

President Shetler: Is this a local company that we are using?

Z. Tuley: No, U.S. Imaging is out of Michigan.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Have you purchased any new furniture in the last two or three years for your office?

Z. Tuley: I have new office furniture because my doctor said I had to have ergonomically correct, because I blew another disc. So, I have two blown discs. Yes.

President Shetler: So, was the office furniture that's been purchased just for you, or throughout the whole office?

Z. Tuley: Well, I did replace the chairs for the public use and the conference table, which the public uses and we use. So, we do have new chairs, because the chairs we had were falling apart and the backs were falling off.

President Shetler: Well, the records kind of indicate that in the past, like in, I think it was 2011, $12,000 was spent on new office furniture. In 2012, $9,000 was spent, for a total of over $21,000. Now, during that same, in fact, it was a little bit longer period of time, over a four year span, the entire county, all of the other 800 plus employees total received $2,653 in new furniture. So, we've been very careful about not spending any extra money, but, yet your office has spent almost ten times that amount out of that Perpetual Fund.

Z. Tuley: We're a fee based office, and in order to perform my duties, the State Board of Accounts approves those kinds of purchases. Under ADA, if you have someone that has a disability and a specific need, you would need to provide that. It's not coming out of the county money. It's coming out of the Recorder money.

President Shetler: No, but that is money that could be used for relieving the county taxpayers in many areas. I'll get into that in just a moment. The Perpetual Fund right now that you're referring to has a balance of?

Z. Tuley: I do not know.

President Shetler: $1.1 million. You bring into that annually about?

Z. Tuley: I don't know that off the top of my head.

President Shetler: I'm thinking–

Z. Tuley: But, it's less than the county share.

President Shetler: – in terms of about a half a million dollars. Would that be correct?

Z. Tuley: I think it's $400,000. I think the county half a million, and I get like $400,000.

Joe Gries: I have information. This is at the end of July, year-to-date receipts into the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund, $173,000. So, that's through seven months of the year.

President Shetler: Okay, so, somewhere between $350,000-$400,000. My point being on all of this, is that, again, most of this out of that fund is being spent with really no controls except for the State Board of Accounts who comes into it later. For years, we had used that Perpetual Fund for recovering a lot of expenses out of that particular department that relieved the county taxpayers and our General Fund a considerable amount of money. Well into the six digit figure.

Z. Tuley: Are we going to go down the road of illegal transfers again?

President Shetler: I don't think they're illegal.

Z. Tuley: Because the Recorder's Fund does not–

President Shetler: Well, okay, yeah, we are.

Z. Tuley: – cannot be converted to, or transferred into the General Fund.

President Shetler: Okay, Allen County–

Z. Tuley: It's a fee based office State-wide.

President Shetler: – is using $476,102 out of that fund to pay for salaries and wages, other personnel services, and employee benefits.

Z. Tuley: And, if you talk to the State Board of Accounts, he's being written up for that, because that is not what the fund is to be used for.

President Shetler: No, they've been doing this for quite some time. Marion County used $530,857 for salaries and wages, FICA share, PERF and Insurance.

Z. Tuley: Every law created says with the exception of Marion County.

President Shetler: White County is using it for over $15,000 a year. Vigo County is using it for over $23,000 a year. Wells County is using it for over $2,500 a year. All of these to help offset to the General Fund costs and stuff. There is no reason, it had been done for years, as I pointed out before, the only reason why the State Board of Accounts, and they basically pointed out that it was a fairly gray area. They didn't point out that it was illegal. You, when the question was posed, it was posed in a way that it kind of led the witness to get the outcome you wanted.

Z. Tuley: If you know Tammy White, in Indianapolis, at the State Board of Accounts, you can't lead Tammy White anywhere. I have it in writing from her, which I can submit to this Board–

President Shetler: I've read that, and the attorneys have read it–

Z. Tuley: – it does not apply to salaries.

President Shetler: – and they, well, we have at least 12–

Z. Tuley: That's exactly what she said.

President Shetler: – counties that are using it for salaries and benefits.

Z. Tuley: That are performing illegal, not with the intent of the law. I won't do that.

President Shetler: Yeah, Wayne, well, you're incorrect. I don't think all of these people would do illegal things. Wayne County is doing it for over $17,000, these are smaller counties. Tippecanoe County is using $143,000, again, paying salaries and wages, other personnel services and employee benefits. So, my point is that we ought to look very seriously, and I approached the Council on this, that we need to look at utilizing that particular account for offsetting the costs that are going to the General Fund, to the tune of at least $300,000. Again, it's being done by at least 12 counties, and there may be more, because this has just been a very early, preliminary inspection or report that I've done looking over what the other counties in this state are doing. When we are running a deficit and need to be looking for something like three million dollars to shore up our budget, I see no reason why we allow one person to be spending, at this kind of level, particularly when you get into office furniture and we're spending a half a million dollars on saving the old records at a time that we're looking at laying people off and we need that money into our General Fund. I see absolutely no excuse for that kind of misspending.

Z. Tuley: The chairs were not safe. You can't have the public sitting in an unsafe chair.

President Shetler: We have the public in the courts system, we have the public in the Clerk's office, about every department—

Z. Tuley: Were their chairs falling apart like mine were?

President Shetler: – that you have that, that has some kind of fee system. Pardon?

Z. Tuley: Were their chairs falling apart like mine were? You know no one would take them they were so bad. No one would take them. They went in the dumpster, as far as I know.

President Shetler: Alright.

Councilman Raben: Okay. Pete?

Councilman Swaim: Mrs. Tuley, we don't deny you any chairs or computer screens that big, if you need them, but, you know, just the basic point is, we're not trying to

burgle that account of yours, but if there's some money that you could cut loose that we could use for other things for this year's budget, we would be most appreciative.

Z. Tuley: I will keep that in mind, but I don't know how that I can do that.

President Shetler: Well, my recommendation is not really in asking–

Z. Tuley: Because of the State–

President Shetler: – my recommendation is that we cut this budget by $300,000, and then if she wants it made up, she'll make it up out of that Perpetual Fund. Now, these other counties are actually, what they're doing is setting up a separate fund, over to the side there, and that money is directly coming out of there. The same way we would do COIT or anything else. So, that that money is actually coming out of that fund and directed for that so that we can monitor and police that. Right now we are not monitoring and policing that, we're just getting receipts in for money that's being spent, in what I would regard is a very foolish way.

Z. Tuley: That is because that's the way the law is set up, State-wide, the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund is not at, oh, I forget the term, I don't need the Council's permission to use the funds to preserve and protect the records. That's exactly what I'm doing with that money.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President? We're beating up on her pretty bad here. She says you can't do it, and you're saying maybe we can. Can I suggest that the attorney checks it out and see if she can legally, or whatever we can take that money out of that fund you're talking about.

Z. Tuley: I would be happy to ask the State Board of Accounts to come down from Indy, or I would be happy to accompany anyone, or all of you, to Indy to discuss this.

Jeff Ahlers: I'll be happy to look into it again, Councilman Bassemier. I know that over the last few years we've gone through this several times and pulled out the statute. There are certain items that that account could be used to pay for. I mean, there's certain things you can and certain things you can't. I think that what some of the other Councilmen are getting at is, is that there are some items that could be paid out of that fund or budget, as opposed to coming out of the General Fund, if that is a permissible purpose within that fund.

President Shetler: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: So, the key would be to find things that they could pay out of that fund that would be permissible purposes. So, I'm happy to look at that again, and I'm more than happy to contact you as well.

Councilmember Bassemier: If that's okay with everybody. You know, we're talking about cutting $300,000 out of her funds. We need to know can we cut $300,000.

Councilmember Terry: I would agree. I almost would like a copy of it as well, just so I can read it for myself.

Jeff Ahlers: I'll be happy to send that to everyone.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

Councilman Goebel: I concur that we should try to find a way to help offset the costs here because of the burden we have. Your rainy day fund, Z, I think is higher than any amount that we have in our operating balances, and I know it's different, but if we could work something out together, I think that would be the best route to take.

Z. Tuley: I cannot help the balance that is in that account. I cannot help that the previous elected officials did not use the fund in the way that it was supposed to be used. During the real estate frenzy, I understand that that office holder had no prayer in handling a project like I'm doing now, because she didn't have time to address that at all. This is a huge undertaking. So, the money accumulated and accumulated and no prior Recorder used that fund, and so it kept building and kept building and kept building. I'm just glad it's there so that I can get it done, what should have been done all along, in some kind of, you know, time period, you know, not just depleting the account, but using it to gradually do what I'm doing now.

Councilman Goebel: We understand that, but, I think, you also understand, being past Treasurer and everything, our real financial difficulty, difficult times that we're involved in right now. So, anything that any department can do to help, we would appreciate that. I do question the office furniture though for other departments. I'm not sure that is correct, as far as no other furniture being bought in other offices, or purchased, but that's for another day. Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, just one quick comment. Z, I've expressed this before in your office. It's been a few years ago, probably two or three years ago, but and I wasn't aware until this morning that you had actually begun this project on the half million dollars, but, you know, I concur with Councilman Shetler. I think it is an extreme waste of a half million dollars to preserve–

Z. Tuley: That's my job description, Jim.

Councilman Raben: – or to spend that money on preserving–

Z. Tuley: That's my job description.

Councilman Raben: – those old books, that never leave the shelf.

Z. Tuley: It says preserve the records. It doesn't say–

Councilman Raben: We're not preserving the Constitution, or the Gettysburg Address or something like that.

Z. Tuley: – you can eliminate the old ones.

Councilman Raben: We're talking about old books that collect dust on a shelf that are never opened. So, I mean, I concur with his concerns in that regard. So, whatever we can do to help offset the property tax, you know, the county General Fund that is funded by property tax, whatever we don't use funds like this on, reflect everybody's property tax bill.

Z. Tuley: Per the State law, you already get a half a million dollars from the fees that I collect.

Councilman Raben: I understand that.

Z. Tuley: Which is more than I get.

Councilman Raben: But, we do need to look for ways to help offset, and how that is, I don't know. We're not going to decide that today, but, whatever it is, we need to look at that avenue.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yeah. Madam Recorder, I think that it's just really, as has been discussed today, that what we have to do is get to the point where we're just looking at different ways that we can use different funds. This is something that we're doing with other departments as well. You happen to have a much larger fund than some of them. So, our job is to spend the tax dollar the best way that we can so that it's not an undue burden on the taxpayers. So, we don't want to prevent you from doing your job, we're just asking if you can help us to ease this burden, and that we can look at and be creative. If other counties are doing it, then we need to figure out how we can use the money. Not going against the statutes, not going against the laws, we're not talking about that, but it's just a vital time in our community that we look at every dollar very carefully. So, I'm hoping that you will agree to help us in this endeavor.

Z. Tuley: Mike, do you recall that I asked you to look at desks?

Councilman Goebel: I'm sorry?

Z. Tuley: Do you recall that I asked you to look at desks?

Councilman Goebel: At what?

Z. Tuley: At desks.

Councilman Goebel: Desks? Okay, I'm at a loss.

Z. Tuley: Several years ago. I mean, really?

Councilman Goebel: Well, like I said when, I don't really want to go to that right now, but–

Z. Tuley: Really?

Councilman Goebel: – some other offices have gotten furniture, I believe, other than yours.

Z. Tuley: Yes, they did.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any other questions? Yes, Pete?

Councilman Swaim: You mentioned a ladies name in Indianapolis. Would you be so kind as to provide–

Z. Tuley: Tammy White.

Councilman Swaim: – our counsel with the contact information–

Z. Tuley: Absolutely.

Councilman Swaim: – so, not only can he talk to her, but perhaps some of her peers up there–

Z. Tuley: Would you like it to go to–

Councilman Swaim: – and maybe get a consensus.

Z. Tuley: – Counsel Ahlers? Or would you want it to go to all of you?

Councilman Swaim: Whenever you want to give it to him, that would be great.

Z. Tuley: Okay. No problem.

Councilman Swaim: Thank you.

Z. Tuley: Thank you.

President Shetler: I think he needs to be the contact, talking with her and speaking with her, so that the question is phrased and formed in a way that is neutral and not leading or anything, so that we make sure that we have the right outcome.

Councilman Raben: Okay. Any other questions, comments? None? Okay, thank you, Z.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilman Raben: Okay, we'll move on to page 71, Public Defender.

Steve Owens: Good morning.

Councilman Raben: Good morning, Steve.

Steve Owens: I don't really have anything to add, other than the packet that I've previously presented to the Council. So, if you have any questions, I'll entertain those.

Councilman Swaim: I notice that you're not wearing any body armor today, so I (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Steve Owens: Well, I don't know whether I need it yet.

Councilman Raben: Alright, I'll give everybody just a moment to page through here, then I'll take questions, if anyone has questions. Councilman Shetler?

President Shetler: Steve, what kind of effect would it have, you have, you know, quite a few, and I know you've been eliminating a little bit of the part time Public Defenders, many of the public, part time Public Defenders, in addition to their relatively modest salary that they receive as a professional attorney, they also, in most of those cases receive other benefits.

Steve Owens: Yes.

President Shetler: What kind of effect would it have if those benefits were eliminated? On your ability to be able to recruit and sustain, you know, a healthy group of attorneys that you need.

Steve Owens: I think, the immediate effect, Councilman, is I would probably lose some of the part timers. I can't sit here and tell you I would lose them all. As you, I'm sure, are aware, a lot of the part timers take the rather modest salary because they keep the job because of the benefits. So, elimination of the benefits altogether would certainly impact their decision as to whether or not they're going to stay as part time Public Defenders. In terms of recruiting additional people to fill those positions, I think what we would have to do at that point is start looking at filling those positions with full time attorneys, as opposed to part time lawyers. We will lose some valuable experience. Under the commission guidelines, there are certain experience levels that attorneys have to have. So, if I start replacing people who've been doing the job for 15-20 years with people who are coming out of law school, we lose a lot of experience, and we have some problems in how do we handle some of the major felony cases, as opposed to the lower level felony cases.

President Shetler: And, by the rules that are set up by the commission, a part time Defender can handle how many cases? I know that you've got different levels, so many A's and B's of whatever it was on felonies, but just generally speaking, how many cases can they handle versus a full time attorney?

Steve Owens: It's about 50 percent of a full time attorney.

President Shetler: Okay, alright, thank you.

Steve Owens: Depending upon the mix of cases.

President Shetler: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, Steve, starting with the top, the very first line, I don't know what you're looking at, but it's page 72 on our book.

Steve Owens: Well, I don't have page 72 of your book, so let me see if I can find it here too.

Councilman Raben: Okay, it's Public Defender PT, I think that's part time, it's an almost 56 percent increase. Can you elaborate on that?

Councilman Swaim: Do you know the line item?

Steve Owens: Are you talking about 173, Jim?

Councilman Raben: Yes.

Steve Owens: Okay. The proposal I made, if you looked at the packet, you'll realize that effective July 1 of this year, the commission started allowing reimbursement for CHINS and termination of parental rights cases. They've never done that in the past. That's for counties that can come into compliance. We currently have four part time lawyers who do those cases. That's one of the line items. So, what you look at is, what I proposed, to bring us into compliance, would be to replace those four part time lawyers, with four full time lawyers. We need four full timers to get them into compliance with the case load numbers. So, what you're looking at is an increase from the part time salary to what a full time lawyer would make over the course of the first year. They start out at a particular level, they get a step increase at six months. So, that represents the average cost for that whole year for the salary.

Councilman Raben: And it's only reimburseable if they're full time.

Steve Owens: It's only reimburseable if we can bring them into compliance. So, right now, our numbers would be, in order to bring that group of attorneys into compliance, if I don't use full time lawyers, I'm going to be using eight part time lawyers. If you use eight part time lawyers at the current salary level, and benefits, it costs you more. There's a sheet in the packet, I think, last, in 2012 salaries and benefits for those four part time lawyers was $220,000 plus. If we replace those four part time lawyers with four full time lawyers, and we calculate the 40 percent reimbursement, that figure goes down to like 180 some odd thousand after reimbursement. So, there's a little bit of a savings in the salary/benefits level. Now, we sort of lose some of that because we need additional office space, you need some furniture, which is not, apparently, a popular topic, but, I mean, we have computers. I think we have, we may not have quite enough telephones, we don't have, obviously, any office furniture that we could support those folks with. But, all of that would be reimburseable at 40 percent.

Councilman Raben: Okay, we're going to have fewer people by going full time.

Steve Owens: No, you don't have fewer people, you have the same number of people, the difference is they're four full time lawyers as opposed to four part time lawyers. The part time lawyers are all handling about two times the number of cases they should be. So, to bring them within compliance, I either need eight part timers in that division, or I need four full timers.

Councilman Goebel: So, the past procedure you've taken is to combine two part time to make one full time? That's not the case now?

Steve Owens: No, well, no, that's what you've required me to do. The problem is, the difficulty we've had, Mike, is when we have a part time felony lawyer leave, what we've done is when we've had multiple part time felony openings, we've replaced those with full time people. It's been a two to one, as you say.

Councilman Goebel: Right.

Steve Owens: You gain no case capacity, but we don't lose anything.

Councilman Goebel: But, we gain savings?

Steve Owens: You gain some savings, but we don't gain any case capacity. We have always been in compliance with the felony numbers. So, taking two part timers and replacing them with full timers saves us a little money, but it doesn't change our case load numbers at all. In the juvenile division, the four part timers have never been in compliance. They're all carrying two times the case load that they should be carrying under the guidelines. So, in order to bring that group into compliance, bring the attorneys that are doing TPR and CHINS cases into compliance with the standards, it's going to take four full time lawyers. Or, it's going to take eight part time lawyers. Eight part time lawyers is going to cost you more money than the four full time lawyers. There's just no way around it.

Councilman Goebel: Will this have a ripple effect on the other side of the hall to the Prosecutor's Office where they'll want to match?

Steve Owens: The Prosecutor's Office doesn't do those cases.

Councilman Goebel: I know, but as far as–

Steve Owens: Those cases are handled by CHINS, and termination cases are handled by DCS.

Councilman Goebel: – case loads and things like that.

Steve Owens: It has no effect on them. They don't do those kinds of cases. The Department of Children's Services is the people who have the CHINS terminations cases. The Prosecutor's Office doesn't supply CHINS termination attorneys.

Councilman Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Raben: Steve, what rate is the reimbursement on this?

Steve Owens: It's 40 percent, Jim. It's 40 percent of the salaries, benefits, support staff, furniture, computers, telephones, anything that is related to that particular division.

Councilman Swaim: Under 177 and 178, the Paralegals, those are your own people in-house, is that correct?

Steve Owens: Yes.

Councilman Swaim: So, I'm not going to use the term capital crime, but if you had a major murder trial, there wouldn't necessarily be any need for somebody who had had previous experience as a paralegal in a capital trial to come over and work for you guys on that particular major murder trial?

Steve Owens: You kind of combined two different terms there that's kind of confusing me.

Councilman Swaim: Well–

Steve Owens: If you're talking about a major, a typical murder trial?

Councilman Swaim: Yeah.

Steve Owens: Alright, and what's the question, is the paralegal qualified to help with that case?

Councilman Swaim: Yeah, that's what I'm asking, I mean, there wouldn't be any need to get an outside paralegal, somebody who perhaps worked on the Weisheit trial to come in and help with the next trial, even if it were not a capital trial. J.B. is who I'm talking about.

Steve Owens: Well, okay, if I understand your question correctly, and I'm not sure I do, the paralegals offer support staff primarily for the part time, felony lawyers. They do a little bit for the full time lawyers as well. So, in our typical day to day handling of other cases, non-capital murder cases, for example, we don't normally hire people outside the office to work on that case. Is that what you're asking me?

Councilman Swaim: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Steve Owens: Okay.

President Shetler: I guess, I might re-phrase it a little differently, and that is, because I think I understood the spirit of your question, and it is, if you have a capital case, are you required to use, if you have a paralegal working on that case, are they required to have prior capital experience, case experience, in order to work on that case?

Steve Owens: You mean, if we had another capital murder case come down the line?

President Shetler: Yes, or could you use–

Steve Owens: God forbid.

President Shetler: – any paralegal? Or do they have to be kind of pre-qualified as a capital paralegal, or that they've got prior experience in that?

Steve Owens: No, as it pertains to paralegals, the answer would be no. They don't have a pre-qualification for a capital murder case.

President Shetler: Right.

Steve Owens: The limitation would be as to whether or not that particular individual was, had enough time to devote to the capital murder case.

President Shetler: I think that was the point he was getting at, which I think is an excellent question, particularly, you know, maybe one that really would have been relevant perhaps on the Weisheit deal.

Steve Owens: Well, in Weisheit we didn't use any of the in-house paralegals frankly, because their workload is too great to be able to take and put that person on a capital murder case.

President Shetler: One comment that I would like to make that I think was brought up a little bit earlier, to elaborate on, even in the other areas though, not just the areas that you're speaking of now that you're not in compliance with, but in other

areas, there is certain rules that are spelled out for the Public Defender's Office, in order to qualify for the reimbursement, case load, in all different categories.

Steve Owens: Yes.

President Shetler: Whereas, the Prosecutor's Office, as I understand, I don't think they have any. I mean, they have basically an infinite amount of case load that they may have to take on with their given staffing that they have. Now, I know sometimes they do reach out and grab someone who has experience in a certain area, but that's the one area, and it's not a reflection on you, this is the State requirements, but that is the one thing that is a bit unfair in the whole system right now is that, you know, Public Defender's offices are limited to "x" number of cases that they handle at a given period of time, whereas the Prosecutor's Office doesn't have that same luxury.

Steve Owens: And there's some reasons for that, Tom, and I suppose we could go into that.

President Shetler: I understand those, but it just shows you how far the pendulum has swung.

Steve Owens: Well, I don't know that I would say the pendulum has swung. I think, probably, if the pendulum has swung, it's allowed us to sort of catch up with the assets that they have available to them. They have multiple investigators for every law enforcement agency. So, when they need something, they pick up the phone and go call the policeman, and they can send a detective out, they can send stuff to the State lab, they have a lot of resources that are not available to the defense bar. The defense function is, and I've been on both sides of that fence, I've been a Deputy Prosecutor, low it be a number of years ago, the defense function is materially different than the prosecutor's function. We are required to operate by a different set of rules. We have some ethical considerations that don't necessarily apply to prosecutors. The whole goal of public defense in this country has been to allow the public defenders, not just in Vanderburgh County, but throughout the State and throughout the Nation, to, hopefully, get on an equal footing in terms of resources and experience levels to be able to match resources and experience with prosecutors. So, yeah, I suppose you can look at it and say, well, gee, they don't have any caseload limitations, that's true, they don't, and we do. They control all of the filings, the courts control all of the number of appointments. We take whatever they throw at us. So, in terms of saying, yeah, there's a prosecutor that's handling 400 cases a year, that may very well be true, but there's a reason.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilman Swaim: Just to tweak my question just a little bit closer, you had made mention of the workload that your paralegals have. Now, if you had a major case coming up, would you go over to those nice fellas over in the old, old jail and say can we borrow Jennifer, she's got some past experience in a big case like this–

Steve Owens: No.

Councilman Swaim: – she's done all of this with Tim, can we use her? And, if so, what rate would you get her over here at?

Steve Owens: I wouldn't.

Councilman Swaim: Okay. Thanks.

Steve Owens: I mean, if I have a need, where the real need comes, Pete, if we have a number of major cases pending, it's going to be primarily investigative. So, in that case, we have one full time investigator in our office, and in that case I would go contract out with an investigator to assist. In 13 years, I don't think we've ever used an out-of-office paralegal to assist us on other cases, other than capital cases.

Councilman Swaim: Okay, thanks.

Councilman Raben: Okay, Councilman Goebel?

Councilman Goebel: Steve, you do a good job of presenting the booklets for your requests for reimbursement, when you are in compliance. You do a good job on that. My question that I had earlier, at one other point, do we actually see all of these reimbursements? Does the State always come through?

Steve Owens: Historically, I would have answered no. In the past several years the answer would be yes. The State has given the Public Defense Fund increased appropriations, as they just gave them a little over two million dollars a year for the CHINS TPR's. So, we're seeing the full 40 percent now coming in very regularly. Early on it was not the case, but probably ten years ago they were adding counties at a rate greater than they were getting additional funding. We had some issues that some quarters we would get 20 percent, some quarters we would get 40. Probably, within the last few years we're getting 40 percent.

Councilman Goebel: Perhaps we can verify that, Mr. Gries. If we're actually getting the compliance numbers, because your proposal for four part time to become full time will show a net savings of around $40,000, since we're in compliance, is that correct?

Steve Owens: On salaries and benefits. I mean, there's going to be some one time, obviously, would be some one time expenses that you would not, I mean, office space for example. I mean, we're going to pay the Building Authority, assuming we have some additional office space, we pay the Building Authority additional rent. You would have furniture, which is sort of a one time purchase. You'll get 40 percent of that back, but when you factor in, say you had $10,000 extra in rent, you're only going to get $4,000 of it back. So, $6,000 is going to cut into that other. I don't think, I think if you look at it just from the salary/benefits standpoint, yes, there's a net savings, but overall it's probably going to end up being a wash.

Councilman Goebel: Okay, but you may have to check the basement for furniture.

Steve Owens: We've done that.

Councilman Goebel: Z., has some old chairs too. Thank you.

Councilman Swaim: Steve, aside from the current budget stuff, how close are we to having all of the Weisheit indebtednesses in hand and rounded up?

Steve Owens: I'll be here next week.

Councilman Swaim: Okay.

Steve Owens: We are, we finally got all of the June bills together. We have submitted that to the judge. That was submitted to him at the end of July. He has not yet ruled on it. So, we haven't filed a reimbursement request for that. I believe I'll be over there the first part of September. I think he's set a hearing on some of that. So, I can't tell you that right now. We have, there's some nominal expenses from July because the sentencing was in July. Then we have, obviously, the appeal that is in the early stages at this point.

Councilman Swaim: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Steve Owens: No, we have to do, we are responsible, this county is responsible for the transcript and the attorney fees related to the direct appeal. The State Public Defenders Office doesn't get involved until after we've gone through the initial direct appeal.

Councilman Swaim: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Goebel: Steve, there were a few times we've spoken, there was a movement perhaps by the Public Defenders Commission to actually take over paying the salaries of public defenders. Has that had any movement?

Steve Owens: Well, I think if you read the packet you'll see that's the first step of the movement.

Councilman Goebel: Okay.

Steve Owens: The commission has amended the rule, and has sufficient funding to reimburse that salary now at 40 percent, which they've been doing in the past. I think that's probably the first step towards either one of two things, and I can't tell you which way it's leaning at this point, because I haven't seen the commission minutes. They're talking about (1) either reimbursing 100 percent for the Chiefs and the Chief Deputies, that was option one. Option two is there is a move afoot to have the State take over those positions, like they do now for the Prosecutor and the Chief Deputy Prosecutors. That's probably a little further away, given they just finished a legislative session. That's sort of what's in the works at this moment.

Councilman Raben: Okay, I'm going to move this along. We've got a long agenda. We've only taken two–

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, can I have one question?

Councilman Raben: One question.

Councilmember Bassemier: One question, Mr. Owen, that Secretary, 176, I'm not saying you don't need a full time secretary, does that secretary right now get benefits, health insurance and whatever?

Steve Owens: The full time secretaries?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, the part time right now.

Steve Owens: No, the part time secretary is currently limited to 25 hours a week. She's making $12 an hour. We just lost a full time secretary to the Prosecutor's Office, as a matter of fact, last week. So, that part time secretary, I anticipate coming to you next week and asking for permission to fill the full time spot with that lady.

Councilmember Bassemier: Now, with that move, will the State pick up half of those benefits? Will the State pick up any of it?

Steve Owens: Yeah, they'll pay 40 percent. They pay 40 percent of the salary and benefits for all of the support staff.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, that's what I thought you said.

Councilman Raben: Okay, Steve, thank you. We're going to move on.

Steve Owens: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR (INCLUDES GRANTS)
PROSECUTOR IV-D
PROSECUTOR FEE CHECK RECOVERY
PROSECUTOR PRE TRIAL DIVERSION

Councilman Raben: Next, we'll call up the Prosecutor, page 25.

Nick Hermann: Good morning.

Councilman Raben: Good morning. I guess, the first question I have is account 108138, Deputy, 108138.

Nick Hermann: What page are you on, Jim?

Councilman Raben: I'm on page 26.

Nick Hermann: Alright.

Councilman Raben: The sixth line from the bottom.

Nick Hermann: Yes, Jim, what's your question?

Councilman Raben: That appears as if that's a new person? A new position?

Nick Hermann: Yes, it is. I didn't prepare a full packet, but I do have from the budget hearings from yesterday, the Prosecutor came up (Inaudible) courts. I wanted to try and address some of those today. These are our filings from 2008 to current. It shows you the percent increases in murders, A felonies, B felonies, C felonies and D felonies. Since 2008 those particular crimes of filings have gone up 28 percent. In that same time period, the number of criminal attorneys in the Prosecutor's Office has declined 15.2 percent. We have submitted a budget, as written, for the Prosecutor's side, that represents a 2.75 percent increase. That increase includes step raises, as well as a new Deputy Prosecutor position. I talked with several members of the Council last year about the disparity in caseloads, and the disparity of funding that has occurred. I don't, I know a lot of these are by State mandate, so

I'm not trying to assess blame to the Council. I know that you guys are doing the best that you can, but the disparity between the prosecution and defense in these cases is quite ridiculous. If you look at, for example, the most recent capital case, we were appropriated $25,000 by this Council, $11,000 of that was re-absorbed back into the General Fund, meaning that we received one percent of the excess funds that were allocated to this case, 99 percent were not allocated to us. You spent time with Mr. Owens talking about the Public Defenders office and their guidelines and what it takes to be in compliance. I've run those numbers on our caseload. In order for our office to be compliant under their guidelines, which we're not required by State law to be, we would need 18.8 additional attorneys, two investigators and one secretary to meet their compliance. We right now have attorneys carrying open cases in excess of a yearly case load for a felony deputy in the Public Defenders office. So, the question really is, is what is the appropriate level of spending for your chief law enforcement office in this county. We get all the cases from EPD, the Sheriff's Department, the State Police, sometimes Gaming Commissions, Conservation Officers, they all funnel through our office, and we're responsible for prosecuting all of them. We don't get a choice, we don't get to say we can't take anymore. We don't get to come back and say we need more attorneys, we have more cases. We're kind of out there. I think whoever it was that said we have virtually an unlimited source of business, we certainly do. We do hire attorneys right out of law school. We train our attorneys. We don't have much choice the way the county salaries are set up, you know, it's difficult to get step increases based on experience, those types of things. We've found it's much easier to hire somebody in at an entry level salary, get them trained up, and get them going. You asked one of the judges the other day about the jury cost. Well, when you look at these numbers and you look at the increases in filings that we've had, I'm quite frankly surprised that jury costs aren't double what they are now, because they should be. We are the cog in the system. We are the cog in the system because of the caseloads that our Deputy Prosecutors have. If somebody's in trial for a week, you know, that's dozens of cases that go in. It's something that I understand the financial straits, I watched some of the budget hearings yesterday, from yesterday, and I know that you guys have a lot of cuts to make. We've tried to be very responsible, like I said, even with adding a new attorney position, what, a 2.75 percent increase? I wish it was a 30 percent decrease, but that's where we are. Realistically, do we need 22 new employees in the Prosecutors Office? No. No, we don't need to get it down to their case level. We don't need to get it down to, we believe that we can be more productive than that, quite frankly. We probably do need four or five attorneys to do the job that we should. You know, when we talk about the capital murder case and only getting one percent of the funds, did that affect the prosecution of that case? Absolutely it did. We tried that case on a shoestring budget, which tried over near Louisville. Luckily, we got the result that we were going for, based on the evidence, but that severely hampered, I mean, to give you guys an idea, we did a half hour deposition of one of the defense experts, and we got a bill, I think it was for $7,500-$8,000, which would have been more than half of what we had here. We were able to work with the court and get that cut, I think, down to three or four thousand, but it just takes it out in big chunks. I think I would be remiss not being here. We talked about whether or not we would come in and ask for two or three attorneys. We talked about coming in and asking, just having a flatline and me having an easy day, getting up here and saying, we're asking for the same budget, but I feel like I have a responsibility to bring this to your attention. I have a responsibility to fight for the taxpayers, to fight for the public, and to fight, quite frankly, for our entire law enforcement budget. I mean, we pay out a lot of money to the Sheriff's Department. The city pays out a lot of money to the

Police Department, and we're the end result. We're responsible for what comes out of that. I think it's a disservice to underfund our office and to minimize the work that they're doing, especially with the, I would gather saying it's close to a hundred million dollars between the two that we're paying out. It's at least fifty. We are, as a Prosecutors Office, as a Sheriff law enforcement budget, we're about four percent. When you look at the Police Department plus the Sheriff's Department plus ours, that's below other areas. Indianapolis, for example, it's about six and a half percent. You know, normally you look, like when we get to Child Support here in a minute, when you look at Indianapolis their caseloads are through the roof. Our felony caseloads, in major felony court, are anywhere from 40 to 60 percent higher than deputy prosecutors in Indianapolis. That's just wrong. I'll get off my soapbox now, but that's, I would be happy to take any questions.

Councilman Raben: Well, you did a good job presenting your case anyway. I guess, as we look at this budget, I'm going to, originally you posed the question, and I'm going to answer your original question with a question.

Nick Hermann: Alright.

Councilman Raben: We've got three accounts, the Domestic Violence Match, Drug Enforcement Match and Victim/Witness Match. Those, I think those are dollar for dollar match, are they not? They're not?

Nick Hermann: I would refer to Regene on that. I know that the VOCA grant is a set amount.

Regene Newman: Yeah, the VOCA grant is an 80/20 split. The Victim Assistance.

Councilman Raben: 80/20, so eighty percent to our 20?

Regene Newman: Yes. Then the Domestic Violence is 75/25.

Councilman Raben: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.) State or federal–

Regene Newman: Federal.

Councilman Raben: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Regene Newman: The Drug Law Enforcement, that grant ended several years ago. We had some discussions with you and we decided at that time, or you all decided at that time, rather than make that position a General Fund position, we would just keep money in that match for that attorney. So, it does fund one Deputy Prosecutor.

Councilman Raben: So, that's nothing?

Regene Newman: Right.

Councilman Raben: So, on this Domestic Violence Match, we're contributing $80,000, they're giving–

Regene Newman: $25,000.

Councilman Raben: – $25,000?

Regene Newman: Yes.

Councilman Raben: Okay. I've got 'ya. I'm figuring out how you're doing it. Okay, I guess, you know, as we talk about additional people, and I don't know precisely what we use all of these grants for and what have you, but is there not room within some of these grants to fund additional employees?

Nick Hermann: We ask for every available dollar from every available source that we can get. These are the maximum that we are able to get on these grants.

Councilman Raben: I understand, but is, and, not to delay today anymore than it's already going to be delayed, but what do we spend, I mean, are we spending this on salaries today, or what are we spending it on?

Regene Newman: Just salaries and benefits, yes. They are full time, each of those grants funds one full time position. Two Deputy Prosecutors and then our Victims Advocate.

Councilman Raben: That are in the General Fund budget.

Regene Newman: No, they are not in the General Fund. The match is in the General Fund, but their positions, they re paid by the grant and what we get from you all.

Councilman Raben: So, how many people, between these three grants, are we funding?

Regene Newman: Three.

Councilman Raben: Three between the three?

Regene Newman: Right.

Councilman Raben: Okay.

Regene Newman: That's not because we haven't asked for additional funds. We do every time we apply for the grant, but we're denied every year.

Nick Hermann: There used to be a lot of law enforcement type prosecution grants, and those have dried up. The current trend in the federal government is to give to drug courts and treatment courts. So, you've seen the prosecution side go down and the treatment courts go back up.

Councilman Raben: Okay. That's all the questions I have. Does anyone else have any questions of the Prosecutor on this budget? If not, we'll move into IV-D, page 67.

Nick Hermann: In IV-D, I think we had some step increases. We saw an increase of 4.47 percent. That budget is reimbursed 66 percent by the State. So, it's actually, by the time you get that reimbursement back, it will be about a 1.5 percent increase after the reimbursement. There are no additional, I don't think we asked for anything more than to fund current salaries.

Councilman Raben: Do we have, as we look at some of these other accounts, like supply accounts and some of these other miscellaneous accounts, where 2010, 2011 they were somewhat constant. Then in 2012 and '13 they jump up, in some cases almost double. Is any of that a result of the death penalty case or not?

Nick Hermann: The result of the death penalty case? I can't, we can't really quantify what the, we took money out of any account that we could legally take money out of for the death penalty case.

Councilman Raben: I understand, but as we craft and carve on your budget, which we will–

Nick Hermann: When we crafted and carved the 2012 budget, we last year asked for increases in several of the accounts that we typically ran out of money about six months in. As I recall, I want to say the Supply budget was one of those, you guys increased it to an amount that didn't, wouldn't cover what we spend in a year, but at least got closer.

Councilman Raben: It's probably safe to assume that where we see those big spikes for a period of two years, in those accounts, that it probably was associated with the death penalty case.

Nick Hermann: No, that was to bring our–

Councilman Raben: I'm trying to make myself feel better when I cut them in half, which is probably what's going to happen.

Nick Hermann: We were trying to bring them back into compliance with what we're actually spending. In all of the IV-D accounts, Supplies, Postage, Travel, Communication, Printing, Maintenance and Lab Tests, as of last week, we have a total of about $4,000 left. We will spend through that, what did you say, this month? We'll spend through that this month, and then we will be scrapping to find money to fund, definitely October, November, December, possibly September as well. I mean, we have balances ranging in those accounts from zero, to I think the largest, in Communications, we've got $1,500 left for the year.

Councilman Raben: Okay.

Councilman Swaim: Nick, this one item, it's 140016, Deputy Prosecutor, and it shows 32.87–

Nick Hermann: Percent increase, yes.

Councilman Swaim: Can you tell me about that position?

Nick Hermann: That was part of what we did last year to save the county money. We took a, has he been here 20 years or so? A 20 year attorney that was in the Prosecutor budget, and we shifted him into the IV-D budget, and that allowed the Council and the General Fund to recoup two thirds of his salary, as opposed to paying 100 percent of it. So, when we moved him in, it actually saved the county, whatever two thirds of that would be, plus benefits. So, it saved probably $60,000.

Councilman Swaim: Good, thanks for refreshing my memory.

Councilman Raben: Is there a limit on this budget?

Nick Hermann: Is there a limit?

Councilman Raben: On how much we can be reimbursed?

Nick Hermann: No. We get, it's an odd formula. The first, I want to say it's $160,000 is 100 percent reimbursed. After that, we get reimbursed by the State for two thirds, for all employees, it's employees, their benefits–

Regene Newman: (Inaudible. Not at microphone.)

Nick Hermann: – anything that comes out of it. Anything that you guys spend money on for collection of child support we get reimbursed two thirds for.

Councilman Raben: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Nick Hermann: For child support collection, yes.

Councilman Raben: Okay. Alright, any other questions on IV-D?

Nick Hermann: We are also paying two people out of the Child Support Incentive Fund. That was something that came about earlier in the year when we asked for additional employees, and we were directed to pay for them ourselves, but, that has helped. We are now, we are still in the top ten in cases per full time employee, but we have, we're no longer in the top three or four or whatever it was. We, our cases per full time employee have dropped. So, we're thankful for that.

Councilman Raben: Okay, thank you. We'll move on to page 118, Pre Trial Diversion Account.

Nick Hermann: I believe that there's an increase there, because the person that is on the fund is taking insurance, and that is completely funded by user fees. So, I believe that that was why there was an increase in the amount there.

Councilman Raben: The budget is actually down though, because you're not requesting any extra help.

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilman Raben: So, it's down 39.79 percent. So, we like that. Alright, I'm sure there's no questions on this budget. We'll move on. Thank you.

Nick Hermann: Thank you.

COUNTY COMMISSION GENERAL FUND & CCD & COIT
DRAINAGE BOARD
RIVERBOAT
SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilman Raben: Next, County Commissioners, page 43.

Marsha Abell: Good morning.

Councilman Raben: Good morning.

President Shetler: Councilman? If I may. It's a brief comment. I just want to point out that Commissioner Abell, the amount of time and effort she has put into going through our health insurance policies and trying to determine what's best for our county, as far as saving money and giving the best health care provisions and stuff for our employees, that we possibly can. One thing that I want to alert everybody to is the fact that looking closer and closer I think to going to some kind of a clinic type of a proposal, and what we are, what Commissioner Abell has outlined here, is that for the most part looking at going and joining in with the city. Now, doing that is going to save the county probably a good $200,000. One half of that or better is from the build out costs of that clinic, which is usually in excess of $100,000. The other is because it's already there and not having to duplicate the services and stuff that the city is already involved in. We can join into their existing program and save a considerable amount of money on an on-going process. For those reasons, at this particular time, since we're joining into an existing program with the city, and there is inherent potential savings there, there is not going to be any kind of normal bidding or request for pricing or anything like that. It's only because of actually joining into that contract that they already have existing, and it is going to save us $200,000, maybe $250,000 in that first year, which is important to have some kind of a jump start like that. Then, the other element of it is, if we got into requesting for proposals out there, we'd have a build out time that would be probably three to six months, and then need to find additional space within this building and facility. So, when we look at all of that, it makes perfectly good sense to do what Commissioner Abell is, I think, potentially going to be recommending. So, I wanted to point that out.

Marsha Abell: Thank you. Just to tag on to that, I'll just tell you that the bad news is, that if we were to renew our current, I just got these figures, so I'm going to share them with you. If we were to renew our current insurance, just exactly as it is right now, with the possibility of a 17 percent increase, we would be looking at $16,149,000. So, to cut that figure down drastically where we can get it, what we are going to have to do is increase the co-pay and increase the deductible that our employees are going to be paying to offset that harm to them is the purpose of the clinic. If we were to raise, and I hate to use a percentage, because whatever I say it will be written in stone and it isn't true. We haven't gotten to that yet, but if we were to raise the co-pay up a certain amount, and somebody knows they have to pay that co-pay, they're much better off to go to the clinic, which is free and get free medication, and they don't have to spend anything. We also have a lower premium because we would have a higher co-pay and higher deductible. Then, that, in the first year, will drive the usage of the clinic, which will bring our claims experience down. So, in the second year, when our claims experience isn't nearly as high as it is now, and it's very, very high, we can bring the premium down even more with that. So, we see this as a way to not only bring it down at one certain point, to continue every year to bring the premium down. I, there are 47 people, and I don't know their names, because, of course, I'm not given that information, but there are 47 people in our employment that are on our health insurance who's health insurance cost us almost a million five this year. Just in claims. Less than 50 people have used almost a million five. That's what we've got to attack. That's what's going to bring our premiums down, is attacking these poor health conditions that we've got in the county. So, part of the clinic's purpose is also health, not just taking care of illness, but they are, we are going to encourage things like, if you check your blood pressure every month, we'll give you a break on your insurance, or we'll give

you a gift card to somewhere. Or, you know, we haven't really gotten into all what we're going to do, but we're in the process of putting all of that together.

President Shetler: Do you know what our experience rate was versus premium?

Marsha Abell: Yeah, it was like 84 percent or something. Higher than, I think they want 80 percent and below, so that they make twenty cents on a dollar. So, that they only spend 80 cents out of every dollar we pay them. We're over that. We're higher than that.

President Shetler: Alright. Thanks.

Marsha Abell: So, there's not a lot of people out there just begging to insure us. So, with that said, I will go on and answer any questions you have.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Marsha, real quick, just briefly do you have the city's experience when they did the conversion to the clinic, any numbers on the savings and that type of stuff that you're ready to share at this time?

Marsha Abell: I don't have the percentages. They are working on those for me. I was in a meeting with the Mayor yesterday about it. I will have those for you before too long.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: How long has that city clinic been operating?

Marsha Abell: Three years.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Three years? So, we should be able to get some good information, and take advantage of the fact that they're up and going.

Marsha Abell: Yes, and my understanding is, is that the employees in this building that use it, like it.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That's good news. That's good to know.

Marsha Abell: They are very pleased with it. The other thing that we can think about, as the executive branches of county government is, that if the clinic, as it is now, in this building, if someone is sitting in their office and doesn't feel good, rather than calling their doctor and taking the rest of the day off to have to go sit in their doctor's office, they can call the clinic, get in, you know, momentarily, run over here, find out what's wrong with them, get some medicine and go back to work. It will cut down on our absenteeism, which will probably be reflected in our overtime pay that the other people are having to work to make up for the people that are off sick. So, we're hoping that this becomes a multi-faceted health product for us.

Councilman Swaim: Commissioner, those people that garner that big share of money that you just mentioned, are those like chronic conditions from people? I don't know if you have all of that information, but chronic conditions maybe that somebody's had for 15 years, or are those accidents, or somebody that's, or ten or 15 people that have just been diagnosed with onset Type II diabetes or that kind of thing?

Councilman Raben: I don't know how far we can take this, according to the HIPPA rules. Maybe we're better not even discussing this any further, frankly. I mean, I don't know if it's–

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Councilman Raben: Okay, just be careful not to–

Marsha Abell: It's just a circulatory condition is the number one usage of our health insurance.

Councilman Swaim: Okay.

Councilman Raben: Councilman Goebel?

Councilman Goebel: The clinics are to generate preventative measures, right? To make us all more aware and attack potential problems before they occur. So, that is a natural good thing for all of us. I think that people that have issues, obviously, no one wants to have an issue, so they want their health too. So, this seems to be a good forward thinking and forward moving project. I hope we, I know Mr. Shetler one time mentioned perhaps satellite clinics, or will it all be housed right here?

Marsha Abell: We discussed satellite clinics yesterday, the clinic operator, my understanding is, has secured the Warrick County School Corporation, so they're going to put some clinics on the east side. So, your, you know, if your spouse doesn't want to bring the children down here, they'll be able to go over there and use that clinic also. We're in the process of putting that together also.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: The intent isn't to go in there with chest pains. I mean, it's the normal visits for sinus infection, or cough or cold, where the county saves hundreds of dollars by utilizing these clinics.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, the biggest cut will be the people that bring their children to the clinic instead of taking them to ER after hours. That will be our biggest hit.

Councilman Raben: Okay, on a different topic.

Marsha Abell: Okay, page 42?

Councilman Raben: Marsha, you and I, and I know a few years ago you started looking into, or asked the County Attorney to look into some of our contracts, and I'm looking at, as an example, Southwest Mental Health, Hillcrest Washington Home, you know, some of these contracts and we're seeing it now with YCC as an example where we're paying these annual, you know, one to three percent increases. Somehow, I would like to be able to get a better handle on what we're really getting for our money. As an example, Hillcrest Washington Home, today's request is over $1.8 million. How much of the facility is Vanderburgh County using? You know, what is, what are we getting for $1.8 million? You know, are surrounding counties utilizing that facility? Are we responsible for 30 percent of the population and 90 percent of the budget? You know, I don't know, but, we really, if somebody could drill in, and I'm looking at Steve as I say this as well, back in the audience, if

we were able to drill into some of these contracts and really figure out what we're getting. Have we just renewed these contracts, and do we continue to pay the increases because that's the way we've always done it? So, there might be an avenue within some of these contracts where we're paying way over what's necessary for this county.

Marsha Abell: Well, I think Southwestern Mental Health is State statute dictated. I don't think we have a question there, but the Hillcrest Washington Children's Home, I will look into that. I have had a meeting with them, as a matter of fact, two this year already. Actually, I think, we, in years past, and I haven't, wasn't a part of this, but they indicated to me that in the years past, we actually came to them and asked them to do this, asked them to handle this because we wanted to get out of the business of taking care of it ourselves as county employees.

Councilman Raben: I don't know what all they do in regards to our children that need these services.

Marsha Abell: I think the courts maybe send some children out there.

Councilman Raben: But, if we're talking about a handful of kids, you know, per week or day, there may be other avenues, again, let's find out what–

Marsha Abell: I will.

Councilman Raben: –we're spending $1.8 million a year, let's find out what they're really giving us.

Marsha Abell: I've got it written down. I will do that.

Councilman Raben: Okay. Then, as we look through the budget, I've mentioned Hillcrest, that's in the COIT. The Postage and Freight is in the COIT budget for $400,000. Emergency Management at $198,000 is also in the COIT budget. As well as Rent, which I would like to go there too, if I may. Rent is in there for $4.8 million, or $4,880,341, that's another area that I think we could possibly look at some savings that, you know, we may need to look at cutting back on any renovations, and, you know, things that look better or make us feel better within these county and city facilities that, that's an area where I think we can cut back expenses and maybe save some things. You know, those cut backs may be projects that, you know, again, renovations, things like that.

Marsha Abell: One of the things, I've been talking to Debbie Stucki about, Mr. Raben, is to moving her documents into the old jail space. I think you're going to see that, I don't know if she's going to present it, but you're going to see that be presented to you, and we have discussed that, you know, they're just file cabinets, they don't need carpeting and draperies and all that kind of stuff. So, that will get cut, the rent she's spending over there, and it also utilizes space that we're actually paying rent on anyway.

Councilman Raben: We're already paying for, yeah. So, if possible, I know Councilman Shetler and I talked about this yesterday, possibly setting up a meeting with the Building Authority and a member or two from Council and a member from the Commission and talk about what we can carve out of that, out of our rent, and try to get it down to a more realistic figure. Now, it's, I think it's like $23 plus a

square foot. You know, but, that's way higher than normal for office space, and, you know, so.

Marsha Abell: That's something Mr. Kiefer would like to take on, since he's a commercial realtor, he probably knows a lot more about that than I do. I'll talk to him and see if he could meet with you.

Councilman Raben: We're trying to find out, you know, anyway we can to get this thing, you know, where it needs to be.

Marsha Abell: I understand.

Councilman Raben: That's all of the questions that I have. Does anyone else have any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, as far as storage in the jail, we've met, Marsha and Joe Kiefer and I, it was just, I don't think we can get off the ground because of there was an election coming up or whatever, and I think it was going to be passed on, you know.

Marsha Abell: But, I think it's definitely something that we need to do.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, we need to do that.

Marsha Abell: Not just her documents, I mean, there are documents all over this building that are being sourced out somewhere, and people are paying, maybe it's just $100 here and $100 there, but if you bring everybody in to one place you can cut those expenses.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I think the stress, I think it was tested where it would hold the weight up there and I think it came back okay. It will hold a certain amount for that storage, for just the Clerk's Office.

Councilman Raben: Okay. Great, thank you. Okay, we'll move on to the CCD budget, page 97. Marsha, if you will, I might ask you to elaborate on the two items that are here, Contractual Services and the EMA Office.

Marsha Abell: The EMA Office Build Out, the intent is to move EMA, which is a 50/50 with the city building, into the Sheriff's Office. They have estimated, the $500,000 is more than it's going to, probably more than it's going to take. I think it's going to take around $430,000 to get everything out there that needs to be out there. Then, once we're out there we're through with finding another place for EMA. So, that's what that figure is for, for your consideration.

Councilman Raben: The Sheriff does have–

Marsha Abell: The Sheriff, he's in agreement and he has space.

Councilman Raben: As of, when you listen to him, his plan for why that needs to be there is, you know, nothing but good reasoning.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, it's more than just to save money. It's because of the nature of their business.

Councilman Goebel: But, it will also save money because we won't rent another facility, correct?

Marsha Abell: That's correct. Right now we rent a space that's not that expensive. I think it's about $40,000 a year, is that correct, Ms. Deig? I can't remember.

President Shetler: EMA?

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

Councilman Raben: Yeah.

President Shetler: I thought it was pretty substantial.

Marsha Abell: Oh, is it? Well, in comparison it's not, you know, we're not going to recoup that money in the first year, but we could be thrown out of that place and we could be out looking for space at $25 a square foot. So, this way we control, when we've got it in one of our own facilities, we control.

President Shetler: But, I think the ROI on that's about three years, three to four years. So, that's a pretty good return.

Councilman Raben: Well, the, yeah, and the real gain from it is, in the event of an emergency, it's kind of self contained there with the Sheriff's Department.

Marsha Abell: Right.

Councilman Raben: They can dispatch, we can dispatch city fire, police, you know, county fire, do it all from that one facility in the event of an emergency. So, it's a back up for Central Dispatch, and, you know, it's a building that's designed to withstand an earthquake, you know, too.

Marsha Abell: Correct. We also can house the emergency mobile unit out there at the Sheriff's Department, which we were actually borrowing space from an individual, and that was not a very good plan.

Councilman Raben: Okay, are there any other questions on–

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I think that's about $38,000 a year, the one on Stanley Avenue that we're talking about.

Marsha Abell: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Bassemier: Also, there's no parking there, and then when you have emergency meetings out there, you're parking all up and down the street. There's a security reason there too. You have all of your top officials there, and they're all in one spot, no security, nothing. You've got to walk sometimes a block and a half to get to that building, because there's just a minimum amount of parking there. In fact, we just had an earthquake seminar there, the Mayor was there, so, it needs to be in a new place.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, it's not a good set up for EMA.

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Marsha Abell: Correct.

Councilman Raben: Okay. CCD?

Marsha Abell: I have a question about CCD though. I'm going to direct this to Joe. Joe, I understand that the money that we use for CCD, for like Burdette, is now listed as a line item on Burdette's budget?

Joe Gries: It's not on their, well, what is done, what has happened is the CCD Fund has been departmentalized. That allows us within the new software system to be secure in what different departments see and what they can't see. So, if Burdette wants to see information within that line item, run a report or something, they can't run reports on all of the Commissioners information. So, that's the–

Marsha Abell: Well, my problem with it is, we may not want to spend that money at Burdette–

Joe Gries: Right.

Marsha Abell: – and that is the Commissioners call.

Joe Gries: Right.

Marsha Abell: If you put it in their budget, they think they get to spend it. I don't think that that's a very good plan, because we, they're only looking at, and I don't, Steve Craig is here in the audience and I don't want it to sound like I'm picking on Steve, but Burdette is only looking at Burdette's budget.

Joe Gries: Right.

Marsha Abell: We Commissioners are looking at all of the monies we have to use CCD for. To take that out and put it over there where he thinks it's his to spend, the next thing I know we're getting bills where it's being spent and we've got a couple of economic development projects coming up that we're going to need some money for. We know you don't have it, and one of them is at Burdette, in fact, so, I just don't, I don't think that's the way to set the budget up, because it's the Commissioners budget.

Joe Gries: Right, and the CCD Fund is the Commissioners budget and approved by the Council. So, that hasn't really changed, it's just that it's been departmentalized. We can look at that and maybe discuss how we need to go forward there. I'm happy to talk about that.

Marsha Abell: I just don't think it's got the proper oversight. Mr. Melcher?

Stephen Melcher: I agree with you.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

Councilman Raben: Good point. Okay, next page 39, Drainage Board. Are there any questions? That's just the Board members and FICA and PERF. I doubt that

there is. Okay, we'll move to Riverboat, page 86. This is unchanged from last year. Well, I shouldn't say that, there's, no, it's the same as it was last year. Any questions on Riverboat? None? Thank you very much.

Marsha Abell: Do you want to go ahead and do Superintendent, would you mind going ahead and doing Superintendent of County Buildings, since I'm here?

Councilman Raben: We can, we'll go to page 47.

Marsha Abell: A lot of this, of course, is the Old Courthouse.

Councilman Raben: Marsha, I don't really have any, you will see Utilities are in the COIT budget at $120,000, which, you know, that's pretty much all for the Old Courthouse.

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

Councilman Raben: The $120,000 isn't going to get it. I know, when I went through my spiel again last month on how we move forward, you know, and how wise it is to rent that instead of just continue to preserve the facility, one of the big budget items that I didn't even think about at the time and did not include, but is the energy savings contract that is for that facility that's still in excess of half a million dollars a year. Again, you add that and it really compounds the problem that, you know, how much money we're losing trying to rent that facility out, instead of just maintaining the facility. So, it's, I know you're going to work on that–

Marsha Abell: We're trying. We're trying to make the hallways and things look better so that we can increase the rents, and we're being more selective as to who we rent to so that we can increase the rents. It is what it is. I mean, it's a courthouse that was abandoned, and it's not an office building. We can't make it what it isn't. So, we'll do the best we can.

Councilman Raben: Right, it's a tough decision, but–

Marsha Abell: It is.

Councilman Raben: – it may come down to saving hundreds of thousands of dollars a year by not being landlords, just preservationists, on, you know, preserving the facility. Any questions on Superintendent of County Buildings?

Councilman Goebel: None. I feel that's a building worth preserving though, much more than others things we've tried to preserve in this county, that's part of us. Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, CCD budget, page 98. There's the Energy Savings Contract.

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

Councilman Raben: Do you know how much longer?

Marsha Abell: I don't, but Marissa might.

Marissa Schenk: 2015.

Marsha Abell: 2015? That's a long time.

Councilman Raben: Okay, yep, another $1.1 million and some change. Okay, if there's no questions on that, we'll move into the COIT account, which we've already addressed. That was on page 148. We don't need to go there. That concludes things for the County Commissioners. Commissioners, thank you.

Marsha Abell: Thank you.

Councilman Swaim: Commissioner, earlier I wasn't trying to tread on any hallowed ground of HIPPA, I'm just trying to contrast existing–

Marsha Abell: I understand.

Councilman Swaim: – conditions with new stuff. So, that was basically it.

Marsha Abell: It actually is a health issue. We're just not a healthy workforce.

Councilman Swaim: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim? Just to make it clear, I was talking about the Stanley building. The security is inside, you know, we have several police officers that attend these meetings, but outside there's no protection for our vehicles. You know, we've got thousands of dollars of equipment, when you park out there you've got to take your suitcases or whatever, or whatever you think might be broken into. That's where the security comes in at. It's not inside, because you've got plenty of police officers. They all attend these meetings.

Councilman Raben: One of many good reasons to move it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Councilman Raben: Okay, we'll go to Health Department, page 104. I'll tell you what, folks, we'll pause for a good cause. We'll readjourn at 10:35 and seven sixteenths.

(The meeting was recessed until 10:35 a.m.)

(The meeting was reconvened at 10:35 a.m.)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilman Raben: We're going to go to Health Department, page 104. Good morning, Gary.

Gary Heck: Good morning, Councilman Raben. Councilmembers.

Councilman Raben: I'll give everyone time to start at 104, and the floor is open to any questions you may have of the Health Department. This budget is actually down 1.65 percent. A good portion of that is the re-negotiation of the rent, is it not? Or the reduction in the rent?

Gary Heck: It is. That's where the majority of the savings will be coming from.

Councilman Goebel: Good job on that.

Gary Heck: Thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Gary, the Supervisor/Child Health, it's line item 115922, what is that increase due to?

Gary Heck: This was a, we created this position when the Director of Nursing and another position was transferred into the WIC grant. So, we needed to have a supervisor in the Nursing Division area, and that's what created this one from. So, that's the reason for the increase.

Councilman Raben: Gary, the only real question I had was on the Operating Expense, which is your account 351000. Is that a–

Gary Heck: Thirty five, the Board of Health requested this. This is a fee that was explained for the first year of going after public health accreditation. This is the first year required payment for Public Health National Accreditation. They requested that it be placed in the budget. So, that's the reason for the request. As you already noted, overall we're down in all of the other areas.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any....Mr. Shetler?

President Shetler: I just want to point out one thing real quickly, and that is due to Councilman Raben's obstinance on going into this building over here and staying pretty firm on us not looking at that for the Health Department, we were able to sit down and your tenant really requested to re-negotiate that rent.

Gary Heck: Our landlord?

President Shetler: Yeah, I'm sorry, your landlord requested to re-negotiate the rent on that. That's really what's caused a substantial savings here of, what, roughly $150,000 a year. So, that's pretty substantial, and I think it was due largely to Councilman Raben's standing so firm and resolute on not going into that building.

Councilman Goebel: That contract lasts for five years?

Gary Heck: We're in a ten year lease, and the renewal was for five years, and I believe with a five year extension. So, the, if all of the options fall in place, it would be for another ten years.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

Gary Heck: You're welcome.

Councilman Swaim: Gary, I'm not trying to be flippant, but now you can maybe negotiate with those new owners over there across the street and maybe even have a cafeteria in there too.

Gary Heck: Well, I'm not...I serve at the Council and the Commissioners pleasure on whatever you want me to do. If you want me to come to a table, I'll be happy to come to a table.

Councilman Raben: Okay. No other questions? Thank you, Gary.

Gary Heck: Thank you.

BURDETTE PARK
BURDETTE PARK CCD & COIT

Councilman Raben: We'll move on, Burdette Park, page 79.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette.

Councilman Raben: Okay, the floor is open to any questions anyone has for Burdette. I'll call attention to a few things, again, the utilities are in the COIT budget for $160,000. Steve, the two questions, or the one question I have is Contractual Services. If you would elaborate on that. That's account 353000.

Steve Craig: That is money that we are paying right now, paying SMG, and, I guess, what we're going to be paying them next year if we go that route. That will, I guess, cover what we're going to need. If it doesn't, they'll need to make some kind of adjustments. If you would have noticed, I left the Bookkeeper/Day Camp Administrator pay in, because I didn't want to delete the job. Either that number will change, or the Contractual Services number will change.

Councilman Raben: Any questions? After questions, just a real general comment, after you address any other questions. Just how the year was, as far as the pool and revenues and stuff like that. We don't need anything real lengthy, but if everyone is finished with questions.

President Shetler: I have a question on Advertising.

Steve Craig: That was money that was put in there this year, that was used by SMG to promote the park. That was money that I was told, I guess, it's the amount that they would need next year for promoting Burdette.

President Shetler: Okay, I'm just kind of looking at from the point that it didn't look like we spent much of the years prior, and yet it's such a dramatic increase.

Councilman Raben: I will say this on the advertising side, if you could go back beyond–

President Shetler: Yeah, years ago we did spend.

Councilman Raben: We did, and then we pushed for CVB–

President Shetler: Right.

Councilman Raben: – to pick up that.

Steve Craig: I think last year they had put in $20,000, and that's when we, they developed a new brochure and started a promotion, billboard promotion outside the Evansville area, and distribution of the brochures. This year, it was my understanding that they spent about $11,000 on the billboard promotion outside of the Vanderburgh County area.

President Shetler: Alright, thanks.

Councilman Raben: It's possible to go ahead and push this into the CVB as well, if we need to.

Councilmember Terry: I would encourage leaving a little bit. I know kind of some of the issues that he deals with in terms of advertising, and then CVB not doing it, really what the true needs of parks like Burdette and other museums and libraries and so forth and so, I think it's important to have some discretion with advertising that he controls, because just mass advertising of all of our amenities is not really showing any return for us. I mean, we're seeing that with our business. So, I think it's important that he has some discretion with advertising of his own.

Councilman Raben: Okay, good point. Councilman Swaim?

Councilman Swaim: Steve, I just wanted to ask, next year, if there were some discounted tickets made available to a certain segment, do we think that that would be more than made up for by concessions and that sort of thing?

Steve Craig: If there was a what?

Councilman Swaim: If there were some discounted admissions next year to a certain segment, would you think that that would be more than made up for with concessions and other things that we sell?

Steve Craig: Well, I think we'll be able to find out this summer, because part of the promotions that have been done, there has been quite a few passes that were given away in radio games and stuff. We probably gave away more passes this year than I've given away in the last five years. So, if it's going to help boost the concessions and the pool, I think it would show at the end of this year's revenue. With that being said, the weather has not been that conducive to swimming. It's not been that terrible, but with the colder nights and that, it seems like the crowds have been a lot smaller than they had the last couple of years. But, compared to other summers, the one that we had the wettest year ever, it is running behind that one. Actually, the attendance, paid attendance is down, and I haven't taken a close look at the concessions and the float stand and the golf and that, but, the golf, to me, should have been up because of the cooler weather and that, but I don't know if that will be reflected in the things. It will be something that we'll be able to take a look at, because we did run more promotions this year than I've ran in a long, long time.

Councilman Swaim: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any other questions? None?

Steve Craig: Mike?

Councilman Raben: We can go to Burdette CCD Fund, page...oh, did you have a question?

Councilman Goebel: Not really.

Steve Craig: I've never went through a budget without him asking one. I thought he had one.

Councilman Goebel: You answered my question on attendance. No questions today, Steve. Thank you.

Steve Craig: Thank you, Mike.

Councilman Raben: Okay, page 99. Steve, do you want to tell us what that's all about?

Steve Craig: The CCD? Well, I had thought it was going into the Commissioners CCD, which if I had my preference that it would be under the control of the Commissioners. Not that I don't want to have control of it, but it's worked well with them. What I would do is I would give them an account, like you got here, telling them of projects that need to be done. Some are for safety reasons, some are to help promote things in the park, they all have different purposes. They would usually go through and pare out what they didn't want me to do that year, or what monies was available. So, this $300,000 that is in the CCD, all of these things could be done. Very few of them are cosmetic. Several of them are avenues where we could make some more money at the park, it's to boost revenues, the part with the RV park, expanding that. The drainage system upgrade, it's that we've got a couple of collapsed pipes and water comes out and goes over the parking lot, you know, putting mud all over your parking lots. They're going to be needing to be dug up and the pipe replaced. Some of that pipe is 60-70 years old. Main dumpster, IDEM's been telling us, our trash pick up people say that we're allowed to have an open dumpster, but IDEM said we're not. I put money in there to have a cover that goes over it, so that when it rains it does not drain out and flow across the driveway. I mean, there's hundreds of them all over, but they're telling us we can't have them. That's what that was for. Where the old batting cage is, that's a big dip. It's becoming an eyesore in the middle of the park. We're just wanting to take it out, level the ground and use it as either parking or someplace for people to picnic at in the park. Then, we replace our umbrellas and our lounges at the pool every so many years, and they're pretty well shot, wore out. Like I said, this is, I don't like to say this, but it's like a wish list. Some of it has got to do with safety and that of the public, but the Commissioners always come back and said this is how much you've got, you can do this, this and this, and then they cut the rest out. So, I didn't expect to get it all, but, you know, like I said, I'm not against it being under the Commissioners CCD and working through them like I've done for the last–

Councilman Raben: Right, and that's what we'll do. We'll move it into the Commissioners CCD budget. Councilman Swaim?

Councilman Swaim: Steve, do you, for like excavations, I mean, do you rely on the Garage to come out and do those kinds of things? Or, do you have your own Ditch Witch and backhoe for some of that smaller stuff.

Steve Craig: We've got a backhoe. We rent, if we need a Ditch Witch we run over and rent it from Lowe's or something, whoever is cheapest at that time, you know, if we're running conduit or pipe or something, but we do have a backhoe. The County Garage has been a lifesaver to Burdette Park. They help us out in any project that they can. Over the years, you know, when we need something, a piece of equipment, when they have time, you know, they don't stop a project for us, but they do work with us. I mean, they've been a Godsend on several projects that we've had.

Councilman Swaim: Good, Councilman Raben is glad to hear that.

Councilmember Terry: Question? Question, Jim?

Councilman Raben: Okay, Stephanie?

Councilmember Terry: I know you just read off your wish list, but do you have any new, confirmed projects for this upcoming year?

Steve Craig: That was it.

Councilmember Terry: That was it? Those are the things that you just hope to do.

Steve Craig: Yeah, I'm finishing up right now, and it looks like there will be some money left in the CCD account, we had got prices on replacing the liner in our family pool. It's 12 years old, it had a ten year warranty. I think that maybe we, we took it under consideration, and I'm looking at maybe putting it off a year and not spending that money. We did not know, at the time, we had a repair done on it, did not know if the repair would last a week, a day, a year, or what, but that's the big project we had for this year. The money, right now, is still in that account. With that being said, it could, next spring we may look at it and have to replace it. It's one of those things. Other than that, we've got a little bit of money left in that account, but that was our big project. The next big project is on my capital improvement list here.

Councilmember Terry: Okay, that's probably what I want.

Councilman Raben: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Steve just answered my question (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Steve Craig: Well, that was the funbrellas, the funbrellas and the lounges at Burdette, our lounges are wore out. What these are, if you saw the new city pools built an umbrella probably as big as this room. We usually have eight or ten regular umbrellas, but they offer a shade area for older patrons, all the way down to newborns. With the awareness of the sun exposure has many of our patrons asking for more safely shaded areas at the Aquatic Center. Before you didn't want shade, you wanted to be in the sun, but nowadays it's a totally different thing. Being able to get out of the sun for a period of time allows them to stay longer and spend more money at our Aquatic Center. We're looking up to replacing four of the funbrellas. Anchor Supply makes them here, they're one of the distributors, but instead of buying ten new of the umbrellas and that, we looked at wanting to put up...and if we had to do one this year, one next year, one the next year, I think they're about $2,500. It gives the people a shade area that they can sit under and that. From

what I've read about them, they tend to have people stay at your facility longer and spend more money if they're not getting burnt, and their newborns and the older people aren't getting burnt. In the old days we didn't worry about that, but nowadays it's a main concern of the people.

Councilman Raben: Okay, great. Thank you. Steve, no other questions. We'll move on.

THE CENTRE
CENTRE OPERATING FUND

Councilman Raben: The Centre, page 78. Are there any questions of this budget? This is just the salary and benefits side of their budget. None? We'll move on to the Operating Fund, page 138. The one that, Darren, you might elaborate on is the Centre Contractual Account.

Darren Stearns: Yes, well, I think it's finally coming to fruition, we're basing it off events that we have, if for the future convention and everything elsewise, and we don't have any major conventions for next year. We do have General Baptists, that bless their hearts, are really wanting to come back here, but they're waiting on the hotel. They were, I think, looking at us in 2014, and it looks like that might be pushed back to 2015. So, we have, you know, don't have any of the conventions. Luckily, the community, bless their hearts, have used us quite a bit and kept us going during these last four or five years without having any of those type of events, but that's part of the reflection of the events that we have booked now for 2014.

Councilman Raben: Any questions on this? I have a general comment that, I mean, I commend you and your group for trying to do the very best you can with what you've had to work with in not having a host hotel. I know it's been difficult. It looks like somehow you've managed to keep things busy over there. I know, I'm partly responsible for a large party there every year around the holiday season. I know, I can't say enough what a wonderful job your organization does for that. Thank you.

Darren Stearns: Thank you. That's kind of what, like I mentioned, the community has been very, very supportive as far as helping us keep to where we're at with their events and working with us there at the Centre. So, we appreciate that.

Councilman Raben: Councilman Shetler?

President Shetler: Since it's been brought up about the hotel and the deficit that we operate under, is there any way that you could estimate how much, how much we might improve if we had a hotel and had some conventions going on? I guess, take us back to the little grander days than where we are today, and how much revenue would be generated.

Darren Stearns: Well, all I can do is, the last year that we had the hotel, which, I think most of you know was in 2009, I think it closed in July or August of 2009, that was the best year that we had at the Centre. We were within $30,000 of being in the black for that particular year. That was the last year we had the hotel, and that was without, that was with a hotel but not a flagship hotel, which is what a lot of the conventions are looking for now. The conventions are all different sizes. One of the conventions we had that year was Indiana Farm Bureau, three or four days, meetings, breakfast, lunch, dinner for three or four days, adds up to quite a bit of

money. That's just an example as far as that particular one. They had over a thousand delegates that came for that.

President Shetler: We're running a deficit of about a half a million dollars?

Darren Stearns: Uh-huh.

President Shetler: So, not having that hotel from what was one of the better years, basically pretty close to break even, to where we are today, it could be costing us $450,000 to $500,000 a year?

Darren Stearns: Correct, by the numbers we're going at now.

President Shetler: Right.

Darren Stearns: Like I said, that particular convention, I think, over a three day period brought in over $125,000-$130,000 to the Centre.

President Shetler: So, I think, right now the request is that the county look at coming up with about a million and a half dollars, well, three and a half million dollars. Two million dollars of which is coming from the Convention and Visitors Bureau, their Capital, which is being actually produced by out of town people who sleep in the hotels, and then the other million and a half is to come out of county funds. The proposal is to take $1.2 million of those county funds and take that from the refinancing of the bonds that we did at the Centre, and then, basically, what we're looking for is another $250,000 or $300,000, as I understand it. That would easily be replaced in maybe six months to a year by, if we could get that deficit leveled out again to where it was before. So, financially it makes very good, solid sense if one, you know, looks not even on a long term, but looks at a near term proposition here. The return on investment appears to be attractive, I think.

Darren Stearns: Yeah, I think, like I said, you've heard all of the stories. We go to Indianapolis every two or three months, meet with the association meetings, and it's always come back to us when you have a headquarters hotel. Some of them, you know, will be bussed, but with the size of the convention center that we have now, a lot of them are used to being in either a big hotel conference center where it's all attached or it's right next door. The major conventions, they're used to being all over the city, but that's not the type that will fit into our building.

President Shetler: Right.

Councilman Goebel: Neighboring communities, like let's say Owensboro, have they taken any of our convention business that you're aware of, since we've lost our hotel?

Darren Stearns: Not that I know of, as of yet, because they are not opening until December, I think, is when they're going to start opening here shortly. They do have, I think, there is a couple of our food shows that are actually from Kentucky, that are actually going to be going back to Kentucky, that have been coming to Indiana. That's all that I know of right now, but I do know that they're bidding on the same things that we bid on.

Councilman Goebel: Well, I'm sure you'll be watching that–

Darren Stearns: Yes.

Councilman Goebel: – it would be interesting to know how much business we are losing to just tri-state organizations.

Councilman Raben: Okay. Angela?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: It sounds like you've been pretty pro-active. I'm just sitting here thinking, when we do have a date that, yes, we have a hotel that's going to open up, how long is it going to take you guys to get things booked and in there, and get us kind of back going again?

Darren Stearns: Well, like I said, it would depend on what the date is. Most of those conventions are usually booked at least 18 months out, if not longer. They're like usually two to three years in advance, but there are some of the smaller ones that don't do that. Like I said, there's a lot of them that are keeping us on the books, because we're telling them, you know, at which point it is. The sooner, by the time, hopefully, depending on when it's built, or if it's built, if it's an 18 month window, then they've got a chance to get us into their windows for that upcoming first year, if not the following year.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: But, you are continuing then, it sounds like, to meet with groups that we've had in the past and just make sure to keep us on the radar screen–

Darren Stearns: Correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: – so we can get back up to speed as soon as possible and not continue to lose to Owensboro or wherever.

Darren Stearns: Yeah, our staff and the CVB staff make trips to Indianapolis every two or three months.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Great, I commend you for that. Thank you.

Councilman Swaim: Have you explored the possibility, you mentioned the Baptist convention, about shuttling them in from the east side? I mean, is that a possibility with the shuttles that we have, with METS, have you approached them to see what's available and how many people they can move, let's say, within an hour or so?

Darren Stearns: Well, we have approached METS before, but I think it was cost prohibitive for them and their routes. So, usually, when we do do bussing, we have to go to an outside bussing company to do the bussing. The problem that we have with that is the size groups that we're talking about, like that, are not used to having to be bused. Because of the size of their convention they're used to either being in a convention center with the hotel right next door. Or, if they're in an Indianapolis, like say they're at the big Marriott up in Indianapolis, the meetings and stuff are all there. That's what we've been trying to do with the CVB, for all of the conventions we've been trying to bring in is, and we do have Illinois Oil and Gas that will allow us to bus them from downtown Casino area to the convention center. Most of them that's not a starting point.

Councilman Swaim: I (Inaudible. Microphone not on.) conversation with the fella that runs the Jehovah's Witnesses, about a year and a half ago, and I'll tell you all about that one of these days.

Darren Stearns: Okay.

Councilman Raben: Alright. No more questions? We'll move on.

Darren Stearns: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: We've completed the Operation Fund. So, thank you, Darren.

VETERANS SERVICES

Councilman Raben: We'll move to Veterans, page 40.

Paul DuPont: Good morning, Paul DuPont, Service Officer.

Councilman Raben: Good morning, Paul. Are there any questions of Paul? Man, Paul, that was easy. Sorry for the wait. Thank you.

Paul DuPont: Thank you.

Councilman Swaim: Thanks for the work that you continue to do, Paul.

CO-OP EXTENSION
CO-OP EXTENSION COIT

Councilman Raben: Co-Op Extension, page 34. Good morning.

Susan Plassmeier: Good morning, Susan Plassmeier, County Extension Director. The first thing that I would like to say is, on our Supply line, we had set in the amount of $6,500. It should have been reset at last year's amount of $6,150. Doing that flatlines our budget for the same amount that we had last year.

Councilman Raben: In her rent, you'll see COIT, in her COIT budget is $38,544. Any questions? None? Let's go, well, we don't need to pick up the COIT, that's the only thing on COIT. Susan, thank you for waiting.

Susan Plassmeier: No problem. You did ask about Contractual Services, and I do have a handout that explains our Contractual Services and how that amount is used and how the county benefits with that partnership with Purdue. So, I will share that.

Councilman Raben: Okay, we'll move on.

COUNTY HIGHWAY
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilman Raben: Okay, we'll move on, County Highway, page 113.

President Shetler: This is Pat's inaugural attempt here. So, we have to make sure that we grill him.

Councilman Raben: Okay, we'll be kind to you, Pat.

Patrick Seib: Yes, please, thank you. Patrick Seib, I was going to say Assistant County Engineer, but not anymore, it's Superintendent of County Highways. I would love to be able to tell you that I can intelligently discuss this budget proposal with you, but I have been Superintendent now for a whopping, what is it now, 53-54 hours. So, as far as I've gotten into it, I have been able to split out what is Highway and what is Engineering, but at this point I really don't know. I would like to be able to, between now and September when then this convenes again, I do intend, in looking through this, and I spoke with the previous Superintendent when he was leaving, and he assured me that he would be available to discuss with me whenever I come across stuff and say, okay, what is it that you were, what was going through your head whenever you put this in? You know, what's the reasoning for this? Yes, definitely, if this body has concerns, I want to know about it, what we need to look into.

Councilman Swaim: Pat, I know that Mike was working on trying to get a fleet assessment done with all of the equipment that we have out there by someone who does not sell equipment with ulterior motives. I don't know if there's anybody out there that can do that. I think it's something that we certainly need to have done, so we can really get a handle on what's still viable and what's still fixable, and what needs to go in the crusher out at Trockman's.

Patrick Seib: Yeah, he had mentioned something to me about that. I don't know what all, how much he's done, what all he was wanting to do, but, yes, in the long run, I don't know that that's anything I'm going to be able to get to right now, but, yes, definitely I want to get us on a fleet management system. One of the things I talked to with the Commissioners, when they were interviewing me about this job, was, I want to get the entire county on a pavement management system. I've been working with the MPO and they're wanting to do it as a regional thing with the City of Evansville and Warrick County, so we can go out and intelligently, rather than just throwing asphalt down on the roads, you know, what can we do as far as maintenance-wise, can we be crack sealing, can we be patching here and there, so that in the long run we're using the best uses of our money to get the most out of it.

Councilman Swaim: He did tell me that he's kind of broached that topic a little bit with his new employers, and that they are willing to give him some time to help you and do whatever we need to do to get that going at some point, whenever you have time to start working on it.

Patrick Seib: Yeah, that is one of about a million things that is on my "to do" list.

Councilman Raben: You know, job security.

Patrick Seib: We'll hope so.

Councilman Raben: Anything in that regards today is more important than ever. We've mentioned it here before that we're not paving 32 and 33 miles of road anymore, due to budget constraints. This year we're going to pave six to eight, something like that, and that's it.

Patrick Seib: Yeah.

Councilman Raben: So, maintenance is going to become an issue. I mean, it's going to get down to really drilling down on what we can do in regards of general repairs and what have you on roads, and, well, for that matter, even equipment. Things are so tight, we're going to have to really get good at preventative maintenance on roads.

Patrick Seib: That's, yes, we are working towards that.

Councilman Raben: And preserving them. Okay, we'll move to the Bridge Fund, page 91.

John Stoll: I can answer questions about the project specific line items in that budget. We've added a half a million dollars for a major rehab of the Maryland Street Bridge. That's, we've been accumulating money for the last several years in hopes of doing that project finally next year. It was ineligible for federal money, and it's got a price tag estimated around two million dollars. I added a request in for repairs on a bridge on St. Joe Road, repairs on the Ohio Street bridge over Pigeon Creek, a bridge replacement on Broadway Avenue out near the county line. We'll have our bridge inspection contract comes due again next year. So, those are primarily the big ticket items that are in the Bridge Fund. I can't speak for what Pat's inherited from Mike's budget, but that's the project line items that I've requested.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any questions?

Councilman Swaim: Pat, I just wanted to say, John, I just wanted to say, I had mentioned to Pat earlier that having been in a similar position in Transportation and Services that I would do whatever I can do with what knowledge I have retained from about 12 or 13 years ago, but I'll do whatever I can to help you guys, if I can.

John Stoll: Appreciate it.

Councilman Raben: Okay, we'll move to Local Roads and Streets, page 109.

John Stoll: In regards to Roads and Streets, as far as the engineering side of it, I added requests for a half a million dollars for the Contractual Account. That will cover contractual paving and street repairs, but that's really about it. I think this is the third year in a row, unfortunately, we don't have any money to fund any new major capital improvements through Federal Aid road projects. There's just not enough revenue in that account to support pursuing any new Federal Aid projects that would have to be funded with a local match. So, that's about as bare bones as we can get it.

Councilman Raben: Okay. Just part of what we're up against today. If you look at this budget today versus three years ago, it's about a million five less that we have to spend on streets and roads. Along with that, you know, we used to be able to put a million dollars out of our COIT revenues when we had healthy growth and healthy COIT funding. So, I mean, this department, Local Roads and Streets, the County Highway has taken a major setback, you know, just those two are about two and a half million dollars a year that we don't have for paving and doing maintenance and what have you. So, you've got a big job ahead of you, Patrick.

Patrick Seib: Yes, I'm realizing that, but I did want to let everybody here know, I would like to meet with every one of you. If you want to come in anytime, you're more than welcome, give me a call, send me an e-mail. Just, as kind of a general thing here, I've already told my foremen what my philosophy is as far as how we're going to run, how we're going to spend money. Whenever I come to this body, I'm going to ask you for what we need, but we will work with what we get. So, if you have any other questions?

Councilman Goebel: I know it's getting late in the day, I was going to ask John a question though. On University Parkway, there's no plan in the foreseeable future to continue that extension, is that correct?

John Stoll: I know the Commissioners have had some discussions with INDOT to try and see if there's any possible way to work out the funding mechanism to make that happen, but short of that, realistically, right now, no. Because, once again, you've seen the same numbers, we don't have any Road and Street revenues to support starting the project. That's been the big problem. We still have the same conceptual alignments that were developed for that project back in the mid 90's, but since that project was never pursued, that work will probably have to all be done over. That's about as specific as we've gotten with no funding planned.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Okay, thank you, gentlemen.

LEGAL AID
LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilman Raben: We'll move on to Legal Aid, page 82.

Kevin Gibson: Good morning.

Councilman Raben: Another long wait, huh?

Kevin Gibson: Yeah.

Councilman Raben: Is there any questions of Legal Aid?

Kevin Gibson: As I pointed out last week at the joint meeting, there are no increases on any line item. There is a decrease in salary because of some change in personnel we had earlier this year. So, overall that puts us almost nine percent less than the 2013 budget.

Councilman Raben: That's what we like to see. Any questions?

President Shetler: The only, I guess, question that I have, I don't know if it's a question or a statement. Several years back, prior to your being involved there, the, basically, the Council granted a flat amount of money, and you guys kind of operated somewhat on your own. I think, in fact, you were in a different building and the whole business, and you just kind of had your own salaries and didn't really come through here, we just had a grant. Do you, I mean, is that attractive to you in any way? Or, are you able to negotiate your own rent, go to a different place, get things at a lot less expense, some things like that that were able to happen and not be a part of, you know, our insurance and PERF, I mean, the different benefits that we have, benefit packages that we have and stuff?

Kevin Gibson: I'm not familiar with that. I know that the City-County and the United Way have that interlocal agreement that they've had since the 70's, I believe. I know that all of the United Way money actually comes to the county and it's funneled through the county. That's why we have the separate United Way budget. As far as rent and being in this building, you know, it's really important that we're located here in this building, just because of the number of trips that we make to court and the location here. So, that's been real convenient for us to be located here.

President Shetler: Alright, I guess, my point is, I didn't know if, you know, again, we're looking for ways to become more efficient, and to operate the whole system, and before it was done as a grant, and you guys, we gave you a certain grant, you went out to other places and received grants from other folks out there that helped it along as well. Now, it's more dependent upon our, you know, the county taxpayers to support it. The advantage to you was that it gave you a little bit more autonomy and didn't have to go underneath the thumb of county rules and regulations and all the other things that might be there. You guys had a little bit more autonomy on separating yourselves from that.

Kevin Gibson: Yeah, it was my understanding that it's been this way since the 70's when they did the agreement. I know that Legal Aid was formed like in '58, and at that time it was all United Way. Then in the 70's it came in with the city and county as well, and I think it's been a very successful partnership, you know, since then.

President Shetler: Right, it's still, I think, it was still kind of granted though that the city and county just basically gave them a lump sum amount of money, and then they kind of operated somewhat in autonomy, autonomously. Then, what, I don't know if it was about ten years ago, maybe 15 years ago, then it was brought back in and treated then as a county department, city-county department was kind of how it was done at that point.

Kevin Gibson: I'm not aware of that, because I started as a staff attorney at Legal Aid in 1987, and we were city-county then, because I was with the benefits from day one.

President Shetler: Yeah, I don't remember exactly how separate it was, but it was not actually a part of an agency as it is today.

Kevin Gibson: Yeah, I'm not familiar with that.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilman Raben: Alright, thank you very much.

Kevin Gibson: Thank you.

COUNTY ASSESSOR: GENERAL FUND & REASSESSMENT
PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS
SALES DISCLOSURE FEES

Councilman Raben: We'll move on to County Assessor, page 28.

Bill Fluty: County Assessor, Bill Fluty.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any questions of Bill?

Bill Fluty: Just as we look at our first General Fund budget, I do want to make one correction. That's line item 10001090 109152, Real Estate Deputy, it should be in at $41,996. $41,996, that's a step increase that I missed. Anything that's within this General Fund budget either is a step increase or a new hire into a job which would actually be less, or somebody's moved into a position that had more years of service, which would be an increase. Overall, it's about $25,000-$26,000 reduced from last year.

Councilman Raben: We like that.

Bill Fluty: That's a start.

Councilman Raben: Okay, let's move to page 121, Reassessment.

Bill Fluty: Questions?

Councilman Raben: Well, that one's...oh, excuse me, yeah, 126. Bill, the one that I have a question on, the Maintenance and Repairs at $148,000.

Bill Fluty: You're looking at a line item that's called Maintenance and Repairs, but I think it might be aptly described as something different than that. Joe, help me with that, Computer Maintenance, meaning our software maintenance that we, or for our support all year long.

Councilman Raben: Is that for their portion of IT?

Bill Fluty: No, no.

Joe Gries: No. Is that for your vehicles?

Bill Fluty: No, no. No, I don't have that kind of money for vehicles.

Councilman Raben: I guess, we can come back to this one.

Bill Fluty: Hang on a minute, let me see, I don't quite have the same pages you do, but let me find it, if I can.

Joe Gries: It's in the new Reassessment Fund.

Bill Fluty: The new Reassessment Fund?

Joe Gries: Yes.

Bill Fluty: Okay.

Joe Gries: 2015 Reassessment Fund. I don't know what it's for.

Councilman Raben: Bill, what we could do, we can come back to this–

Bill Fluty: Yeah.

Councilman Raben: –we can address some of the others–

Bill Fluty: Okay.

Councilman Raben: – and you might run back in before we adjourn and let us know what that is. On the Contractual Services, can you speak to that?

Bill Fluty: Contractual Services, we're actually, part of that is the flyover for Pictometry that's due this year. We actually left it off one year and are picking it back up this year. Last year we did the street level imaging, which was taking the street level imagings of residential and commercial and industrial in Vanderburgh County. That project is complete. Then, this year back to the flyover.

Councilman Goebel: When was the last time we did the flyover for Pictometery?

Bill Fluty: I think it was three years ago.

Councilman Goebel: How often do we do that?

Bill Fluty: We try to do it every two years, but we weren't able to do that because of the other project, and are trying to do it this year, this coming year would be '14. So, I think it will be four years old when we get into next year.

Councilman Goebel: But, all of the actual photos, physically street level have been completed?

Bill Fluty: Yes, they have. Right now there is a van out there taking some re-takes, but there's probably less than 600 of those.

Councilman Goebel: Who utilizes the Pictometery photos?

Bill Fluty: Well, our office would be the main, one of the main users of that, but all county offices, whether it be the Building Authority, or Building Commission, Area Plan, even the Auditor, the Treasurer, at any time. You know, there's a balance here between reducing staff, which I've done, and using technology, and you've got to do a little bit of both, and we've done that, but you have to have the tools and technology if you have less staff. You have to keep current, I guess, is what I'm saying.

Councilman Goebel: It seems like if all of the street based photos have been taken, and we have Pictometery from three years, perhaps we could save a little bit and maybe switch some other Reassessment money for the IT costs.

Bill Fluty: Really, what we have now is actually that....if you have less people, you have to rely on current technology to use that. That's a need that we have now. So, I would think a better use of that would be to do the flyover.

Councilman Goebel: It just seems like the street photos would be pretty current, if they were just finished, or were being finished right now. It wouldn't be that much gain from Pictometry, unless you need it for other departments. Just a way of looking at helping pay our huge IT bill. Thank you.

Bill Fluty: We currently have many people besides our office using those. It's something they want to be current. Actually there's things that you would see vacant ground before, you would see vacant ground, no hotel. Now you would see a Ford Center over there. So, they are old, and they're there.

President Shetler: Bill?

Bill Fluty: I think in the, you know, what was asked of me to do early on, I think, two and half years ago was to reduce staff, which we've done. I think I've been consistently the only office holder that provides that for you at a consistent basis, which is four employees over a two and half year period. Also, to reduce the Level II training money, we've done that. We're actually trying to use technology in a better way and use different types. There was a need last year for the street level imaging, and now there's a need to redo that flyover. So, those are common capital expenditures that will need to be done consistently over the years. Also, we're the only office that has actually participated in over $400,000 in helping with that IT bill. So, I think some, look at some of the things that we've done in the past to help out.

Councilman Goebel: I'm not questioning–

Bill Fluty: Not that you don't have this need this year, but you can't always look the same place. I hope you don't always look in the same place.

Councilman Goebel: – anything but the Pictometry. I firmly believe we should stay up to date, but it seems like if we have a combination, physically, if you're right there taking a picture–

Bill Fluty: Honestly, without those kind of new pictures, without that kind of continued update of that technology, we won't be able to function as well as we did before.

Councilman Goebel: Okay.

Bill Fluty: It will have a reverse effect.

Councilman Goebel: I have no further questions, thanks.

Councilman Raben: We will move to page 127.

President Shetler: I don't have a question about 127, specifically, but just the office in general, Bill. I've been asking Area Plan the same, you've got people that are out in the field–

Bill Fluty: That's correct.

President Shetler: – do they, I mean, a lot of times when they're doing measurements and, you know, they're physically in place, do they see things that might be, let's say, out of character for the use of that property? That there may be a non-conforming type of function going on there that doesn't conform with the proper zoning? For example, they see somebody that's got a yard sale going on, you know, day after day, it looks like a store more than it does a residential piece of property, or, I don't know if you have to for babysitting, or whatever laws might apply to certain zonings in residential neighborhoods, but they can see that there's been a conversion there, do they report that back in to the Area Plan Commission then, to let them know that there's a possible violation that they need to–

Bill Fluty: Honestly, they wouldn't have that knowledge, because their function is really we're looking at, somebody's called in and we've made an appointment, it could be over an appeal. We actually have a building permit that we're looking at, a new structure to add to the assessment rolls, something maybe construction records. We're out there, we're getting that information maybe through Pictometry, where one year we had it on the books and we have the Change Finder and we see that it's not there, or something is new there that we didn't pick up in the building permit. As they come on to that property, they're knowledge of zoning, signage, they don't have that. They've been trained in a whole different area, as far as through their Level I, Level II, Level III training to actually pick up what's at that property at that time. They wouldn't have that knowledge to be able to do that. Then, again, as staff, as we're trying to balance this staff issue, I am at a reduced staff, and I don't have the available resources to do assessments, and then also switch over and maybe do something that's out of their expertise, whether you call it Building Commissioner or Area Plan, at this time. I don't, I just don't have that availability. As you get as lean as you can be, you're kind of, you're there and you're at your number, and you're at your workload. That's kind of where you end up being.

President Shetler: Yeah, so, basically, you're saying it's a matter of a little bit more training and then some of that duplication that may be going on right now could possibly be eliminated in the whole system could become a little bit more efficient.

Bill Fluty: You know, I think all things are possible, and I have no knowledge of what they do to speak to how it would increase my staff's load, or if it would not be a burden. I can't tell you that, but I would say it's, they don't have that knowledge–

President Shetler: Right.

Bill Fluty: – or don't pick up, your first question was, do they see those kind of things and know they go on and should do something about them? No, they're not picking those up as they're out there doing what they normally do.

President Shetler: Right. Thank you.

Bill Fluty: So, they would have to go in a different direction.

Councilman Raben: Okay, we're going to move on to page 90, Sales Disclosure Fees. Any questions of that? Okay. I do have one question, on the Office Furniture.

Bill Fluty: We need office furniture. I know that's a sore subject for many of you, and many of you don't believe it's a need, but over time the desks, some of the desks we have came over from the Old Courthouse were new, or bought new, and they're just not what today's standard somebody could sit, actually have a keyboard that works with a computer, have the room to work on their spreadsheets and so forth and so on. It's just a plan in place. We have a need. It's $10,000 to actually do a few every year, to give an employee who sits in a place eight hours a day, to have a place to do their work in a nice environment. I think it's important. I know many of you don't. I've put in for it before, and I think I've made this same argument. I haven't done very well with it, because I haven't bought any desks, but I think it's something that should be considered. It's a process to give them the tools they need to work all day. It's not much money. Well, it is some money, it's not in the General Fund, and over a six or seven year period, we don't need all desks all through the whole office, but you will actually provide that employee with that working space. I think it's important. You know, raises are out of the question, health insurance going up, I think it's important to have a nice place to work that you can work. You may have a different opinion, but that's why I put it in every year, and that's why I make this argument every year.

Councilman Goebel: I don't think anyone has a different opinion in that regard. Your work environment's got to be a good environment, however, we can't go to other departments and do the same. We just simply don't have the funds.

Bill Fluty: I think each department stands on its own. If they have the funds to do those, that may not affect the overall General Fund, maybe it should be considered. I think, many offices do have furniture, have bought furniture, you can see that, if you go to them you'll see those. Some have some portions than others. I think over some period of time it has to be, it should be addressed. That this is something that maybe you ought to put on your list to bring something back up to, you know, we're back in the 60's on some of these things. It's a need. I'll make this argument, I don't, I'm sure the chances of it getting through are probably slim, but I think it's worth mentioning anyway. I'm here to present the needs of the office, you're here to tell me what I can and can't have. I'm not going to take it, you know, it's just what it is.

Unidentified: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Bill Fluty: Is that a no?

Councilman Raben: Okay, thank you we're going to move on.

Bill Fluty: Is Curt Wortman in the building?

Councilman Raben: Thank you, Bill.

Councilman Goebel: I think the consensus is going to be your office will have character from vintage furniture.

Bill Fluty: I think that's a narrow view, Michael, but that's my opinion.

Councilman Raben: You can't get the good wood that your old desks have today, I can tell you that.

Bill Fluty: Well, it stinks.

Councilman Raben: We're going to move on. Thank you, Bill. We're moving on to Auditor, page five.

Bill Fluty: I would like to say more on that subject.

Councilmember Terry: I think it's an important point. I think it's a very important point, and we, it's important to keep morale up as much as possible where we can.

Councilman Raben: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Bill Fluty: What's that?

Councilman Raben: If you can remember to (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Bill Fluty: How does that help me, Jim? Thank you.

AUDITOR: GENERAL FUND & REASSESSMENT
AUDITOR: INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD DEDUCTION
JAIL BOND

Councilman Raben: Okay, Joe, do you want to tie your own noose here?

Joe Gries: The Auditor's General Fund budget, the increases for step increases or moving people from other offices that we've done for this year. We've got a total increase of 2.4 percent, 2.42. No other increases within the General Fund budget. Always remember we do have the Auditor's Ineligible Homestead Deduction Fund, which, you know, we can, we are continuing to collect money into that. We've billed from the last month about $54,000 for ineligible homesteads. So, you know, if we wanted to move a few other things into that fund, I think we probably could handle that as well; Communications, Maintenance and Repair, Contractual Services, things of that nature. So, that may be a way to, again, help the General Fund. I'm the one that always brings the bad news about the General Fund, I try to help out as best I can.

Councilman Raben: Okay, Joe, the Contractual Service line, 353000–

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilman Raben: – I do not recall, what is that line for?

Joe Gries: That is money that we use to bound old Council and Commissioner records that we're required to keep. Again, that's something that we probably can limit in future years, but that was started prior to when I was Auditor and it's continued since. I think it's probably something if we want to cut it back and wait for, you know, a better time, I don't have a problem with that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, Joe, on that Ineligible Fund–

Joe Gries: Yes, Ma'am?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: – does it have restrictions on what, where the money can and cannot be spent?

Joe Gries: The statute states that it has to be spent for Auditor's Office expenses, but it doesn't really limit, you know, what those expenses are. It says for the collection and work done concerning the ineligible homesteads that might be out there, but then it also says, "and all other related expenses". So, it kind of leaves it fairly broad, which is why we've moved a lot of things in there, Supplies, and other things that we've spent money on.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, have we looked at the statutes then in the other offices that have these funds? Is that something we're in the process of doing, so we know exactly what we can and cannot do to make it all work?

Joe Gries: I think each office would probably know their funds and know, they should know, what their statute states and how those can be expended. You know, a lot of times laws, or the statutes can be very specific and dictate exactly what you have to spend it on, but like this fund and reassessment, I think there's some areas that you can interpret things and Council can look at putting like IT and different things into those budgets.

Councilman Raben: Okay, are there any questions on the 2015 Reassessment or the Ineligible Homestead Deduction budgets? None? Okay, we'll move on to Jail Bond, page 141.

Joe Gries: This is a property tax levy that sits outside our maximum levy for the county. It is, brings in property taxes to pay the bonds for the new jail. We are allowed to build in the administration expenses, which go to the banks who administer these bonds as well. So, it looks like it's down just a little bit. Those bond payments fluctuate from year to year. That's what those are.

Councilman Goebel: How much longer do we have on that? I know it's a long time.

Joe Gries: I'm going to say 2028.

Councilman Goebel: 2028?

Joe Gries: Yes, sir.

Councilman Goebel: Okay.

Joe Gries: Yes, quite a while.

Councilman Raben: Okay, any other questions? None? Alright, Joe, thank you.

Joe Gries: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: That concludes–

ASSESSOR: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES LINE ITEM

Bill Fluty: Just a second, you did want that information about Contractual.

Councilman Raben: Yes.

Bill Fluty: That is for we pay maintenance fees for Pictometery, Change Finder, ERS, AS2, Manatron, Xerox, KRONOS, Dell upgrades. So, it's all computer related and support related. So, it's, actually, if you look at that Reassessment budget, it's the same as last year except it was in two different funds last year, but it's within $8,000 of what it was last year.

Councilman Raben: Okay.

Bill Fluty: So, that kind of explains that.

Councilman Raben: Thanks for coming back to explain.

Bill Fluty: Well, I was here and I wanted to stay long enough to kind of give that back so I don't have to get back with you later.

Councilman Raben: Okay.

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

COUNCIL ATTORNEY UPDATES

President Shetler: Alright, does anybody have anything else to come before the Council today? Yes, Jeff?

Jeff Ahlers: Just thought a couple of the items that you'd asked me to check into. Some of them we're still checking on, but with regard to Area Plan Commission, as of this time I'm told, I don't know that there's, any other agreement has been reached, if you want to terminate the interlocal agreement between the city and the county to negotiate new funding terms notice must be given to the city prior to December 31, 2014. So, you're basically a year away. So, absent the city voluntarily agreeing, you would need to, well, when I say you, I guess, it would be, you know, the county as a whole and the Commissioners, but, you know, a year from now you would need to be looking at sending a notice terminating, because it runs through December 31, 2015, but you have to give a year notice or it automatically renews.

Councilman Goebel: So, we're currently locked in and we can't do anything about it if the city doesn't voluntarily come forward?

Jeff Ahlers: Correct. There's a contractual agreement. So, unless they're willing to voluntarily do what we think is the right thing–

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

Jeff Ahlers: – and realign those numbers, you need to be docketing up to send a notice of termination next year. I mean, you can send it now, if you want. You can send it whenever, but it has to be done before–

Councilman Goebel: Prepare them.

Jeff Ahlers: –then they do have to talk, so. You know, that's the one thing there. The other thing was, I've already reported to Mr. Raben, who is the liaison, that we've checked into on the Youth Care Services agreement, and, so, that agreement has already run its course. So, I think, I've contacted and had a long conversation with Judge Niemeier this morning, and he's going to try to pull together the appropriate people at the Youth Care Center and get with the Councilmembers that want to be involved in that. I know, I think, Jim, you're the liaison, aren't you? So, you can let me know who wants to be involved with that, along with the Commissioners to renegotiate that. My understanding is, what I was told was that, on average we're maybe right now only using about 15 beds, and the facility holds more than twice that.

Councilman Raben: Our contract was for–

Jeff Ahlers: What I don't know is whether other counties are using....go ahead, I'm sorry.

Councilman Raben: Our contract is for 30 male beds, I believe, and ten female. So, even without negotiating the contract, I think it's safe to say that the figure that is stated today in the budget book, we're really not on the hook for. I mean, we can reduce that by a hundred and something thousand dollars.

Jeff Ahlers: Correct. Now, keep in mind too that when that original contract was entered into in 2006, I mean, part of the money in that contract, because I don't remember whether they were building a brand new facility or remodeling and adding on to the current facility, but the reason that contract was structured that way is, I think, the county paid maybe a half a million up front toward building costs. There was a build out, so, now whether that's paid off, the question would be if now we're talking about just paying operation, I would think it would be significantly less. There's also, whether you want to try and contract with them on just a per person, per bed basis, rather than an annual contract now. So, I mean, I guess it's all up in the air, you're right that the contract has run its course and expired over a year ago. So, we're kind of in a land of you can kind of come up with whatever you want to and work with those folks.

Councilman Raben: It expired two years ago actually, in 2011, but, to answer your original question, it was a million four project. The county paid half of it. We paid our $750,000 up front. So, whether they borrowed the money or what they did for their $700,000, that's all they were on the hook for on it. But, it just kind of makes the point made earlier, that we do need to look at some of these contracts, because we're talking about millions and millions of dollars that we, you know, you hate to say it, but I think we just sign renewals. We don't really know what the heck we're getting. I mean, you know, here we're spending a million eight a year, and, you know, thinking we're using 40 beds and we're not. So, all of these need to be looked at. I think there's ways to save, you know, potentially millions of dollars in just re-negotiating contracts, and finding out what the services really are that they're providing. They may be different than they were 20 years ago.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, and in this case when I talked to Judge Niemeier, I guess, when we entered into that, that was the cutting edge that you want to keep, you know, kids in their own community. That type of service is the way, I guess, everyone

thought juvenile was moving. Well, now he's indicated to me, I guess, he's been contacted by the Supreme Court on a couple of occasions, and they've suggested that they really want to move things in a little different direction in the way that those things are handled. So, but, you know, I guess, the other flip side of it is, you probably want to have some sort of facility, otherwise they have to be sent, I guess, the nearest facility I'm told is Vincennes. So, I guess, the answer is somewhere in the middle, whatever everyone can work out.

Councilman Raben: I'm not advocating we terminate our working or our agreement with them. It's just, it's time to re-negotiate it. Let's adjust it for what we're using, instead of what we thought we were going to use.

Jeff Ahlers: Or, if we can get them to be more entrepreneurial and lease those beds out to people outside the county. There's a lot of beds there.

President Shetler: Okay, if there is no other business to come before the Council, a motion for adjournment for this–

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Don't you mean recess?

President Shetler: No, this particular session we'll adjourn. Then we will take up the task of doing the budget cuts on September the 11th. So, see you next week for our Finance meeting, and then we'll be back on the 4th for our regular Council meeting, and then the 11th for budget cuts, and then later on in the month for a Council meeting and final budget.

(The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of September in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Okay, it's Wednesday the 4th of September and time for our regularly scheduled Council meeting. I'd like to ask the Clerk to please call 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 six members present, I did enter in present for you, Mike, so six members present and one absent, we have a quorum. I'd like at this time to ask Angela if she could lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Shetler: Thank you.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Shetler: First we have approval of the minutes from the August 7th meeting. I think everybody received those in the mail.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. Do I have any questions, anything, 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next is the appropriation ordinance, Finance Chairman Councilman Raben.

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. First on the agenda under Sheriff, we have a request for fuel in the amount of $107,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second on the Sheriff. 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: The motion carries.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-221000	Fuel	107,000	107,000
Total		107,000	107,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Under Jail, which is not a surprise either, we knew we were going to be looking at this later in the year. Jail food in the amount of 170, I'll move approval, $170,000.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1320-226000	Food	170,000	170,000
Total		170,000	170,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Public Defender, we have three requests. Pauper expense

for $30,000, pauper transcripts for $30,000, the 45,000 for the death penalty has been withdrawn. I'm going to move that pauper expense be set in at 15,000, transcripts be set in at 15,000, and death penalty be set in at zero. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to have a roll call please.

President Shetler: Okay. Any questions about the motion? Alright, roll call then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

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: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being five ayes and one nay, the motion carries.

PUBLIC DEFENDER **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

1420-394300	Pauper Expense	30,000	15,000
1420-394700	Pauper Transcripts	30,000	15,000
1420-394800	Death Penalty	45,000	0
Total		105,000	30,000

(Motion carries 5-1/Councilmember Bassemier opposed)

President Shetler: On the transfers, I have a request that Marsha Abell go first on that. She's got a conflict.

GENERAL FUND REPEAL

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll handle the repeal first, under Sheriff where he's

repealing a groundskeeper, post command receptionist and another post command receptionist for a total of $53,608, I'll move approval of accepting that repeal.

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: The motion carries.

SHERIFF		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1050-0212-1050 1000-1050-105172	Groundskeeper	5,332	5,332
1050-0208-1050 1000-1050-105165	Post Command Receptionist	20,225	20,225
1050-0217-1050 1000-1050-105167	Post Command Receptionist	28,051	28,051
Total		53,608	53,608

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

President Shetler: Okay, now the transfers.

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now transfers. Under Commissioners we have bond and insurance in the amount of $30,000 to be transferred into legal services for $30,000. So we'll take questions.

Marsha Abell: Any questions? Good.

Councilmember Goebel: Maybe an explanation.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell, County Commissioner. We didn't realize we had some bills left over from the previous administration that we had to pay out of our operating. Some came in from another law firm that we had to pay out of this. So we didn't budget properly. We didn't know about those.

Councilmember Goebel: Are you talking about Council administration or –

Marsha Abell: No, no. The Commissioners were not aware that there were some bills that had not been paid that came in later that we had to pay out of this year's, that were for previous years.

President Shetler: How far back do they go?

Marsha Abell: They went back to 2011 and '12.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. So the two previous years.

Marsha Abell: Different law firm so we had not gotten the billings.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And then this amount takes care of those bills that you're aware of to this point?

Marsha Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: Is that customary?

Marsha Abell: Well, I think – I'm not sure. Joe may know. I think one of them was a litigation expense that was hanging out there waiting until the case was closed.

Councilmember Goebel: Did you send any kind of paperwork on those?

Marsha Abell: I can get some. Mr. Gries, do you have that?

Joe Gries: I don't have it with me, but we can provide the Council with invoices. We can get those and send those out later today if you'd like.

Councilmember Goebel: It just seems a little odd that it's taken this long to get the bill, that's all.

Marsha Abell: I have a few minutes, Marissa may have them if you want me to –

Councilmember Goebel: No, it's not that big a deal. I know it probably has to be paid or whatever, so...

President Shetler: I think, generally speaking, litigation usually goes outside the contract, a bit. It's part of the contract but it kind of goes outside the norm, so sometimes those bills do come, follow three to six or nine months later, and usually after something has been through the court system or litigated, some kind of conclusion has been reached. And so that's why sometimes there is a delay on that. I can't explain '11, but that might explain some –

Marsha Abell: Well, and sometimes we even, like we've hired Mr. Ahler's firm to do some work for the Commissioners that Mr. Harrison is not doing this year, so that will be worked in this, will be an additional expense that you'll see, but it's somebody that we hire differently. Somebody that's got good litigation skills.

President Shetler: Alright, any other questions, comments? We need a second to the motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Do we need to take a roll call on this? 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.

Marsha Abell: Thank you.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1000-1300-300000	Bond & Insurance	30,000	30,000
To: 1000-1300-361000	Legal Services	30,000	30,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Next under Assessor, we have a transfer from real estate deputy to first deputy real estate in the amount of $10,700, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: 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 motion carries.

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1090-1610-1090 1000-1090-109161	Real Estate Deputy	10,700	10,700
To: 1090-1370-1090 1000-1090-109137	First Deputy Real Estate	10,700	10,700

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Next under Circuit Court we have a transfer from special reporter to food and psychiatric evaluations in the amount of 5,000, 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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

CIRCUIT COURT		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1360-394400	Special Reporter	5,000	5,000
To: 1000-1360-226000	Food	2,000	2,000
1000-1360-372300	Psych. Evaluations	3,000	3,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Superior Court, we have a transfer from home study adoption in the amount of 300 to judge pro tem, I'll move approval.

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: The motion carries.

SUPERIOR COURT		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1370-394900	Home Study/ Adoption	300	300
To: 1000-1370-394200	Judge Pro Tem	300	300

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: And last under Health Department we have a request to transfer 41,000 from rent into medical, operating expense and contractual services, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and second. 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.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1159-0000-360000	Rent	41,000	41,000
To: 1159-0000-224000	Medical	20,000	20,000
1159-0000-351000	Operating Expense	15,000	15,000
1159-0000-353000	Contractual Svcs.	6,000	6,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: Well, the actual – we're into the appeal process now, --

President Shetler: That 30,000 was not death penalty. That was to pay for the paupers.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible)

President Shetler: No, this has to do with multiple cases on the transcripts on paupers. Do you want to explain, David?

David Bunner: David Bunner with the Public Defender's office. Councilman, the appropriation request that was before the body today was not impacted or any part of the death penalty case. That gets paid out of the death penalty account, not these accounts, and, of course, then the death penalty is reimbursable at 50 percent and then our general accounts are reimbursed at 40 percent. The ones we asked for today were for transcripts in order to pay court reporters. After a trial, if there is an appeal, the court reporter prepares the transcript and then the appellate attorney receives that and it gets submitted also to the court of appeals. On the pauper expense, we pay the attorneys, special public defenders, the appellate attorneys, some experts, but not many, from that account. Presently, in the transcript account, we have $1,042 and we have 13,000 outstanding to court reporters. And we did actually have two court reporters that filed motions with the Indiana Court of Appeals to not prepare the transcripts for the appeal because they had not been paid. And the Court granted that motion, thus delaying the appeal. On the pauper expense, we have $79,043.75 in what's owed and we have $3,398 in that. So obviously, we will, I guess we will be notifying the courts that we will have to do something else because we can't, I don't know that we're allowed, and that may be a question for the attorney. I don't know if we can make contracts with people that we know we can't pay. And obviously, with a $79,000 outstanding balance to the pauper expense and to the attorneys and a $15,000 appropriation, we can't pay those people.

Councilmember Raben: Now, wait a minute. Let's go back over that. We have a budgeted amount of 12,000, disbursements of just over 8,600, now you're citing 79,000. Where is that?

David Bunner: That's outstanding bills.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we don't have that information of any of that 79,000 in outstanding bills.

David Bunner: I'm sorry. I thought Steve indicated that at last week's meeting. Maybe he did not.

Councilmember Goebel: He indicated 66,000 in claims.

David Bunner: Claims, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: And then $11,500 with the pauper transcripts.

David Bunner: Yes, we've received bills since last week.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, well.

Councilmember Raben: And none of that is in the death penalty line?

David Bunner: It is not.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, there is almost $60,000 remaining in that account.

David Bunner: In the death penalty account?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

David Bunner: I can't – I don't know that answer. I have not and am not involved with the death penalty account. As of, I think, right now we have outstanding claims on that account of 15,321.

Councilmember Raben: 15,000?

David Bunner: That's what our assistant told me this morning, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Would leave a balance of about 43 or 44,000 in that account.

David Bunner: Did that answer your question?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible)

David Bunner: Yes sir.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible)

David Bunner: It is public record, absolutely.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible)

David Bunner: I don't have the email.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible)

David Bunner: Yes sir. Uh, yes. Actually, I'm sorry, I do have the amount that was spent, 671,699, yes sir.

Councilmember Raben: I think we're far beyond that if we're talking about outstanding bills that you quoted today, and just so, again, in pauper expense you're saying you have outstanding bills of how much?

David Bunner: Pauper expense, $79,043.75.

Councilmember Raben: Transcripts?

David Bunner: $13,175.25.

Councilmember Goebel: That's gone up since last week then, substantially.

David Bunner: We get bills every week. Those were as of 9/3.

Councilmember Raben: This thing has kind of taken off like a runaway train.

David Bunner: We don't file the cases and we don't appoint ourselves to cases.

Councilmember Raben: I think for today I'm comfortable with the motion as it stands. We can take a vote from there.

President Shetler: We've already voted there, but –

Councilmember Goebel: I imagine you'll be coming back.

David Bunner: Yes, Mr. Owen will address that with the courts, I guess.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? If not, I think we're under old business, which we have none, which will bring us to new business and Commissioners request to fill the county highway superintendent. I think we took care of that at the previous meeting.

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Clerk, request to fill assistant chief deputy.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning, Debbie Stucki, County Clerk.

President Shetler: Anybody have any questions of Debbie on the request to fill, what, two positions, I guess, here. Is that correct?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Shetler: And you have how many vacancies at the moment?

Debbie Stucki: Counting those two, six. These two are priority. These are supervisory positions, so I would be filling these two.

President Shetler: So that will leave a balance of four under when you started the job or at the present time?

Debbie Stucki: At the present time. When I started there were two vacancies. And currently, there are six altogether with these two, and one is being eliminated for sure. I'd like to fill these two as quickly as possible and then we'd still have three vacancies left.

President Shetler: Alright, do I have any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Motion to approve. 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)

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

COMMISSIONERS REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY AT COUNTY HIGHWAY

President Shetler: I want to go back to the Commissioners because we really didn't formally complete that. We did discuss this last week. James, you weren't able to be here, but that was something that needed to come up right away, so I think we gave kind of a tacit approval to that, so that they could go ahead and bring the person on board because it's a pretty critical position. We probably need to make a motion and formalize that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll make a motion to approve the Commissioner's request.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Wait a minute, Marsha. Did you have a question then, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, I have a question. The ex-superintendent moved to another position, correct?

President Shetler: That is correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Did we have any kind of buy-out on something like this?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Goebel: So this position is ready to go.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, 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 carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SHERIFF REQUEST TO CHANGE JOB TITLES

President Shetler: Next, Sheriff, request to change job titles. I don't think you mean change your job title. I didn't mean it that way, Sheriff.

Eric Williams: I get called a lot of things.

President Shetler: Rate of pay, it's kind of –

Councilmember Raben: Before we take the Sheriff's, Sandie, that's what, vacation time? I mean, the superintendents aren't entitled to overtime.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Sorry.

Eric Williams: That's alright. You can change my title, I get called lots of things. I believe you have my request in front of you. It is a follow up to the appearance before the Job Study and also what in appears in the 2014 budget and changing some job positions and the repeal that you've already addressed in getting rid of three positions.

President Shetler: Any questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: This did come before Job Study and we recommended to approve it, so I would make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, it's been moved and seconded. Any other questions or comments?

Councilmember Goebel: I just think it incorporates your idea of trying to do – create positions that handle services in different departments and the elimination of certain jobs, so, Sheriff Williams, thank you.

Eric Williams: It's the do more with less philosophy, I think.

President Shetler: That's right. Okay, 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)

Eric Williams: Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Thank you, Sheriff.

VETERANS SERVICES REQUEST TO INCREASE PART-TIME PAY RATE

President Shetler: Veterans Services, Paul. Request to increase part-time pay rate.

Paul Dupont: Good morning, Paul Dupont, Veterans Services.

President Shetler: Current rate is, Paul?

Paul Dupont: Nine dollars an hour. Excuse me, ten dollars.

President Shetler: Ten dollars and your request is for –

Paul Dupont: Is for twelve dollars.

President Shetler: Okay. Do I have any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: No, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: 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 motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Paul Dupont: Thank you.

PUBLIC DEFENDER REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Public Defender's office. Request to fill secretary position and part-time secretary position. David, I think I know the answer to this question, but I'm going to ask it just in case my hunch is wrong here. But when it comes to doing the transcripts and things from a criminal trial and you're going to go on to appeal that, does that have to be, actually, the court reporter, I guess, that transcribes that and types it all up? And then they're basically contracted, that employee is contracted separately? You can't use an employee on the clock to do that?

David Bunner: No. There is a statute and it even sets the pay per page of the court reporter. And they do that on their own time. I've known reporters that use part of their vacation if they have a transcript that's due. But yes, that is over and above their normal court reporting functions.

President Shetler: I mean, given the amount of money we're discussing here, and I'm not questioning the integrity in any way, shape or form, I'm just trying to determine if there is a less expensive way to go about it and if we had a regular employee that was on staff that could actually do that kind of work and do that task, if that wouldn't save us money in the long run, but you're saying you can not do that

any way. That it must be –

David Bunner: Correct.

President Shetler: And they must do it.

David Bunner: The court reporter that takes the trial, I believe, is required to do that, but it is required, again, by statute in the courts statutes, that they get paid over and above any normal salary. Yes. And we also, that also transcribes not just trials, but depositions that we may take preparatory to a trial. And then if we have a partial transcript we have to have from a court reporter, then that covers that as well.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions?

David Bunner: I would, on our request for the secretarial, that will, because of the longevity of the full-time person who left, and the new person is coming in at the entry level, that would save between 9,300 and 10,450 for next year.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: And this is – it's paid up even now, so it will be a clean step or do we have to do a buy-out?

David Bunner: She transferred to another department in the county, yes. She went to the Prosecutor's office.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, second.

President Shetler: So we have a motion and a second by – oh, Mike did. Okay, all in favor signify by saying –

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: And anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next is Superior Court request to fill probation officer.

Bernie Faraone: Good morning. Bernie Faraone with juvenile court.

President Shetler: Any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Bernie, has your job caseload gone down?

Bernie Faraone: Actually my personal role has changed.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm talking about your office.

Bernie Faraone: No. No, sir.

Councilmember Goebel: I didn't think so.

Bernie Faraone: Although we're still doing a good job.

Councilmember Goebel: You are. Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay. We have a motion, --

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Angela, and then we have a second from Stephanie. 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.

Bernie Faraone: Thank you, Council.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

DADS REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Okay, DADS request to fill Counselor II position.

Deb Greenwell: Deb Greenwell with the DADS program.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions? This is a vacancy, I assume.

Deb Greenwell: Yes.

President Shetler: How many total counselors do you have?

Deb Greenwell: We have three counselors and three administrative staff.

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

Deb Greenwell: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Heath Department, Gary.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. I believe you have the Board of Health's request to fill five vacant nursing positions and one part-time WIC grant competent professional authority position. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions? Motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second from Ed. 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.

Gary Heck: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Gary.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SOLID WASTE 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

President Shetler: Next is public hearing with regards to Solid Waste management, and that would be Joe.

Joe Ballard: Thank you. I'm Joe Ballard, Director of the Solid Waste District. We are required now, according to state statute, to have a public hearing at County Council the last few years. Before that, we had always just done it through our office, the Solid Waste District but now we have a public hearing with the County Council. Angela Koehler Lindsey is your appointee to my Solid Waste Board also, and I think she's familiar with our budget since we've had a public hearing there. I need to say a couple of things. Number one, our money comes from the fee we assess on waste that goes in the landfill so there's no tax money is our budget at this point anyway, and I don't expect ever to have that. So that's one thing, no tax money. Still, the money coming in from the landfill is a little less. This is a pretty tight budget, it's 3.3% decrease or $13,876. Our fees are going down, as I said, for a couple of reasons. Number one, I think our recycling program is working very well not only in the city but outside the city limits. And then secondly, our fees are going

down because we have two companies in Evansville – we actually have several – but the company, Violia, which is now called Advanced Disposal, takes all the waste they collect to their transfer station and transfers it to Pike County, and that's about 40 percent of our waste in this county. I don't get any of that money. So we only get money that goes into the Laubscher, Allied Waste or Republic's Laubscher Meadows Landfill. So with that, still, we have a budget of $13,000 less, $401,000, it was 414 last year, so we've cut our budget a couple of years ago by about a hundred thousand dollars and one person. We have two people now, two full-time people and one part-time person. And with that, I can take questions or whatever.

President Shetler: Is disposal coming back? I mean, is it on the upswing here or are you still down considerably?

Joe Ballard: It's still down some. It's coming back a bit because the economy affects disposal. But I've talked with the sales person from Allied Waste and he said every company now, when he goes out to sell service to them they want to know about waste diversion and how much they can recycle or reduce their waste. So everybody, or not everybody, but I'd like to think everybody, has gotten the message about reducing the amount of waste they generate. So its come back some but it's still slow. Nothing like we used to get 20 years or so ago.

President Shetler: Alright, Angela?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Just, as a member of the Solid Waste Board, I just want to commend Joe and Susan for the great job that they do with keeping us informed and with constantly monitoring and reducing where they can in their budget. So thank you.

Joe Ballard: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Joe Ballard: I see this guy going past me every morning in his white Explorer and he waves to me, and for the longest time, I couldn't figure out who it was because of his tinted windows. And he rolls his window down once and it's Ed. I see him every morning.

President Shetler: Alright, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: I just think that the recycling program that the city has got going now is really a great program because I think it gives any conscious or civic minded citizen part ownership of recycling and it's the avenue we should be taking. Thank you.

Joe Ballard: Thank you. I think it's going very well.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Oh, I guess we need a motion for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: And a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Shetler: 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, Joe.

Joe Ballard: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PUBLIC HEARING FOR AIRPORT 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

President Shetler: Next is the Airport Authority budget and that will be Doug presenting.

Doug Joest: Good morning. Doug Joest, manager of The Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority which includes the Evansville Regional Airport. Just a quick update on the airport, early this year in January we installed and placed in service four jet bridges and so far they've been very well received. The main thing we have going on at the airport is our runway safety area project. That's a 65 million dollar project that's funded 90 percent by the federal government and two and a half percent by the state. Approximately 15 million of that went for realigning and improving roads around the airport, and hopefully, – and we are done with all the road construction save for opening Brooks Drive which goes back to the warehouses on the east side of the airport. But once that's open by the end of October, there will be a through street between St. George and Oak Hill Roads. And it's not our project, but just along with that, Berry Plastics is adding another 400,000 square feet to their 600,000 square foot warehouse, so that will be a million square feet.

President Shetler: Wow.

Doug Joest: Anyway, I think you've got the budget. Basically, we did not include any increases other than step increases. And that amounts to about $12,000, so the budget, I did reduce the budget because last year I had a pretty high number in there for health insurance because we were kind of in a quandary on what we were going to do with the Welborn Health Plan going away. But fortunately, Marsha Abell and the Commissioners were able to get us on the county plan so that saved us a substantial amount of money and so I've cut the budget for health insurance by about $220,000. That's not money we spent in prior years but we were anticipating a high increase based on the quotes we got from the fact that Welborn was going away. But the fact that we got on the county plan saved us substantially. We didn't take a big hit as far as an increase. So overall, and then on our capital budget we have 37,000 next year and that's almost all the runway project. We'll be finishing that next year. So with that, I'll be glad to answer any questions.

Councilmember Raben: Wages are figured at, are they figured flat-lined or –

Doug Joest: The only thing I did to the current year salaries is there's some people there due step increases, and that's all I did. And that's again, a $12,000 impact.

Councilmember Goebel: This is off the topic of budget, but as the airlines merge and condense their flights and things like that, can Evansville expect to pick up any more

service or are we –

Doug Joest: That's a challenge because there's fewer airlines, and there are fewer opportunities to pick up more airlines. Again, the industry has gone through a drastic consolidation over the last few years and I guess we're fortunate with the proposed merger of American and U.S. Air, we don't have two of those carriers here, just one of them, and hopefully we'll maintain what we have and perhaps there's an opportunity to pick up another hub be it, say, Charlotte would be one that's a possibility. Just don't know and, again, that's been blocked by the Department of Justice. So that's one of those things, we'll just have to see how it plays out. But, again, it's, as these airlines, as there are fewer and fewer airlines, there's fewer opportunities.

Councilmember Goebel: The Allegiant type airline, is that a possibility for our city or is that –

Doug Joest: Sure, it's a possibility. We talked to Allegiant three times a year and we talked to – we have formal, sit-down meetings with eight or nine airlines two or three times a year. And again, everybody is shrinking. So what we've got to do to get more service is convince them they can make more money moving an airplane from wherever they're flying it today to Evansville and that means higher airfares, which means people don't want it. So it's a constant battle or balancing act. Certainly, we pursue any of those opportunities we can.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm sure you do. Thank you.

Doug Joest: Sure.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Joest, would you like to bring up that we have available space out there for lease?

Doug Joest: Oh yes, I forgot that. We have space, if there's any county departments or agencies that are looking for space. We have, I guess they'd call it secure space in the basement. It wouldn't be somebody that needs storefront, but if you have a back office operation or even storage, we have space in a terminal basement. So if there's any agencies or departments that need to move, certainly take a look at us for an opportunity there.

Councilmember Bassemier: The drug task force used to have this space and –

Doug Joest: Yeah, we have other space besides that, too.

President Shetler: It seems that one time in one of our discussions, that you had pointed out that one of the most profitable venues that you have going on out at the airport is maybe the parking lot.

Doug Joest: That's a good part of our revenues, yes.

President Shetler: So, I guess anything that would attract more people there, to park their cars in that parking lot for a period of time.

Doug Joest: Well yeah, more people, it drives a lot of our revenue, not only parking lot, but also rental cars. Obviously, if there's more people flying in, there's going to be more rental cars. It has a smaller impact like on the restaurant, which is a tenant, but to the extent that they make money, we make a little bit more. But yeah,

enplanements or passengers kind of drive those type of things. At the same token, we try to balance our portfolio of revenue, if you will, with different, we have ground leases with various companies or agencies on the airport that kind of spreads our sources of revenue as well.

President Shetler: Alright. Okay, anybody else have any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Just, so you guys are now on or you will be starting January 1st, the county's insurance policy, health insurance policy?

Doug Joest: We have been since January, so hopefully we – and I know that's probably in a state of flux here, as well, but we hope to remain on the plan and I hope it's working well with everybody at the county level as well. We certainly appreciate it.

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

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom, I'd like to abstain.

President Shetler: Okay. Probably be best to go ahead and do a roll call.

(Inaudible)

President Shetler: Okay, we can wait until the 25th then.

Doug Joest: Alright, thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thanks then.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: Alright, the next then is the travel requests, and we have requests from the Auditor, the Treasurer, two from the Assessor, two from the Voters Registration, County Engineer and Health Department, three. Do I have any questions about any of the travel requests? If not, a motion for approval would be in order.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second from Ed. 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)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next is amendments to the salary ordinance, James.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone has been provided a four page summary of the amendments to the salary ordinance. I'm not going to read these documents out loud but ask that they be, make a motion to approve as written and ask that it be made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: 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)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COST UPDATE

President Shetler: Anybody have anything to address the Council with today? We do have a subject and that's the I.T. Tim, do you want to come up or do you want to present it, Joe? Or how do you want to...

Joe Gries: At the last Council meeting, Mr. VanCleave, Mr. Staples and I presented some information concerning I.T., looking at the courts and licensing some other items. The Council asked us to come back to this meeting and report our findings and provide additional information. We spoke with President Shetler late last week, gave him a rundown of what we were looking at. He suggested we move this to next week on the 11th because it's fairly complicated, there's a lot of information. Mr. Staples and Mr. VanCleave are still waiting for a little bit of information from Microsoft, so once they have that information, we'll be able to package that into some good information for the Council and then Council can decide how they want to move forward. So we just wanted to let you know we are still working on that and we will be providing that information.

President Shetler: One further point, and this is a little different from that subject, but it still remains in the I.T. department. I received an email, and I don't know, I didn't pay attention to who all got it, but I don't know if the rest of you received that or not, about some bills that are coming forward on I.T., about $166,000...

Councilmember Raben: We probably need Tim to come to the podium on that.

President Shetler: Yeah. Tim, my question, specifically, I think, wasn't it 166–

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible)

President Shetler: It totaled down at the bottom line, like 170 because there were two other lines that added to that 160-ish number, and then it came out to about 170 plus.

Tim VanCleave: I don't remember the exact number, but it's about 175 - 176,000.

President Shetler: Okay, my question on it, because that was for the, that was to renew the contract for October this year until September 30th of next year.

Tim VanCleave: Correct.

President Shetler: Does it have to be a lump sum payment or can that be done on a quarterly installment or a monthly installment?

Tim VanCleave: The contract is for annual.

President Shetler: Yes.

Tim VanCleave: But we can certainly contact them and ask if we can change that payment. There may be a slight increase. That amount is based on an annual payment.

President Shetler: Okay, I think we ought to, I mean, number one, check that out and find out what the cost factor, I mean, we're talking about cash flow and that may change a little bit of how we would set it up because then the first three months of that contract would be put into '13 and then nine months would actually be put into next year, you know, accounting-wise, I would assume. So that may change the complection there a little bit, I don't know, if that relieves us.

Joe Gries: If you move it into next year's budget there's a possibility that you lessen the stress on this year's and you can spread that out over time.

President Shetler: It's a punt, but anyway, sometimes punts work, coach. So anyway, that was my question, is if you would check into that for us.

Tim VanCleave: I would be glad to.

President Shetler: Alright, James, do you have other questions on that?

Councilmember Raben: No, other than I was somewhat shocked by that bill, you know, have known about the 95 or thousand or whatever that we paid earlier in the year for – I think that's our lease.

Tim VanCleave: That's the lease payment for the –

Councilmember Raben: Oh. Have we been paying this annual 170 and some change, annually, prior to this year?

Tim VanCleave: There is a contractual obligation for a five percent increase annually and that was one of the driving reasons for the courts to make the change to the state system. The court is very pleased with the CourtView product and how it helps

us manage the court system, but that cost continues to go up. There doesn't seem to be much opportunity to reduce that. We were able to start back in 1999 under then Clerk Abell, at a very low rate because this company was wanting to break into the Indiana market. And they came in and undercut to get the experience in an Indiana county. And we have enjoyed a reduced amount during those first few years of usage, but now we're back up to roughly what their retail cost is now. And that was one of the reasons why we're making the move to the state system to move that expense to the state court versus the local. And we're anticipating that will start to save about 200,000 plus a year then for the county.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and are only the courts accessing CourtView? I mean, does the Public Defender's office or anybody else where there may be some reimbursable monies to offset what it costs us to stay on it annually?

Tim VanCleave: The answer is yes. All five of the offices that are part of the judicial system which includes the Prosecutor and the Public Defender use that system as well. The Evansville Police Department and the Sheriff's office are also users of CourtView, and then there are probably six other offices, EPA, the City Clerk, DMD, all of these offices have one or two accounts where they use that. But ultimately what we are doing by allowing them access is deferring the time that employees would be filling their requests and sending that information to them.

Councilmember Raben: I understand, but like the Public Defender, like the Prosecutor, if there are, for whatever percentage of users they are, you know, reimbursable opportunities (Inaudible – microphone turned off)

Tim VanCleave: Part of the working agreement that has been in place between at least public safety, so like the Police Department and the Sheriff, we utilize, they cover the expenses for accessing what we call PISTOL, which is the record management system and the jail management system. They cover all the expenses for that and in exchange the court has always handled the expenses for the court's case management system.

Councilmember Raben: Probably an agreement that may have been made within the courts. But on the Council, I'd like to break it up. I'd like to share some of the cost with other revenues and I'm not worried about the Sheriff's department, that comes out of the general fund, whether we do it, you know, 100% for you or break it up. I mean, I'm not worried about that, but where the city is utilizing it and where, again, we've got other departments that have reimbursable opportunities, that's the information we need. And actually, we probably need it before we cut budgets in ten days.

Tim VanCleave: I will get busy on that straight away and I will talk to both the Prosecutor's office and the Public Defender's office, see if they can submit that for reimbursement or at least a portion of their usage.

President Shetler: Any other questions? Good point, James.

Tim VanCleave: Would you like me to bring that back to you at the 9/11 meeting or the –

President Shetler: As quickly as possible because it may impact the budget a little bit for the coming year.

Councilmember Raben: If you can get it to us in email form some time in the next

three to five days, that would be great.

Councilmember Terry: Is there a written agreement or –

Tim VanCleave: No, it's just, this even predates me, back to when RITS was brought up on-line in the late 80's.

President Shetler: Okay. Any other questions or comments? Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: A different subject, we have several inter-local agreements with the city, is there a way Mr. Ahlers could check or maybe I'm off base in looking into it, but if we have just, in general, a person moving from county to city or city to county, and they get the accrued buy-out and go directly into a job, there's no agreement on that, I know, but is there a way we can devise an agreement? Do you know what I'm saying?

Jeff Ahlers: Oh sure, absolutely. I mean, you can agree to whatever you want to agree with, but I mean, now, --

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, I see what she's saying. She's saying that there's no reciprocity between the city and the county, so the problem is you would have to come up with some kind of an agreement –

Councilmember Goebel: That's what I'm asking.

Jeff Ahlers: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Can we do that?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I, sure, you can agree to anything if they'll do it. I guess the question would be, you'd have to, I guess both sides would want to make sure that the time came out relatively, however you divide it up, even. If all people were moving one way or the other, somebody may not be getting a good deal. So yeah, but sure, you can agree to anything.

Councilmember Goebel: That might stop some of the musical chairs as well. But I just think that it kind of rubs me a little bit wrong that someone, and I'm not talking about anyone in particular today, just in general, has a job supported by the county maybe and goes to the city and gets their vacation and starts all over with the same thing with the city or the other way around. And maybe we could come up with an agreement that would save both entities in that regard. And it may not go anywhere. I don't know. Just an idea.

Councilmember Raben: I guess the first question would be, does the city, do they use the Oliver System? See, we're on a whole different pay structure and I don't, I mean, both would have to accept the same. You know, whether we, theirs, or they, ours. But I've always, I mean, one of the things – because people do shuffle around here a lot and one thing that's always kind of amazed me is you'll hear of an officeholder or department head say that their staff is overworked, but they'll bring in – they'll trade for an employee that's got seven weeks vacation. To me, if I'm behind, I'm going – if a person isn't working out, I'm not going to replace them with another person that's going to have unlimited comp time built and vacation. You know, I'm going to hire somebody that starts with two weeks vacation. But I guess

it's part, as you said, the musical chairs that's played throughout this whole complex.

President Shetler: Anything else? Any other questions, comments? Motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: Remind everybody that the next meeting is next week at 9:00 for our budgets cuts that we'll do at that time, present the budget cuts at that meeting. So that will be next Wednesday at 9:00, that's the 11th. Thank you.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Ed Bassemier

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
TOWNSHIP NON-BINDING RECOMMENDATIONS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 11th day of September, 2013 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Okay, I apologize for the delay. We'll have the clerk 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 six members present, one member absent, there's a quorum. We'll suspend some of the other things that we normally go through with typical meetings. We want to get started right on with the civil taxing unit budgets. You know, in the past two to three years here that I've done this, I've usually gone alphabetical. Armstrong, you guys have gotten off pretty easy so I'm going to switch it around a little bit, maybe start with Union first. Is anybody here from Union? Nobody here from Union?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I was going to say, they thought they were last.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP

President Shetler: We'll go ahead and go to Scott then. Bob has lobbied hard for this for three years.

Bob Harris: Bob Harris, Scott Township Trustee.

President Shetler: Does anybody have any questions of Bob? Let me just ask you this off the record here a little bit from this deal, but it has nothing to do with your direct budget. You guys operate a very successful ambulance service.

Bob Harris: True.

President Shetler: And you service Scott Township–

Bob Harris: Armstrong and Darmstadt.

President Shetler: –Armstrong and Darmstadt? A little bit of Center or not any of Center?

Bob Harris: The what?

President Shetler: Nothing of Center?

Bob Harris: No.

President Shetler: Okay. You get no subsidy from county government whatsoever?

Bob Harris: No.

President Shetler: And you're able to operate that in the black, I'm assuming?

Bob Harris: Pretty much so.

President Shetler: Okay. You also make runs outside of that territory from time to time?

Bob Harris: We have mutual aid agreements with Warrick County, Gibson County and Posey County, and also with AMR. So, if they don't have ambulances available, we take the runs.

President Shetler: Particularly speaking in terms of county residents right now, Vanderburgh County residents, would you think that that ledger is pretty balanced, I mean as far as, do you handle as many runs for them? I assume that they probably make some runs for you, if it would be necessary in Scott.

Bob Harris: They have before.

President Shetler: Okay.

Bob Harris: It's very seldom though.

President Shetler: So for the most part, you're making many more runs for them than what they are for you?

Bob Harris: True.

President Shetler: Okay. You are able to operate off of the funding that you receive from billing the patient or client directly and the funds that you receive from that?

Bob Harris: And from what we do through the budget.

President Shetler: Yeah, what's in the, what comes off with that, okay. Alright, so there is some subsidy through the township taxpayers?

Bob Harris: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay.

Bob Harris: But nothing from the county.

President Shetler: Correct, right.

Joe Gries: There's a Scott Township (Inaudible) for ambulance service.

President Shetler: Yeah.

Councilman Raben: Are there any pay raises figured in any of the personnel items?

Bob Harris: I think I figured two or three percent, yes.

Councilman Raben: I might, well, I guess, we can ask this individually, but yours is two or three percent?

Bob Harris: Uh-huh.

Councilman Goebel: I think in the past, we requested that the township stays the same with the county as far as pay raises, or no pay raises, and there's not any in the offer right now.

Bob Harris: I've followed that.

Councilman Goebel: Okay, and you'll agree to do that again?

Bob Harris: Yes.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Mr. President, I might go ahead and make that motion so it's clear that all of these budgets, and I guess I can call them all out, it's the civil taxing units of Armstrong, Center, German, Knight, Perry, Pigeon, Scott and Union, all employees be consistent with the county for 2014 in terms of pay raises or no pay raises.

President Shetler: Okay, will that need to be done on each and every unit, or is that sufficient to do that in general?

Teri Lukeman: I can include that on the non-binding recommendation form.

President Shetler: Okay, alright. Then, do I have any other questions or comments about Scott Township budget? If not, then do we need a motion for either a recommendation...

Teri Lukeman: Right, you need to vote on the non-binding recommendation.

President Shetler: Yeah, so it would be, it's a non-binding recommendation, but we either need to recommend or not recommend. So, I guess–

Councilman Raben: I recommend, or I make a motion to–

President Shetler: To recommend?

Councilman Raben: – recommend the proposed budget for Scott Township.

Councilman Goebel: But would that be, would the recommendation include a reduction in the–

President Shetler: That recommendation includes the reduction of the salary line items to reflect zero increase, flatline, right.

Councilman Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have a motion and second. Do I have any questions? I know it's confusing.

Councilmember Bassemier: I have one. I want to understand this. I think we started out with including everybody, didn't you? Isn't that the first motion? Did we vote on that, or are we going to take them separately now?

President Shetler: We can, it's going to have to be added into each and everyone of them anyway. So I think as long as we follow that kind of procedure we'll be fine. We'll just keep it the same. Okay, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone else? Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Shetler: Thank you, Bob and Barbara. The next, Union is not here yet. The next would be Pigeon.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP

President Shetler: See, helped you guys out, too.

Mary Hart: Mary Hart, Pigeon Township.

Councilman Raben: Should be Armstrong.

President Shetler: We're going backwards.

Councilmember Bassemier: Aw, man.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: He's messing with you this year.

Councilmember Bassemier: Gotta go backwards.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilman Goebel: The obvious question.

Mary Hart: No pay increases. A slight increase in the budget, but no pay increases.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions? Recommendation on the motion, if you're in favor of approval, would be to recommend, well, she's got hers flatlined anyway, so to recommend the budget as presented, according to the review sheet.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I will make a motion to recommend the Pigeon Township budget as presented.

Councilman Raben: Second.

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

(All Councilmembers vote aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Mary Hart: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

PERRY TOWNSHIP

President Shetler: Next, Perry Township.

Rick Riney: Rick Riney, Perry Township.

President Shetler: Okay, does anybody have any questions?

Councilman Goebel: Are there any pay raises factored in?

Rick Riney: Two percent.

Councilman Goebel: Would you agree to go along with the rest of the general county on that?

Rick Riney: I don't know. I'll consider it, but they got three percent last year, and they make less now than they did a year ago. With the FICA and insurance raise, they make less money now than they did a year ago so how can we go backwards? I'm asking for zero.

Councilman Goebel: That's good for you, but I think county employees are in the same boat because they're not getting any pay raise and other things are going up as well.

Rick Riney: Well, I don't know. Where are we at?

President Shetler: Well, I guess we can either recommend the budget as presented, or we could not recommend it as presented, or we could recommend it with an amendment, or a stipulation on it. So that's kind of the three alternatives that we have here.

Councilman Goebel: I recommend we accept with the addendum that their pay raises would coincide with the county pay raises. If one would occur, then your workers would get that. I understand what you're saying, everyone needs to be better compensated, and with the higher insurance costs and things like that, it's not quite fair, but it's not quite fair for a whole lot of people.

Rick Riney: Yeah.

Councilman Raben: I'll second that.

President Shetler: Okay, it's been moved and seconded. Any questions on the motion? Okay, so you understand it then?

Rick Riney: Yeah.

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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Shetler: Thank you.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP

President Shetler: Next, Knight Township.

Kathryn Martin: Kathryn Martin, Knight Township Trustee. No. No raises.

President Shetler: Okay, no questions? A motion would be in order.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to recommend as presented.

President Shetler: It's been moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: And we have a second. Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: How are things going for you?

Kathryn Martin: Wonderful. Doing good.

President Shetler: 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 6-0)

President Shetler: Thank you.

Kathryn Martin: Thank you.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP

President Shetler: Okay, next, German Township. We're getting closer to God's country, yes.

Fred Happe: Fred Happe, German Township Trustee. I'll agree with the recommendation of the Council on pay raises.

President Shetler: Do you have some in here?

Fred Happe: Yes, there's some in there.

President Shetler: Okay.

Fred Happe: Yeah, for myself and the clerk.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilman Raben: Do you want a motion to recommend this budget with pay raises that coincide with the county? I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll second that.

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

(All Councilmembers vote aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Shetler: Thanks, Fred.

Fred Happe: Thank you.

Councilman Raben: Thanks, Fred.

CENTER TOWNSHIP

President Shetler: Okay, now we are in God's country, Center Township, Mike.

Mike Humphrey: Mike Humphrey, Center TownshipTrustee. We do have figured in our budget a two percent for the three girls, none for myself, none for my advisory board, but I have no issue with your resolution.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilman Raben: Okay, I'll move that we recommend this budget with salaries that coincide with the county's salaries.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded by at least a Center Township person out there anyway, so good. 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: Thanks, Mike.

Mike Humphrey: Thank you.

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP

President Shetler: Okay next, Armstrong.

Joyce Kron: Joyce Kron, Armstrong Township. I'm okay with going last. That's alright. I do have, we do have pay raises in ours, but in the past we have always gone with what the county has adopted.

President Shetler: Alright.

Joyce Kron: Anybody have any questions for me?

President Shetler: That's God's country as well.

Joyce Kron: That's right.

Councilman Raben: This might be the center of it, actually.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Isn't all of Vanderburgh County God's country?

Councilman Raben: Alright, I'll move approval of the, move to recommend this budget with salaries coinciding with the county's.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's got a couple of nice taverns out there, anyway.

Joyce Kron: That's right.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. All of 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 6-0)

President Shetler: Thank you.

Joyce Kron: Thank you.

UNION TOWNSHIP

President Shetler: Alright, Union. Does anybody have any questions about Union. You've been presented the budget.

Councilman Raben: I'll move that we recommend this budget with the stipulation that the salaries coincide with Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: I 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 motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Shetler: Anything else? Yes?

Councilmember Terry: Do you have an annual report or summary of some of the accomplishments? I don't know if I've gotten one. I would love to see one just to see what's going on. This is, not that I need another piece of paper, but it just would help just to have, you know, what's going on in your offices, some plans that you have and those kind of things. If you already do that.

Mary Hart: We don't. We file an annual financial report every year, but not a progress (Inaudible - comments not made at the microphone) how we accomplish, or what we've accomplished. We do recommend that you come by and visit us.

Councilmember Terry: Okay, yeah.

Councilman Goebel: That's all publicly filed with the newspaper and everything, correct?

Mary Hart: Yes.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

Unidentified: And you can go online to (Inaudible – not at microphone)

Councilman Goebel: That would be interesting reading. Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, there not being any further business to come before this body today, a motion for adjournment would be in order. Oh, I'm sorry, yes there is. I forgot.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

President Shetler: IT, a report on IT. Sorry, guys. You guys have got the floor. I was getting a reflection there. I didn't quite see you there.

John Staples: Yeah, yeah. I'm sure, I'm sure. Yeah, we can save this from being a short meeting, I guess. John Staples with Computer Services. Tim VanCleave was, or currently is the Chair of a subcommittee from ITAC for the XP Windows 2003 retirement. Joe Gries, I don't know if he's going to be joining us down here or not, but he can keep his seat up there if he likes. He is the Chair of an ITAC sub-committee on KRONOS and other ancillary products that require XP. I've got the mic so I might as well talk. I can give you a summary real fast. We've got Tim that can definitely give a lot more of the numbers. We were tasked with putting some different scenarios together in which there would be kind of a lower cost option that may delay, I say delay the inevitable or kick the can down the road a little bit to better days where funding may be a little bit more readily available, if that ever happens. Then we also have, those are the two options we're going to present today. There were about 40 options, and that's not being facetious, about 40 options we investigated with different licensing schemes and different scenarios. Tim can bore you with all of those details, I'm not really going to do that to you right now. So, the two options that we're looking at right now is the, kind of addressing what needs to be addressed, that has to be addressed right now. As far as, these represent county departments and joint departments that are administered by the county, and the breakdown kind of goes 350 plus devices, I would say, for the courts, and then maybe an additional, are we talking 80?

Tim VanCleave: It's 350 users, 400, roughly, devices for the courts.

John Staples: Okay, so if you caught that, about 350 users, 400 devices, and the rest were, what, 80 or so were joint?

Councilman Raben: How did we end up with 350 users and 400 devices?

John Staples: For the courts? Those kiosks and things like that, multi user maybe courtrooms, things like that, where they have a device in the courtroom and a device in their office as well. So kiosk plus courtroom computers. So, you might end up with a couple computers.

Councilman Raben: Well, they probably have a laptop in their office that they can carry to and from.

John Staples: They don't, but they have an actual computer in the courtroom, and they have a desktop computer also in their office.

Councilman Raben: Well, there's only, what, how many courtrooms, six or eight?

Tim VanCleave: 13.

Councilman Raben: 13? So, where's the other 37?

Tim VanCleave: I can actually get you a full breakdown. What we've been doing over the past few years is replacing more expensive technology, such as the recording. The maintenance contracts for analog recording was going to cost more than replacing it with a digital recording system so we had received some savings there. We had replaced cash registers with computer based receipting that ties it into the case management system, and these are two examples of where we had made some savings over time by replacing with computers, but that has increased the number of computers that are there over our user count.

Councilman Raben: I just want to stop there for just a minute, because I think that's, you know, been part of my sermon on this whole IT system. I think that's part of our problem throughout this whole building. I think we've got, we've got devices on counters that the same people operate that have devices on their desk. You know, I think we've got devices that probably aren't turned on once a week. I mean, I think that's consistent throughout this whole building. I wish, you know, maybe someday we'll see what the IT report provides with that, and I don't even know if they picked up on those things, but somehow we need figure out how to skin this cat. I mean, I don't want to talk about, ever again, extra computers. I mean, if I'm, if the county is paying for a laptop, I don't want to hear about a desktop ever for that person. I mean, we need to figure out how to eliminate this. The IT costs in this building are just going through the roof and we can't keep chasing it, because what's good today is never good tomorrow. So, I mean, I appreciate why you're here today, but immediately when we start talking about 350 users, 400 devices, that sends an alarm to me that, you know, I'm ready to eliminate 50 devices immediately.

Tim VanCleave: Yeah, that is very good thinking, Jim, and one of the things that we have been kind of looking at through the ITAC Board, last year, was a way of revamping how ITAC works. One of the thoughts was getting this body and the Commissioners and maybe some of the elected office holders from other, the administrative branch, the judicial branch together so we can better craft an IT strategy that meets not only the budgetary needs, but as well as the functionality needs of the office holders. Because this is a unique environment compared to the city, where they have one executive that pretty much handles everything from there

down. They do not have a judicial branch and those type of functionalities. Whereas the county does have the multiple officeholders as well as the judicial branch that they have to fund and maintain. So, I think it would be, you know, very beneficial to look at a new way of structuring technology discussions and technology plans for the next few years.

John Staples: I will interject real fast on the city that, we do both the city and the county. The city has, growth has been a big issue with the city. They had 652 devices at the last time that they did their Microsoft, they've done this before, in the larger scale and they've gone from 652 to 854. Growth, and to stand before City Council and, you know, where are these computers? Why do, the computers aren't, growth isn't always bad. It really isn't. I mean, if you have 50 fire trucks and they have the apparatus, you know, the devices and the apparatus or police officers or Building Commission people are out in the field and they're doing those things instead of writing it down and coming into work, those aren't necessarily bad things. Technology does enable you to save in other areas, and I think sometimes you invest in technology to maybe make payroll reductions or head count reductions, or staffing reductions and things like that. So, just on the city side alone, growth is a big issue, because a department can come in and have enough money for a computer, and then you're stuck with the bill going on. Same thing with City Council. So, not picking on any department, but let's just say DMD, since they're not a county department, DMD gets a grant and they get a grant for five computers and those were for computers out in the field. They buy the licensing for the first, and then the city picks up the maintenance from there on out. Well, City Council says, that's five more computers and now we're getting stuck with the bill. You guys are very similar to that where computers can be brought on without your knowledge and then I'm up here defending their growth. It's, I feel for your struggle on that, we're aren't able to tell people no at this time when they do come with funds of their own and bring those on, we're just kind of bringing it back to you saying, hey, these are your realities, these are the computers.

Councilman Raben: But, what we can do, where there is a grant that's paid for that computer, I mean, if it's the Field Supervisor's, you know, there's a grant for a laptop, then shame on us for replacing a desktop with General Fund monies. I mean, common sense, you know, tells us that you don't need both. I mean, if they can carry it in their car and get out and carry it to their job, they can carry it from their car into this building and use it. I mean, I don't care where it comes from, but, you know, there again, I mean, we're talking about multiple licenses in this case–

John Staples: You're absolutely right.

Councilman Raben: – you know, multiple support. I mean, let's get out of that. Let's be smart about this. Let's quit, just because that's the way it's been, you know, let's do it different.

John Staples: I don't disagree at all. I mean, in being a little selfish as your service provider, the more computers you have, the more we have to support it. I mean, you've gone from 1,300 devices, and that's phones and everything when we first started out here, to 3,500-3,600 devices. Those are phones, and those are laptops and those are whatever there are. There's been explosive growth. That's not including the phones that are in your pocket, or your iPads or those things that we don't technically support. Those aren't even counted on those things.

Councilman Raben: You say you primarily support the city–

John Staples: No, no, no, no, no. I was just saying to give you a city perspective on this.

Councilman Raben: Okay, but, I mean–

John Staples: City and county both, absolutely.

Councilman Raben: Okay, you know, I think there's another day for this but what I would like to see, I would like to see by individual, by office, however you want to do it, how many devices do you say are within the county?

John Staples: Eight hundred and....about 800?

Tim VanCleave: 775, I think.

John Staples: 775? Yeah, that's probably right.

Councilman Raben: 775, you know, and we're talking about a lot of people that aren't part of these devices. I mean, you've got County Highway Laborers, you've got Burdette employees, people like that that aren't using computers.

John Staples: They may use them for clocking in and out, though.

Councilman Raben: Well, you need one. You need one.

John Staples: Right, but there's–

Councilman Raben: I would like to know by person. Anybody that's got more than one computer, I would like it identified as a laptop, as a desktop, I want to know by individual, by department how many, you know, and we get down to the balance of these licenses, because obviously, that's where we're talking about going with support by April of next year. I think, until we figure out what we've really got, I don't really care to hear what the fix is, because I don't think we've got a handle on what the fix is, because we don't have a handle on what we've got and why we've got it.

President Shetler: Let me just say this though, and I guess this does get a little bit into the fix part of it though, but, I think, one, that there is, you know, basically, a mechanism or an apparatus, what you're telling me is that you either need the authority or someone needs to be placed in an authority position to be able to say no, but it's already in place in that, I guess, the way I look at it, if we've appropriated "x" number of dollars for technology, and that when you figured out that line for technology, you figured at 800 pieces.

John Staples: Right.

President Shetler: Okay, and if someone runs out and grabs another couple of pieces to put on there, then it's now at 802, and our price just went from $1.4 million to $1.4 thirty or whatever it went up to.

John Staples: Right, yes.

President Shetler: Then that's exceeding, that's exceeding the appropriated line item, which is not, you're not, no one is authorized to exceed that line without coming to Council prior to that. That's really what's happened here.

John Staples: Right.

President Shetler: I mean, we really are having people who are not complying with the budget process and what we've authorized to spend. So, we need to kind of, I'm agreeing with James in what we need to do is detail that, know what the cost is, maybe get so specific as to get down to each and every department and say this is how much has been budgeted for your particular department, and if you exceed those 12 units or those 15 units, whatever it is, then they would be non-compliant, or they would be really in violation, because that money hasn't been appropriated if they exceed it, is what it amounts to.

John Staples: What they have been doing though, is when a new computer comes on, they do buy their appropriate license for that at that time. So they have done

the buy in. So with a grant, grants are a real good one, especially on the city side, but the Health Department gets a lot of grants though too. You buy the computer, you buy your license, so you might even get support for the first year or two built in, but you cannot, as part of the grant, do anything more than that. So technically, they are licensed, but the maintenance falls to someone. Some of these people are elected officials, some of the people are department heads, some of the people are getting grants, things like that–

President Shetler: But, again, this is all appropriation.

John Staples: It is.

President Shetler: If it's been budgeted at "x" number of dollars, they cannot exceed that. The money has not been appropriated, so, therefore, it's not, they're not allowed to spend that, go beyond that point. I mean, that's the law, the way I would see it.

Councilman Raben: Yeah, I see what you're saying, you know, be it a grant, a year from now when the license expires, when the warranty expires, any type of technical service or renewal of license comes out of our county funded line that, you know, we didn't budget for that item.

John Staples: That's correct.

President Shetler: So, it's an unappropriated thing.

Councilman Raben: We really just need to know what the heck we really do have here.

President Shetler: Yeah, we need a complete audit and inventory of what's going on and who it belongs to. We need to be able to record that. If we don't, if something exceeds that, what that cost is associated with all of those pieces. If something exceeds that, it comes up as a surprise, then the answer is clear, I'm sorry, but that has not been appropriated for, therefore it's denied. Michael?

John Staples: So, we can absolutely do that. I think we've done that in the past. What we usually do is, would you want a use for that as well, so whenever the Auditor has 53 computers and 50 employees do you want to have an explanation of what the overages are or anything that's not assigned to a person?

Councilman Raben: Yeah.

John Staples: I know what you're asking for, and I just want to give it to you, before I come back and give it to you and say, well, this doesn't have a one to one ratio of person to computer. You'll want to know what usage is, if they're kiosks, or if there's more than a one to one ratio of person to computer. So, that's what I would give you.

Councilman Raben: I would like to make a directive from this Council that nobody's ever maintaining more than one computer. I mean, I don't want anywhere in this system a laptop and a desktop.

President Shetler: I think in, and I'm not disagreeing, but you're also speaking of other platforms and other things, like phones?

John Staples: No, this is actually talking about computers.

President Shetler: Only computers? Okay.

John Staples: The phones and those, that's a different topic altogether.

President Shetler: Even though they might be accessing into Outlook or whatever? That's not considered a separate device?

John Staples: A smart phone, if we're talking, yes, if you want to get into the device versus the user account, yes, that is another topic as well.

President Shetler: So, if someone goes out and wants, you know, buys their own iPhone, but they want to access their Outlook, or I don't know what system you guys use.

John Staples: Sure, no, that's it.

President Shetler: Then, they've got it all synced in there together, then we're paying for that extra device to be able to have that convenience?

John Staples: It depends, and that's what's part of the longer conversation, do you license your device, or do you license your person? Because, if Councilman Shetler has an iPad, an iPhone or an Android, desktop computer and he goes to his son's house and uses it, in a device licensing model, we've done all of these models, and in that model we would have to license you for five computers, especially the laptop in your car that you don't want.

President Shetler: Or, if you're at a remote, or at a convention somewhere and you go into the convention center and get on the business deal, then for a remote that becomes another device.

John Staples: That's why, in this, we won't get into the user versus device, but that is one of the reasons....and we can't control that. I can't control you, you cannot access from anywhere else. I technically can't control that. I can't know that. So basically, the user, like you're saying, that is the model that we're going after. So that we know we are licensing Jim Raben, and if he chooses to use his phone or his iPad or whatever he bought on his own to access it, the county is perfectly legal for that. That does put a cap on the devices sprawl, as far as the cost for the licenses on that.

President Shetler: But, I know Mike's had a question for a while, I'll try to get back to my point, but the difference between licensing me as an individual and someone who is working, you know, the basic job there that isn't, you know, interacting outside whatsoever, but they're taking care of their duty right there, they have a work station and that's all–

John Staples: Yes.

President Shetler: – the cost if you did them individually would be the same, but you wouldn't want to register this clerk here the same way you would me who has five devices out there.

John Staples: And, that would work great if Microsoft would let you choose a hybrid mix of choosing user and choosing device. You have to choose your path.

President Shetler: The whole system has to be on one way or the other?

John Staples: Correct. Our servers say you are either per device or per user. You need to choose the domain. Are you doing a per user count, it's got to audit this, so it needs to know are you user or are you device? So we've gone through the math and figured out that there are more devices than there are people, for better or for worse, it's just what it is, so we license the user. Now, your discussion for audits and details of computers, that's a great topic for a PC refresh or anything like that, the licensing we're doing what you're saying, we're going with the user. So, I don't care right now if you've got five computers, we can find you out and we can rectify that, but right now your user count is what we're looking at licensing. So, Joe Gries, he's got a laptop and a desktop, we'll come after you later, elected official, but he doesn't, but if he did, it really wouldn't change this topic because we're licensing Joe Gries.

Councilman Raben: But is the cost for licensing Joe Gries more expensive than a single device?

John Staples: About ten percent more, but if you say a judge has a desktop, a laptop, a this, this, this, this, this, we've gone through the scenarios, and the user count is the better deal right now, and it actually gives you a lot more flexibility.

Councilman Raben: Than a single true user?

John Staples: If you could truly get down to a one to one device, which I hesitate to say that you'll get there, you'll get closer, but I still think the user is going to be very, very cost effective.

Councilman Raben: I guess I question the need for, you know, there are some isolated cases, I'm sure, but I guess we open Pandora's Box. I mean, you've got, I want it. He's got it, he wants it. I don't know, at the end of the day we're government. I think a lot of the fact that you can utilize these services away from this building, you know, I don't believe it's all county business. I think we're picking up fees for, you know, our kids to have a laptop to use at home and stuff like that.

John Staples: I hope not.

Councilman Raben: I just honestly believe that, that that's the way it happens. That's the way it happens in my business.

John Staples: We try to make sure–

Councilman Raben: Get us the information and we'll–

John Staples: Absolutely. Just so you know, in my opinion, and this is just my opinion, the information we gather is more towards a, get your devices down. As far as users, unless you're going to eliminate users, our numbers won't change. Having the Auditor have 50 computers, and having 40 employees, or 40 computers and 40 employees, we're just licensing, this request is for the users. This is not for all of the devices, it's for the users.

President Shetler: Well, see this is where I'm a little bit confused, because I thought the premise on everything was that your costs are going up because of all the additional devices that are out there. Okay? But now I'm hearing that those devices are by each individual person–

John Staples: User.

President Shetler: – or user, and not by the devices.

John Staples: That goes through the 40 different scenarios that we've gone through with the open license, select, select plus, enterprise agreements, device counts, user counts, if you keep your users stagnant, if you feel free outside of the Windows operating system that comes on it, that comes with the machine, Microsoft, all of these other things are per user. So, if it's per user, stay with your user count. Don't go with devices. They are really trying, they, Microsoft is really trying to get you to a per user count, because with the devices you may not know all of the devices. As much as you think people may not need access outside, they'll get the new iPhone 5S, they'll get the new Android S4, they'll do whatever it is, and you won't be able to know exactly how they're accessing it. So, you've got some way that you will know. You know how many employees you have. I can tell you how many users you have. Now, if they shouldn't have five computers, that still is a problem, but it's not a licensing issue. It is a, do you want to refresh the computers issue.

President Shetler: Okay, Mike's got a question.

Councilman Goebel: I was wondering if you could get the NSA files and track better?

John Staples: I think they have our copy. Yeah, NSA won't give us their back up copy of that, but it would be nice for us to ask.

Councilman Goebel: I have a question about the Election Office computers.

John Staples: Yes.

Councilman Goebel: Do they fall under your maintenance?

John Staples: Actually, I don't, they haven't gone there yet.

Tim VanCleave: The Election Office is through the Clerk's Office, and I try to do the primary support on that, but Advanced Networking has been contracted to do services for the Election Office over the past two years.

John Staples: Especially at election time. So, we have boots on the ground type thing.

Councilman Goebel: Maybe when you're looking things up, do we pay a fee for licensing on a year like this year? There's no use for those computers. We've got them sitting somewhere I know.

John Staples: Those computers are primarily web-based, so they don't have the traditional licensing. You could have gone to Best Buy, you would have paid more, but basically we've got computers that aren't connected to the domain, they don't have Microsoft Office, they open a web browser. So, those are very, very, very low cost, you're not going to see them in these numbers.

Councilman Goebel: Thank you.

John Staples: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question.

President Shetler: Yes?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I guess I'm a little confused on the discussion of the devices versus the users. I really don't care how many iPhones, iPads somebody has, the point is the county, they can access it any way they want, as long as the county's not paying for that. That's what Councilman Raben and Councilman Shetler are saying–

John Staples: Correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: – we do need an inventory and a handle on somebody doesn't, the county doesn't need to be paying for a desktop and a laptop. I think it's important that we get to that.

John Staples: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I know in the School Corporation I can put whatever on my iPhone, access my school e-mail, that doesn't cost.

John Staples: Because of licensing–

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: You know, I don't know how they do the licensing, but that's my own personal device, they're not paying for this. If I want to do it, that's fine, and if we have ways to do that, if it's cost effective we can do that. If it's not cost effective, then too bad, they just can't access their work e-mail at home.

John Staples: That's correct. Yes, and that is, the School Corporation, the government would love to give school rates, because they get it for –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I understand.

John Staples: What they've probably chosen, and I'm not going to go on public record saying this is what they've done, but they've gone to user. You are a user to them, you sign on, and you don't affect their costs.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And, that's what we need to look at is the cost, because that's a convenience to me that I can access my school e-mail at home, but, you know, it's a convenience, I don't have to be able to do that. That's what we have to get down to the bottom line, what our employees have to do for their job, to do their job, and if they have too many devices that the county is paying for, that's where we need to eliminate that.

John Staples: Right.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So we've got to get a handle on this inventory, and hopefully, we can do that quickly so we're looking at can we eliminate some of these devices and then figure out the best way for the users. It's not all about making it the most convenient thing for them, it's how can they do their job effectively for the best amount of money.

John Staples: Okay, I understand you don't take any kind of action today, it doesn't sound like, but just so you know, we are going with the user base. So if we eliminate, if you have 700 county employees, and you find out that there's 860 computers out there, and you eliminate down to 700 computers, you still are going to pay the same 700 user account. That software license is going to be the same when I give you the count with computers.

President Shetler: Right.

John Staples: Or the computers, there are too many computers, there's not enough computers, it's right in here. The scenario we came up with is based on your people, on your employees that use computers, not the city garage, or county garage, sorry, county garage or those people, or even Weights and Measures, or even people that are not using these. These are people that do use those resources.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That makes sense, but then we still need to have that inventory–

John Staples: Absolutely.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: – as far as eliminating devices that we don't need to be paying for.

President Shetler: And you're telling me that there is not a hybrid system where department heads and elected office holders, as an example, would have complete access as a user, and others in the department would have limited access, just to their work station, their work top, and that's it?

Tim VanCleave: Not that Microsoft is willing to admit exits.

John Staples: I will say, from admitting, I don't know about admitting, but, no. I don't want to make it sound like, ask them a special secret question and they'll say, yes, we really do. It's one way or the other. The city is that way, you choose it this way, or you choose it this way. Your only other option is if you've had a separate...I don't even want to say it, a separate e-mail system, separate domain, separate whatever it is like that, and those get into huge back end costs that are not your $28 license fee that we're talking about. You're right, I mean, there may be some people in the Auditor's Office that he does not want 80 percent of those people to use it, but he might want Brian Gerth, he might himself, he may want a few other people to be able to access that. I just think that the user count is going to be the way that you won't get, you know how many people you have. That's almost like a cost of doing business. This person is a computer user, and this is what their cost is. If they choose to use it outside, that's fine. If somebody gets off the slippery slope and says, yeah, we're going to use iPads because iPads are $500, and I want them to use that out in the field because it's portable. They come back, they've got to use a desktop and a computer and things like that. It's cheaper than a laptop, it's still a device. Trying to get your arms around this is really, everyone, for the past seven years that I've been here, you know, there will be no growth, there will be no, and it just happens. I mean, people find it convenient, people find it reduces head count, and they replace people with devices. They replace tape recorders that are multiple thousands of dollars with a computer that does that. We stream this right now on a computer. It's not using the same licensing, but if you kind of get the idea that a computer is, there's a computer sitting over there, I mean, they're just, you can't swing a stick and not hit a computer in this place.

Councilmember Terry: There's no technology standards in place that cover everybody? They follow the same rules, it's something separate for every department?

John Staples: This is kind of the standard of how an office worker works. So if we're saying the Voter Registration, not Voter Registration, but the Election Office, those computers are a little bit different because those are, they're specialized.

Councilmember Terry: Right.

John Staples: They're very low impact. They pull up a web page two times a year. There's no need to spend a thousand dollars on licensing for that. Those are practical. An office worker in Joe's office, whether they use it outside of work or they don't, that license is, I'll say nominal, I hate to say ten percent is nominal, but it's right around ten percent is the difference between a device....if you get it down to 700 employees that have access, and 770 computers, you'll be right at the break even. If you can get less than that, good for you. I don't know if you'll get there, but that's kind of what we're talking about here. So, if we have 750 devices and you've got 900 computers, well, you were better off with users. If you can get it down to a one to one ratio, you're going to save yourself five to eight percent, I would say, is probably my best guess on that.

President Shetler: Alright, anything else?

John Staples: I will say one thing, that we are under partial, well, maybe that's for the back end though, as far as the grace period on the server back end. Or is that a different discussion? It is a different topic.

Joe Gries: You're speaking of the licensing for the back end?

John Staples: Correct, yes.

Joe Gries: And having available funds this year that were included in the budget, but possibly cut because of maybe agreements through Reassessment Fund or Perpetuation, Recorder's Perpetuation Fund that didn't occur this year. So there may be a request for some type of funding just for what we have in place later this year, for the back end licensing.

John Staples: And that's for the services that are in the data center. It has nothing to do with your desktops and things like that. It's the e-mail servers and file servers, things like that. It was requested in the budget for 2013, and it might have gone the way of the Reassessment and things like that.

Joe Gries: Council cut that because of thinking there would be available funds from other sources. That really hasn't occurred.

Councilman Raben: We're not talking about the $180,000 that you sent out today? Is this part of that?

John Staples: No, that is separate. Are you talking about my e-mail?

Councilman Raben: Yes.

John Staples: That was yesterday afternoon. It's more informational. It can come back. That's fine.

Councilman Raben: Okay.

Tim VanCleave: Would it be wise to have two or three members of this body to sit down with John and myself and Joe to talk in more detail than what we can cover here on the floor?

Councilman Raben: After November 9th, or October 9th, yeah.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilman Raben: I mean, I don't want to sit down, I don't want to tackle this until we get through budgets.

John Staples: Okay, we are in a window, I'll say on the back end at least, that was in, I think, maybe July, June or July or something. So we're in a 90 to 120 day window of grace on the maintenance.

Joe Gries: John, there are funds in that line item that could be increased at a later date for other bills. So in other words, you've included that in your budget–

John Staples: That is correct.

Joe Gries: –so we could pay those right now.

John Staples: Yes.

Joe Gries: And, then come back and ask for money from Council to cover those costs.

John Staples: Yes, absolutely. I just want to make sure...there's two sides of this coin. There is the back end and then there is the desktop front end.

Joe Gries: The back end you and I can kind of discuss.

John Staples: Yes, yes, that's great.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? A motion would be in order for adjournment then.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: Okay, the room has been cleared, we'll be here October, well, we'll be here in September, but then again October the 9th. Thank you guys.

John Staples: Thank you.

President Shetler: We'll be here October 9th then, again, and that will be at 8:30. No October 2nd.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.)

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 11th day of September, 2013 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning. Welcome to the budget hearings today on the budget cuts that we'll be giving out today. This being September the 11th , I would like first the Clerk to give the roll call, and then after that we'll have the Pledge of Allegiance by our, by Nick Hermann, our County Prosecutor. Then, after that, I would like to have a moment of silence for those that did perish in that terrible incident of 9/11. I would also like to reflect back on the fact that last Saturday the Pope, Francis, did ask all Catholics, Christians and members of all faiths to fast and pray for peace. There seems to have been some progress in that movement in Syria. So, that's a good thing. So, we reflect on that also as we do the moment of silence. So, Clerk, if we could please 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	

President Shetler: There being six members present, one member absent, we have a quorum, and now recognize Prosecutor, Nick Hermann.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Shetler: Thank you. Alright, first I want to open the meeting with a brief comment, pretty much everybody in this room and outside the room will pretty well have to take a haircut this year. We appreciate the efforts that the elected office holders, as well as the department heads, the sacrifices that they've given up over the last three or four years. We have less money to operate on than what we've had over the past couple of years. We've pointed that out several times. One, it all kind of started, I think, with a few years ago when interest rates dropped dramatically and we lost about two million dollars worth of revenue a year with that. Then, about the same time, as the economy was going south, jobs were being lost, the County Option Income Tax declined. So, that hit us significantly. With that, property values have started to, you know, begin to decline shortly thereafter. So, we've been hit with about a four to five million dollar deficit in our revenue sources over the past several years. We have worked off of the reserves that we had, surpluses that we had each year coming back, we were able to work off of those for the last three years. That helped us significantly. We are at the point, though, where those surpluses and reserves are pretty well dried up. That's no secret, we've been kind of letting everybody know that. Next year our revenue source will be about three and a half to four million dollars less than what it was last year. Now, the good news is, is that the County Option Income Tax is actually going to see an increase next year

of about one and a half million dollars. So, therefore, I guess, basically, what we were looking to do is to come up with cuts that are going to amount to approximately two and a half million dollars for the next year, and those are true cuts. That's not doing it the way the federal government does it and take a cut off of an increase, that is a cut off of the amount of revenue that we had to spend for the year 2014. I normally don't do this, but because, as I said, all of you have sacrificed, all of you have contributed greatly to trying to hold the tax rate down, to understand the predicament that we're in as county officials, but, I do want to recognize the fact that the Recorder's Office this year has come forward and is offering to give up a substantial amount of their department expenses and put those over into a Perpetual Fund that they have that exists there. We are very grateful for that. It's a position that will help save and bring about several hundred thousand dollars anyway out of the General Fund and brought into that Perpetual Fund that will greatly make our job a little bit easier, and, quite frankly, it saves about six or seven employees out there off of that payroll and other payrolls that are out there. There's six or seven people in county government today that owe their jobs to the County Recorder for coming forward with that. So, I just wanted to express that. At this time I'm going to turn the gavel over to, well, Mike has a question or a point.

Councilman Goebel: Since you're talking about the general situation or circumstance, I still wonder if, because the State seems to be in pretty good shape, and when the property tax cuts were put in place, the caps, the State also raised sales tax by, from six to seven percent. So, it greatly covered their loss on property taxes. Is there anyway, or is there any thinking that the State will help out local government? The only thing that's happened for us is we've been cut. I think they were able to handle the situation and get bragging rights, but those funds shouldn't stay entirely in Indianapolis, I don't think. That's all.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. At this time, I would like to turn the gavel then over to Councilman Raben to go through the budget cuts please.

Councilman Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning. To just echo a few things that Tom said, we do appreciate the effort put forth by the County Recorder, and it substantially helps bring this budget, eventually to where it needs to be. The cuts today that will be presented really only get us about 40 percent of the way there, or 50 percent. There's other means that will take place when we finalize this budget, one, our County Auditor is still examining the COIT Fund, there may be an opportunity to shift an additional million or maybe a little more than a million into COIT out of General Fund. With that, that's going to get us pretty close to where we need to be. So, again, today we're going to present cuts, I just want everyone to be clear that when we do put our final stamp on this budget there will be additional shifts that will happen that will get us closer to where we need to be, or put us at where we need to be. One last note is, part of the additional cuts, are some contracts that the President and I have drawn attention to that are contracts that the county has that there may be an opportunity to find substantial savings in. With that being said, we realize that we probably can't meet the deadline of September 25th, so, we are going to move our final budget hearing meeting where we stamp and approve our budget for the last time to October the 9th. So, it will be 9:00 a.m. October 9th. So, we will move on into budgets. Everyone has been given a Word copy or typed copy of every cut for each individual budget. We can follow the 38 pages of cuts, or we can start in the beginning of the book and work our way back. Does anyone have a preference? Sometimes it's easier to follow the book, sometimes it's not. Okay, well, we will, we'll work from the sheets then.

CLERK

Councilman Raben: First, under County Clerk, and I need to mention one other thing, all FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at our October the 9th final budget hearing. So, that's just a standard statement as we go through each and every budget that I would like to be added to the minutes. So, first, under County Clerk, account 101113, Circuit/Superior Counter Clerk, set in at zero. Extra Help at $10,000. I will continue on, at any point if someone wants me to stop, we can take roll call at that point, or if you have a question, please, stop me at any point.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
101113	Cir/Sup Counter Clerk	23,013.00	23,013.00	0.00
199000	Extra Help	15,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00

AUDITOR

Councilman Raben: Next, on page two, under Auditor, Supplies to be set in at $10,000; Communications, $300; Contractual Services, $3,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
260000	Supplies	17,500.00	7,500.00	10,000.00
314000	Communications	400.00	100.00	300.00

TREASURER

Councilman Raben: Page three, Treasurer, I already see a problem doing this in the way we're doing it. We almost need to work from, go back to working from the....because we're not going to pick up the lines, well, okay, yeah we will, this will work. Printing, $15,000; Contractual Services, $8,000.

President Shetler: You mean $800.

Councilman Raben: $800, excuse me.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
341000	Printing	17,000.00	2,000.00	15,000.00
353000	Contractual Services	1,000.00	200.00	800.00

RECORDER

Councilman Raben: Okay, next, under Recorder, we have account 104114, Miscellaneous Deputy, set in at zero; 104116, Microfilm Technician, zero; 104117, Release Deputy, zero; 104118, UCC Deputy, zero; 104119, Deed Deputy, and

104121, Deed Deputy, at zero. FICA and PERF we will set in at our October the 9th meeting.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
104114	Miscellaneous Deputy	30,166.00	30,166.00	0.00
104116	Microfilm Technician	31,564.00	31,564.00	0.00
104117	Release Deputy	33,071.00	33,071.00	0.00
104118	U.C.C. Deputy	40,815.00	40,815.00	0.00
104119	Deed Deputy	33,071.00	33,071.00	0.00
104121	Deeds Deputy	34,652.00	34,652.00	0.00

SHERIFF

Councilman Raben: Next, on page five, under Sheriff, we have Booking Clerk, 105163 and 105168, set in at $30,506 and $30,506. Account 130100, Civilian Overtime, $20,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
105163	Booking Clerk	35,088.00	4,582.00	30,506.00
105168	Booking Clerk	35,088.00	4,582.00	30,506.00
130100	Civilian Overtime	25,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00

SURVEYOR

Councilman Raben: Next, under Surveyor, account 221000, Fuel, $1,500; Garage and Motor, zero; Supplies, zero; Training and Education, zero; Maintenance and Repair, zero; Dues and Subscriptions, zero. Those items, for those that have questions, will be added into the other fund later.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
221000	Fuel	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
223000	Garage & Motor	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
260000	Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
331000	Training & Education	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
352000	Maintenance & Repair	500.00	500.00	0.00
370000	Dues & Subscriptions	150.00	150.00	0.00

CORONER

Councilman Raben: Coroner, Fuel set in at $4,500; Garage and Motor, $1,200; Travel and Mileage, $300; Solid Waste Disposal, $2,500; Autopsies, $215,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
221000	Fuel	5,000.00	500.00	4,500.00
223000	Garage & Motor	1,500.00	300.00	1,200.00
313000	Travel/Mileage	500.00	200.00	300.00
319000	Solid Waste Disposal	3,000.00	500.00	2,500.00
365000	Autopsies/Diagnostics	255,000.00	40,000.00	215,000.00

PROSECUTOR

Councilman Raben: Prosecutor, 108138, Deputy, zero; Supplies, $6,500; Return of Fugitive, $12,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
108138	Deputy	55,031.00	55,031.00	0.00
260000	Supplies	7,500.00	1,000.00	6,500.00
390000	Return of Fugitive	15,000.00	3,000.00	12,000.00

Councilman Raben: Assessor, page nine, account 109152, Real Estate Deputy, the correct figure is $41,996. Election Office–

Councilmember Terry: Jim? I'm sorry, can we go back to the Prosecutor? Can you just remind me again, that Deputy position I know had been zeroed out for several years, what was, I guess, the thought there? For re-entering a request.

Councilman Raben: Well, the Deputy has been zeroed out.

Councilmember Terry: Uh-huh, it has, I know, but I don't know what was the reasoning for him wanting that back?

Councilman Raben: Additional help with work load and what have you.

Councilmember Terry: But it hasn't (Inaudible. Microphone not on)?

Councilman Raben: This one is, let me turn to this page real quick. Okay, this one has actually been vacant for the last two years, and I'll call Nick to the podium.

Nick Hermann: I'm sorry, what was that line item, Jim?

Councilman Raben: It's line item 108138.

President Shetler: That was vacant, that's been vacated for awhile, and I think the question is, was that formerly a grant position? Or is this just a request for a new position because of work demand?

Nick Hermann: That was the request that I made, I made the argument when we were here last month, I guess, making the request for a new position based on the increased number of filings and the decrease in Deputy Prosecutors that we've had over the last, I believe it was five years. That was the sheet that I passed out to all of the Councilmembers.

President Shetler: Alright.

Councilman Raben: Okay. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thanks, Nick.

Councilman Raben: Any other questions? Okay, we'll move on.

ASSESSOR

Councilman Raben: We finished with Assessor, 109152, the correct figure for that Real Estate Deputy is $41,996.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
109152	Real Estate Deputy	40,815.00	-1,181.00	41,996.00

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilman Raben: Now we move on to Election Office. Election Assistant, $50,000; Food, $400; Supplies, $3,000; Postage, $100; Travel and Mileage, $400; Printing, $2,500; Legal Advertising, $200.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
121112	Election Assistant	55,000.00	5,000.00	50,000.00
226000	Food	600.00	200.00	400.00
260000	Supplies	6,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
312000	Postage/Freight	1,000.00	900.00	100.00
313000	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	600.00	400.00
341000	Printing	3,000.00	500.00	2,500.00
342000	Legal Advertising	1,000.00	800.00	200.00

President Shetler: I might point out real quickly that should be Election Assistants, it's not just one person that's getting that. It does say Assistant, but I wanted to clarify that.

VOTERS REGISTRATION

Councilman Raben: Okay, turn to page 11, Voters Registration. We have Printing, the request was for $2,250, be set in at zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
341000	Printing	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00

CO-OP EXTENSION

Councilman Raben: Page 12, Co-Op Extension. Supplies, $6,150; Travel and Mileage, real briefly, let me look at this Postage and Freight, I think that's possibly a typo. That is correct, $1,000. If you'll recall they went to Data Mail, and it's much less than it's been in the past. So, the correct figure is $1,000.

Unidentified: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Councilman Raben: Yes, for 312000. Now we'll move to 313000, Travel and Mileage, $6,500; and Office Machines, zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
260000	Supplies	6,500.00	350.00	6,150.00
312000	Postage	7,500.00	6,500.00	1,000.00
313000	Travel/Mileage	7,200.00	700.00	6,500.00
422000	Office Machines	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00

AREA PLAN

Councilman Raben: Area Plan, for now, strike the first item, account 214111, 124111, we'll come in and set that final number in in October. There's some questions on that. So, we're going to skip over that and move to Fuel, 221000, Fuel, in the amount of $1,000; Supplies be set in at $4,000; Communications, $8,000; Training and Education, $2,500; and Office Machines at zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
124111	Executive Director	80,325.00		Set 10/9/13
221000	Fuel	1,500.00	500.00	1,000.00
260000	Supplies	6,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
314000	Communications	10,000.00	2,000.00	8,000.00
331000	Training & Education	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
422000	Office Machines	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00

Mr. President, let's stop there and get a motion on those, and then we'll continue on, in case we would need to unravel at any point. I'll make the motion.

President Shetler: Okay we need a second.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Councilman Raben: Okay, next, we move into Weights and Measures, account 320000, Utilities, in the amount of $6,000; Maintenance and Repair, set in at $1,500.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
320000	Utilities	9,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
352000	Maintenance & Repair	2,400.00	900.00	1,500.00

COMMISSIONERS

Councilman Raben: Page 15, under Commissioners, 342000, Legal Advertising, $7,000; YMCA, zero; Human Relations, the correct figure is $51,814, that's $51,814; Purchasing Department, the correct figure is $76,342. Seven, six, three, four two.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
342000	Legal Advertising	10,000.00	3,000.00	7,000.00
349000	YMCA	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00
350000	Human Relations	58,620.00	6,806.00	51,814.00
375000	Purchasing Department	39,775.00	-36,567.00	76,342.00

JAIL

Councilman Raben: We turn to page 16, under Jail, the first account is 175000, Clothing Allowance, be set in at $60,000; Civilian Uniform Allowance, $7,000; Union Overtime, $250,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
175000	Clothing Allowance	66,000.00	6,000.00	60,000.00
175100	Civilian Uniform Allowance	8,000.00	1,000.00	7,000.00
185000	Union Overtime	300,000.00	50,000.00	250,000.00

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilman Raben: Page 17, Circuit Court, the first item is 313000, Travel and Mileage, to be set in at $1,500; Psychological Evaluations, at $4,000; Grand Jurors at $1,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
313000	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
372300	Psychological Evaluations	7,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
390200	Grand Jurors	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilman Raben: Account, we'll turn to page 18, the first account is 137142, Probation Officer, in the amount of, the correct figure should be $49,908, that's $49,908; Printing, in the amount of $7,000; Maintenance and Repair, $2,000; Petit Jurors, $50,000; and Guardian Ad-Litem GSSI at zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
137142	Probation Officer Disp Dept	40,568.00	-9,340.00	49,908.00
341000	Printing	7,500.00	500.00	7,000.00
352000	Maintenance & Repair	3,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
390300	Petit Jurors	60,000.00	10,000.00	50,000.00
394000	Guardian Ad-Litem GSSI	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00

DADS

Councilman Raben: Now we'll move to DADS, page 19. The first item is 341000, Printing, to be set in at $600; Treatment Cost at $1,600.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
341000	Printing	650.00	50.00	600.00
377000	Treatment Cost	2,000.00	400.00	1,600.00

PROSECUTOR IV-D

Councilman Raben: Page 20, Prosecutor IV-D, the first account is 260000, Supplies, at $7,000; Maintenance and Repair at $1,500.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
260000	Supplies	11,500.00	4,500.00	7,000.00
352000	Maintenance & Repair	2,000.00	500.00	1,500.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilman Raben: Then we move to page 21, Public Defender, the first item is 142162, Chief Public Defender, the correct figure is $125,201; 142173, Public Defender PT, the correct figure is $33,709; 142176, Secretary PT, the correct figure is $15,600; 142180, Public Defender is $82,380; 142181, Public Defender PT at $33,210; 142184, $33,210; and 142185, $33,210; Travel and Mileage at $3,000; Investigative/Contractual Services, $25,000; Pauper Expense, $12,000; and Pauper Transcripts, $50,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
142162	Chief Public Defender	139,112.00	13,911.00	125,021.00
142173	Public Defender PT	52,567.00	18,858.00	33,709.00
142176	Secretary PT	24,461.00	8,861.00	15,600.00
142180	Public Defender	104,334.00	21,954.00	82,380.00
142181	Public Defender Juv Ct PT	52,567.00	19,357.00	33,210.00
142184	Public Defender Juv Ct PT	52,567.00	19,357.00	33,210.00
142185	Public Defender Juv Ct PT	52,567.00	19,357.00	33,210.00
313000	Travel/Mileage	3,500.00	500.00	3,000.00
348200	Investigative/Contractual Services	35,000.00	10,000.00	25,000.00
394300	Pauper Expense	30,000.00	18,000.00	12,000.00
394700	Pauper Transcripts	60,000.00	10,000.00	50,000.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilman Raben: We move to page 22, Community Corrections, the first account is 175000, Clothing Allowance, $22,000; the next item is Union Overtime, $125,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
175000	Clothing Allowance	25,000.00	3,000.00	22,000.00
185000	Union Overtime	175,000.00	50,000.00	125,000.00

Councilman Raben: Again, Mr. President, I'll stop there, I make this in the form of a motion, we'll take a roll call and then we will proceed again.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? Anybody have any comments or explanations needed on any of the ones? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers vote aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilman Raben: Now we move on to page 23, Burdette Park. The first item is 145119, Security, be set in at $10,000; 145121, Bookkeeper/Day Camp, zero; Supplies, $30,000; Postage and Freight, $1,500; and Advertising, zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
145119	Security	40,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00
145121	Bookkeeper/Day Camp Admin.	41,438.00	41,438.00	0.00
260000	Supplies	35,000.00	5,000.00	30,000.00
312000	Postage/Freight	2,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
344000	Advertising	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilman Raben: We move to page 24, under County Council, the first item is one, or, excuse me, 313000, Travel and Mileage, be set in at $15,000; Communications, $7,000; Court Technology, $365,000; Legal Services, $1,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
313000	Travel/Mileage	19,885.00	4,885.00	15,000.00
314000	Communications	11,640.00	4,640.00	7,000.00
346100	Court Technology	414,800.00	49,800.00	365,000.00
361000	Legal Services	4,850.00	3,850.00	1,000.00

SALES DISCLOSURE

Councilman Raben: Page 25, Sales Disclosure, the item is 421000, Office Furniture, zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
421000	Office Furniture	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilman Raben: Cumulative Bridge, the first item is 113514, Operator, the correct figure is $44,950; the next item is Union Overtime, $8,000; FICA and PERF will be adjusted officially at our October 9th meeting; Materials, $190,000; Garage and Motor, $28,500.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
113514	Operator	46,096.00	1,146.00	44,950.00
185000	Union Overtime	10,000.00	2,000.00	8,000.00
190000	FICA	50,169.00		Set 10/9/13
191000	PERF	80,238.00		Set 10/9/13
200000	Materials	200,000.00	10,000.00	190,000.00
223000	Garage & Motor	32,000.00	3,500.00	28,500.00

SHERIFF/CCD

Councilman Raben: Page 27, Sheriff/CCD, the first item is 337000, Data Management, zero; Motor Vehicles, zero. We will pick those items up later.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
337000	Data Management	31,556.00	31,556.00	0.00
423000	Motor Vehicles	300,000.00	300,000.00	0.00

COMMISSIONERS/CCD

Councilman Raben: Commissioners/CCD, now here we are actually adding and we're going to take away from another budget. The first item is 412900, Energy Savings Contract, to be set in at $567,808; Park and Playground, $200,000; and Motor Vehicles, for $250,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
412900	Energy Savings Contract	0.00	-567,808.00	567,808.00
413000	Park & Playground	0.00	-200,000.00	200,000.00
423000	Motor Vehicles	0.00	-250,000.00	250,000.00

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilman Raben: Superintendent of County Buildings/CCD, account 142, 412900, Energy Savings Contract, zero. These are all just housekeeping items.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
412900	Energy Savings Contract	567,808.00	567,808.00	0.00

BURDETTE PARK/CCD

Councilman Raben: Burdette Park/CCD, 413000, Park and Playground, zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
413000	Park & Playground	300,000.00	300,000.00	0.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilman Raben: Local Roads and Streets, page 31, the first item is 200000, Materials, to be set in at $562,500; Garage and Motor, $185,000; Traffic Department, $ 253,142; Maintenance and Repair, $80,000; Legal Services, $10,000; Equipment, $20,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
200000	Materials	993,000.00	430,500.00	562,500.00
223000	Garage & Motor	110,000.00	-75,000.00	185,000.00
348100	Traffic Department	232,996.00	-20,146.00	253,142.00
352000	Maintenance & Repair	100,000.00	20,000.00	80,000.00
361000	Legal Services	4,000.00	-6,000.00	10,000.00
425000	Equipment	120,000.00	100,000.00	20,000.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilman Raben: We turn to page 32, County Highway, the first item is 117602, Network Specialist, to be set in at zero; 117608, Highway Engineer, $84,000; 117641, Laborer, zero; Materials, $100,000; Fuel, $120,000; Garage and Motor, $38,000; Contractual Services, $5,000. Everybody still good?

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
117602	Network Specialist	39,845.00	39,845.00	0.00
117608	Highway Engineer	81,117.00	-2,883.00	84,000.00
117641	Laborer	42,358.00	42,358.00	0.00
200000	Materials	125,000.00	25,000.00	100,000.00
221000	Fuel	140,000.00	20,000.00	120,000.00
223000	Garage & Motor	45,000.00	7,000.00	38,000.00
353000	Contractual Services	6,00.00	1,000.00	5,000.00

ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT

Councilman Raben: Okay, page 33, the item is 422000, Office Machines, this is Assessor/Reassessment, set in at zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
422000	Office Machines	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00

RECORDERS PERPETUATION FUND

Councilman Raben: Page 34, Recorder's Perpetuation Fund, the first item is 1140, Miscellaneous Deputy, to be set in at $30,166; 1160, Microfilm Technician, at $31,564; 1170, Release Deputy, at $33,071; 1180 UCC Deputy at $40,815; 1190 Deeds Deputy at $33,071; 1210, Deeds Deputy at $34,652; FICA and PERF will be set at our final October the 9th meeting.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1140	Miscellaneous Deputy	0.00	-30,166.00	30,166.00
1160	Microfilm Technician	0.00	-31,564.00	31,564.00
1170	Release Deputy	0.00	-33,071.00	33,071.00
1180	UCC Deputy	0.00	-40,815.00	40,815.00
1190	Deeds Deputy	0.00	-33,071.00	33,071.00
1210	Deeds Deputy	0.00	-34,652.00	34,652.00
190000	FICA	0.00		Set 10/9/13

191000	PERF	0.00		Set 10/9/13

SURVEYOR'S PERPETUATION FUND

Councilman Raben: Next we move to Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund, the first item is 221000, Fuel, to be set in at $3,000; Garage and Motor at $1,500; Supplies at $8,600; Training and Education, $1,000; Maintenance and Repair, $500; Dues and Subscriptions at $4,300.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
221000	Fuel	1,500.00	-1.500.00	3,000.00
223000	Garage & Motor	0.00	-1,500.00	1,500.00
260000	Supplies	6,600.00	-2,000.00	8,600.00
331000	Training & Education	0.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00
352000	Maintenance & Repair	0.00	-500.00	500.00
370000	Dues & Subscriptions	4,150.00	-150.00	4,300.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL

Councilman Raben: Circuit Court Supplemental, the line item is 421000, Office Furniture, zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
421000	Office Furniture	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00

TREASURER/COIT

Councilman Raben: Treasurer/COIT account, the item is 399900, Bank Fees, to be set in at $45,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
399900	Bank Service Charge	55,000.00	10,000.00	45,000.00

COMMISSIONERS/COIT

Councilman Raben: Page 38, Commissioners/COIT, the line is 310000, Animal Control, the correct figure is $226,418. That's two, two, six, four, one, eight.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
310000	Animal Control	215,782.00	-10,636.00	226,418.00

Councilman Raben: I would like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilman Raben: Okay, Mr. President, that concludes the budget cuts for all of the 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts, and some of the 1000 accounts. Again, I want to remind everybody that we will be moving some lines out of General Fund, might possibly just take our Insurance line, something easy and move that into the COIT line at our final meeting. Once we have a firm handle on how much exactly we can make in that shift, we'll make that adjustment then. There will be some fine tuning on all the salary lines, including FICA, PERF that we'll have to do, and that will be part of our salary ordinance that we'll pass. So, with that being said, between now and October 9th that concludes this Council's budget session. I look forward to competing the little obstacles that we still have hanging and finalizing this on October the 9th.

President Shetler: Alright. Just to add to that, those totals came up to a little shy of $890,000 for the cuts that we made today. James and I are involved in contract negotiations with at least four different entities, and we hope that that will benefit the county to the tune of probably better than a million dollars between those four contracts by the time it's said and done. Those will be notified later, at a later time. Again, to reiterate too what James said, we're going to change the final budget hearing to October the 9th. That will be at 9:00, or 8:30?

Councilman Raben: 9:00.

President Shetler: 9:00. Okay, any other questions? Just to point out too that the, at the 25th meeting we still do have our Personnel and Finance Committee meeting regularly scheduled that day, and then later that morning, which is at 9:30, we have scheduled the Civil Taxing Units, so that we will be hearing, and that's the City, the County Library, Town of Darmstadt, Airport, Solid Waste and the School Corporation. So, those will be still part of that date.

Councilman Raben: What we might do, if it's okay with everybody, thinking about our Personnel and Finance and our regular Council meeting, our regular Council meeting that would have been scheduled for October the 2nd, we could move to 8:30 on the 9th, and then budget hearings immediately following? Set them for 9:00 and 10:30 or something.

Jeff Ahlers: What date is being moved?

President Shetler: The 2nd, we would postpone the regularly scheduled meeting of the 2nd to shift that to the 9th, and do that at 8:30, and then do the follow up with the budget at–

Councilman Raben: 9:15 or 9:30.

President Shetler: –right. Nothing on the 2nd.

Councilman Raben: Is that good with everybody?

Councilmember Terry: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Councilman Raben: I'm sorry. Well, we're actually combining two meetings (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Shetler: I guess, officially, let's put it down at 9:00, that way in case that meeting, the regular scheduled meeting gets finished sooner, because we can't start the meeting until–

Councilman Raben: That's fine. Sandie, if you could ask Sarah to double check the times for the room, and if there's any differences in times, please send everybody out an e-mail or what have you. I thought she was sitting in the seat between you and Angela. So, you got that, Sarah, I'm sure. You're playing musical chairs on me.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, October, excuse me, September the 25th will start at 9:30?

President Shetler: No, we will start, well, if you want the whole schedule for the day, we'll start at 8:30 to do our regular Personnel and Finance–

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: On September 25th?

President Shetler: – and then after that, at approximately 9:30, we will begin the Civil Taxing Units, hearings on those.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Alright. Then on October the 9th, we skip the 2nd, and then the 9th is 8:30 to start?

President Shetler: 8:30, regular meeting, and then 9:00, officially, we will begin the budget, the final budget hearing.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Alright, I just want to make sure I don't have kids running wild at Cedar Hall. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Alright, anything else, other questions? Motion for adjournment on this meeting? No, recess, I'm sorry, we're recessing.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to recess.

(The meeting was recessed at 9:45 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler

Vice President Peter Swaim

Angela Koehler Lindsey

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
CIVIL TAXING UNITS BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 25th day of September, 2013 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning. Welcome to the County Council meeting. At this time I would like to have the clerk 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	

President Shetler: There being six members present, one absent, we do have a quorum. I'll explain this again that Councilman Raben is in the building, he is working on other county business, trying to negotiate one of our contractor's lease agreements down for us so that we can have some money next year in our treasury there. So, anyway, Councilman Raben is in the building and working on county business. I would, we've gone through the Pledge of Allegiance twice already on different things, so I'm going to dispense with that. Not that I'm unpatriotic, I'm not at all, I just, for the sake of time here we'll forgive that for the third time here today. Consideration of the civil taxing unit budgets. The first is the Vanderburgh County Public Library. Marcie, I should say Marcie, et al.

EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Marcia Au: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Councilmembers. I'm Marcia Au, Director of the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library. With me, our contingency from our staff, as well as Director of the Willard Library, Greg Hager. We do raise the funds for Willard, you will have noted in your budget. I hope you've all had some time to look at the information that we sent you. I would certainly be happy to entertain any of your questions. We did flatline our General Operating Fund this year, in line with what the county was asking its various departments to do, keep the levy pretty straight. So our overall proposed total actually reflects funds that don't impact the levy, which are the Library Improvement Reserve Fund and the Rainy Day Fund. The Bond and Interest went up slightly. That's something that we don't control. That's the amortization schedules. Then, Willard did also raise their amount for next year. That's reflected on the tan sheet that sort of breaks out the funds, with the increases on them.

President Shetler: Okay, one question, do you have any salary increases included in your budget?

Marcia Au: There are no across the board. We are on a step plan now. If people pass their performance evaluations satisfactorily, then their salaries would increase approximately two percent.

President Shetler: Okay. You and I have discussed, fairly often, over the last few years about the health insurance.

Marcia Au: Yes, sir.

President Shetler: Did you guys enter, if my memory is serving me correct, did you guys enter into a contract with a provider to do the clinic?

Marcia Au: Yes. Health and Wellness Clinic, scheduled to open October the 1st. We've had a couple of open houses now, invited people. If any of the Council people here, County Commissioners, in fact, I think there have been some representatives of the county come through already. We have done very minimal remodeling, refurbishing of the clinic. Actually that whole bill was just under $30,000. It's set and ready to go. We believe that will save us, this year alone in our budget it removed $132,000 from, and that's why our personnel budget was able to stay within, well within reason. That's without the move to the partially self insured. I have Don Crenshaw here with me this morning. Don is our HR Manager, and he has worked very diligently on this project. If you have specific questions, I may want to call on him, because he might be able to give you much more in depth answers than I.

President Shetler: I appreciate the fact that, you know, doing our due diligence on putting together the health care, and that's really through the Commissioners office, we had a considerable amount of work that had to be done there. You had a lot of work to do on your behalf, and I appreciate that. As a result, I don't, we're not, I don't think the same providers are involved here. At some point in time, it would be nice for all of us, city and county, which the city-county will be, but for, you know, library and all of the different taxing units, as much as possible, to get into the, on the same provider list, and that would allow us then to have multiple clinics to....I think, once we get that more convenient to our employees and their families, the more it's going to drive that cost down. Are you guys going to just operate with the one location currently then?

Marcia Au: Yes, yes. We don't have the critical mass of staff that would indicate that we would need more than one site. On the other hand, that said, the building actually could hold several clinics. We've had various discussions with other entities, I won't say governmental units, I think we've had some conversation with the School Corporation, of course, we've had on and off conversations at a fairly superficial level with the county, but we would be happy to entertain that. The building is a medical building. Everything is there, that's why we were able to refurbish it so inexpensively. It's got parking, it's centrally located. It certainly could serve as a site for any kind of either individual stand alones or combined.

President Shetler: Yeah, you certainly, the build out on that was definitely very reasonable. In fact, that's unheard of prices and stuff. Normally you're talking three times that.

Marcia Au: I would invite you all to come by. You are certainly welcome. Give myself a call, or call the office and we'll make sure there's someone there to get you in. We will be starting up service October 1st. So there will be some days when we won't be able to tour visitors through. Obviously not when there are clients there.

President Shetler: Right.

Marcia Au: But other than that, we would be happy to show it to you.

President Shetler: What is the term with that current provider? How long?

Marcia Au: Two years. I looked to Don to make sure on that.

President Shetler: Okay.

Marcia Au: Yes, two years.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Mike?

Councilman Goebel: Marcie, how many total employees are with the library system?

Marcia Au: Our total employee count, full time employees are 109, part time 71.

Councilman Goebel: And all are eligible to go to the clinic?

Marcia Au: All the full time are. I don't think we've wrapped part time into this yet.

Don Crenshaw: No, it's something we'll look at in the future.

Marcia Au: We're going to be looking at that in the future. We'd really like to be able to offer them that benefit.

Councilman Goebel: That would be, I think, appropriate, and I think Mr. Shetler's suggestion that we all get together on the health care and the clinics is an excellent suggestion down the road. Thank you.

Marcia Au: You're welcome.

President Shetler: Pete?

Councilman Swaim: No, I would just like to say that we would like for you to keep that in the back of your mind–

Marcia Au: Oh, absolutely.

Councilman Swaim: – as you go through these first two years of this current provider, keep us in mind.

Marcia Au: And we'll be able to share our experience–

Councilman Swaim: Exactly.

Marcia Au: – to, you know, how that's been.

Councilman Swaim: Right. Thank you.

Marcia Au: You're welcome.

President Shetler: Alright, does anybody else have any questions? Comments? This is basically a non-binding review. So, a motion would be in order for acceptance.

Councilman Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: 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 motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Shetler: Thank you.

Marcia Au: Thank you.

TOWN OF DARMSTADT

President Shetler: Next we have the Town of Darmstadt.

Mallory Lowe: Hi, I'm Mallory Lowe, the Town Clerk for Darmstadt. I gave everybody a copy of the budget. This year I included the numbers from last year as a comparison. I believe I was asked last year to do that. We haven't had any big changes on our funds. Our plans for next year are to pave St. Joe Avenue. So you see an increase in our MVH and our Local Road and Street for that.

President Shetler: I don't see anything budgeted to send to your neighbors to the south here. We do appreciate everything that you guys do up there though. Does anybody have any questions?

Councilman Goebel: You did say flatline on salaries?

Mallory Lowe: We haven't discussed it. We usually wait until November.

Councilman Goebel: Okay. A little different than us. Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, does anybody have any other questions? If not, I guess, a motion would be in order for approval, acceptance.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilman Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and second.

Councilman Goebel: I would just like to add that we would recommend that they follow the County guidelines as far as salaries. If there is an increase in the county, then, obviously, but, if not, hopefully, we can all stay on the same page. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thanks, Mike. Alright, any other questions? Motion? If not, all in favor?

Teri Lukeman: That would be an amendment to the motion. I think Angela's motion was to approve as submitted.

President Shetler: Right. Okay, would you want to amend your motion to include Mike's comments then?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Sure. Yeah, I'll amend my motion to include the recommendation to stay with the county.

Councilman Swaim: Yes, include it.

President Shetler: The second has also agreed to that. So, the motion has been amended to include Mr. Goebel's comments on that. So, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: All in favor signify by saying aye. Oh, did I say that twice?

Councilman Swaim: Those opposed.

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Mallory Lowe: Thanks.

President Shetler: I just wanted to make sure we get it in there. I didn't want you to miss out here. Okay.

EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH AIRPORT AUTHORITY BUDGET ADOPTION

President Shetler: Next, and this is for the final adoption on the Airport Authority, on their budget. We did have the public hearing a couple of weeks ago. So this will be the final, and this is a binding final on your particular budget.

Doug Joest: Basically, I'm here to answer any questions anybody had over what I presented last time.

President Shetler: Alright. You guys have joined in to the county's health insurance–

Doug Joest: Yes.

President Shetler: – as that was pointed out the last time. So you guys will become a part of the clinic, I assume, as well.

Doug Joest: In fact, and I think I said it last time, that's why our total budget from last year, we didn't spend the money, but from 2013 that's why we were able to cut our budget from, a little over $100,000. It was six million four seventy, and our proposed budget is six million two seventy four. So, the bulk of that was the fact that we were allowed to join the county plan this past year. We greatly appreciate that.

President Shetler: We do, too. As taxpayers, we all do.

Doug Joest: If you're looking for clinic locations, we might have a place. So keep that in mind in the future.

President Shetler: Alright. Ed?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I need to abstain on this one.

President Shetler: Right, okay. Understood. Anybody else have any questions or comments? Okay, a motion would be in order then for–

Councilman Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, a motion and a second. Any other questions then? We'll take a roll call vote on this?

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 Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being five ayes and one abstention. The motion carries.

(Motion carries 5-0/Councilmember Bassemier abstained from vote)

Doug Joest: Alright. Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Alright. Thank you.

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BUDGET ADOPTION

President Shetler: Alright, next is Solid Waste. Joe? Again, this is another one that we reviewed, I believe on the 11th. So this will be a final on this one. This is binding as well.

Joe Ballard: It is final, yes. Joe Ballard from the Solid Waste District. I spoke to you a couple of weeks ago. Basically, I said that our fees are going down at the landfill. Well, let me first start off with, I'm not tax supported, we are funded by fees that go into the landfill. Those have gone down somewhat. It kind of stabilized with the economy doing a little better, but the recycling programs and a lot of industry looking to waste diversion, or whatever, we have some reduction in funds. So, with that, we have, our budget is $401,111. That's a 3.3 percent decrease, or $13,876 from last year. It's a tight budget. We can handle that. So that's kind of what we've put up there. So anyway, with that, I'd ask your approval.

President Shetler: Okay.

Joe Ballard: I think we discussed all this a couple of weeks ago anyway.

President Shetler: We did. Alright, any other questions? Comments? A motion would be in order.

Councilman 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 carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Joe Ballard: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Joe.

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

President Shetler: Alright, next is City of Evansville. Former Councilman, Russ Lloyd.

Russ Lloyd: Fond memories. Good morning, County Council President Shetler. We presented you with a budget book that listed the whole budget. We didn't try to massage it or abbreviate it. Then, also, we presented, this letter just indicates that the city's typical intention on the property tax rate is we set that high in anticipation that the funds that actually come in on the property tax, after appeals, something that's not collected, etcetera will be below what we set for the amount. Then, also, as County Auditor Gries has pointed out, from the county's point of view, the city's circuit breakers for 2014 will result in a loss of approximately $9.4 million. That jumped up about four million from the prior year. So, it's, and that's money that the taxpayers won't have to pay due to the property tax caps that was enacted by the legislature. But, we do have, you have your county review sheet for the city, which summarizes the State noted funds, the property tax funds as well as some of the other funds. I also included for you, rather than weed through the whole book, there's a highlight sheet that I've given you that lists the taxes being raised and the balances in the various tax supported funds. I would be happy to answer any questions.

President Shetler: Okay, does anybody have any questions? Mayor, or–

Russ Lloyd: Controller.

President Shetler: – I have just given your elitist title there, but Controller Lloyd, you, the other day coming before the City Council, I know that there was some issue there on the salaries and stuff. Did I understand that correctly that the two percent increase that had been recommended by the Mayor is not necessarily set, at this point in time?

Russ Lloyd: That's correct. We looked at that. So, the Mayor, in this budget that's been given to you, it is a two percent increase, basically across the board. There also are some, the Salary Administration Committee, the SAC committee made some recommendations, so there's a couple other positions, including 16 new positions for Water and Sewer, based on the rate increase that was approved. So, you know, there's a number of maintenance people, as well as some office people and project managers, but City Council still has the authority to lower that or cut that. I know, I don't think they've made a decision on that yet. They did accept the Mayor's budget, but we'll have the budget ordinance first reading will be October 14th, and final reading will be October 28th.

President Shetler: Alright.

Russ Lloyd: Then we'll know.

President Shetler: Okay, so, I guess, basically, this is the maximum, and it could be going down a little bit if that–

Russ Lloyd: Right.

President Shetler: – two percent increase that you have incorporated in here, if that would happen to be reduced, then we'll see a budget that is a little leaner than this.

Russ Lloyd: Right, and that's State law that the Mayor proposes the budget, and Common Council has the authority to lower any line item, what they can do.

President Shetler: Okay, any questions? A motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilman Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: 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 motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Shetler: If it would be this easy on City Council you would have it made, wouldn't you?

Russ Lloyd: This meeting was a lot shorter than the prior night.

President Shetler: Yes, it was.

Russ Lloyd: And make a note that a former City Councilmember made the motion. Thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: My pleasure.

EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH SCHOOL CORPORATION

President Shetler: Okay, let's see, the last is the School Corporation.

Carl Underwood: Good morning, President Shetler, members of the Council. My name is Carl Underwood representing Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. Happy to answer any questions you might have regarding our budget.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions? I think you guys, or you guys are looking at the health clinic concept as well?

Carl Underwood: Yes, it's one of our options right now.

President Shetler: Yeah, so, I presume, obviously you don't have anything in line yet. Do you have a target date on that?

Carl Underwood: We're still in committee stage, looking at potential vendors. Nothing's been confirmed yet.

President Shetler: Not necessarily trying to persuade you with, you know, our provider in any way, shape or form, but, I guess, if that were kept in mind as far as at least somewhat of a short a term as possible on it would be, might be helpful. Because, again, I think as many taxing units as we can get put together on this, forming a consortium, like we have through the purchasing group that we formed a few years ago, will be a huge savings to the taxpayers.

Carl Underwood: Absolutely. Something we're exploring right now.

President Shetler: Right. So, you know, Marsha Abell, Commissioner and myself would be more than happy to discuss with you or talk with you, you know, about it further, or get involved in anyway that we can.

Carl Underwood: Yes, sir.

President Shetler: We'll lend our support there with you. Yes, Councilman Swaim?

Councilman Swaim: What's your total employee numbers for EVSC?

Carl Underwood: 3,300 employees.

Councilman Swaim: A big number.

Carl Underwood: Yes, sir.

Councilman Swaim: One of the things that we didn't mention, they're going to provide a PT person in the expanded clinic, which will be very nice. Again, not trying to dissuade you, but something to think about.

Carl Underwood: Yes, sir.

President Shetler: Alright, does anybody else have any questions? That's a lot of money here. Alright, well, a motion would be in order for approval.

Councilman Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Carl Underwood: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you. Okay, do we have any other business?

Teri Lukeman: I think that's it.

President Shetler: Okay, does anybody wish to address the Council for any reason? If not, a motion for adjournment would be in order.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilman Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Thank you and we will see everyone back on October the 9th, and that will be at 8:30 in the morning for a final hearing on the budget, and our regular scheduled meeting as well.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in special session this 25th day of September, 2013 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: Good morning. It's 9:15 and time for our specially called meeting. At this time I'd like for the Clerk 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	

President Shetler: There being six members present, one member that's not attending at the moment, and let me give you a – we have a quorum. Let me give an explanation on that, Jim is in the other room trying to work out one of the contracts that I had mentioned earlier in a meeting and there was a conflict on the timing. So he is working for the county and trying to get our expenses in line here. So I did want to point that out. At this time I'd like to call upon Councilman Koehler Lindsey if she would please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Thank you. First is permission to fill vacancies at the County Clerk's office to fill a part-time position at $12 an hour and then to appoint a chief deputy, and permission to fill a vacancy of first deputy.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning.

President Shetler: Morning, Debbie. Do we have any questions? Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. 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 6-0)

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

President Shetler: Do you wish to make any comments about it?

Debbie Stucki: No.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

COUNTY ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Next is under the County Assessor and he also has three positions that need to be filled: one is a deeds/plat deputy, one is a first deputy, another one is a first deputy. Assessor Bill Fluty is here and willing to answer any questions.

Bill Fluty: Good morning.

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion to approve and a second. Do I have any questions on 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 6-0)

Bill Fluty: Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

President Shetler: Thank you.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next we need to approve the salary ordinance amendments.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve the salary ordinance amendments as submitted.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: 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)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: Next we have travel requests from the County Clerk and the County Auditor. I think you all received these in the mail. Anybody have any questions about them?

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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CONTRIBUTION OF $1,200,000 FROM THE CENTRE BOND REFINANCING TOWARD NEW HOTEL PROJECT RELATED IMPROVEMENTS

President Shetler: Now at this time, I'd like to, I think what we had decided to do, because legally we can underneath the way it was drafted, is to discuss the resolution supporting the contribution to the city for the improvements to The Centre along with the city hotel project in terms of about a million and a half. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: In response to the resolution presented by the Commissioners this morning for County Council, I guess, informal approval or a yea, I'd like to make the motion to agree to contribute the sum of $1,200,000 from the refinancing of The Centre bonds toward the new hotel project for the cost of capital related improvements to The Centre. And I believe that's it.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, and then there's an additional $300,000 coming from other capital line items.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, but I think today our contribution would be the refinanced bonds, so more to come.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. 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: The motion carries. Alright, thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Shetler: At this time, I'll ask for a motion for adjournment for this particular meeting.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion and a second, so this meeting is adjourned.

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

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler	Vice President Peter Swaim
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Mike Goebel	Ed Bassemier
Stephanie Terry	

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 9th day of October in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning and welcome to the County Council meeting of October the 9th and it's our regular Council meeting as well as the final budget hearing. At this time, I'd like to have the Clerk 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	

President Shetler: There being seven members present, Councilman Terry, who it was indicated was here, is in the room now. Seven members present, no one absent, we have a quorum and I'll call the meeting then to order, and ask Councilman Jim Raben if he would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Shetler: I need a motion for approval of the minutes. I think everybody has received that from the September 4th meeting.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

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

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions on 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)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SUPERIOR COURT

President Shetler: Next is appropriation ordinance for Superior Court and Judge Pigman is here to answer any questions if anyone has any.

Councilmember Raben: There is a change to the amount requested, should be $37,004.

Robert Pigman: This is for our jurors that have been called for trial. We're currently about 16,000 and change already short. And that's money we already owe jurors who have already served, so the 37 will hopefully get us through the end of the year.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: 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.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1000-1370-390300	Petit Jurors	47,253	37,004
Total		47,253	37,004

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Next we have a long list of transfers here.

Councilmember Raben: Do you want me to take over?

President Shetler: Yeah.

REPEAL REQUESTS

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Next under Cum Bridge, we have repeals for various projects, Contractual Services, Bridge Inspection, Old Boonville Highway, University Parkway, Broadway Avenue and Old Henderson Road in the amount of $640,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. I don't think we're going to have any objections to this one. 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.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1135-0000-353000	Contractual Services	50,000	50,000
1135-0000-435400	Bridge Inspection	100,000	100,000
1135-0000-440000	Old Boonville Hwy	100,000	100,000
1135-0000-442200	University Pkwy	75,000	75,000
1135-0000-474300	Broadway Ave.	40,000	40,000
1135-0000-475400	Old Henderson Rd.	275,000	275,000
Total		640,000	640,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Local Roads & Streets we have a repeal for University Parkway in the amount of $195,822, I'll move approval.

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: The motion carries.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1169-0000-442300	University Pkwy	195,822	195,822
Total		195,822	195,822

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, more repeals. County Highway in the amount of $15,016, 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: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

HIGHWAY		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1176-0000-117641	Laborer	15,016	15,016
Total		15,016	15,016

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

AREA PLAN
DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
HIGHWAY
COIT/COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSIONERS
LEGAL AID SOCIETY
LOCAL ROADS & STREETS
REASSESSMENT/ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we have a long list of transfers. Mr. President, I'll move that we approve all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, 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.

AREA PLAN		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1240-341000	Printing	750	750
To: 1000-1240-221000	Fuel	750	750

COMMISSIONERS		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1300-314000	Communications	1,800	1,800
To: 1000-1300-319000	Solid Waste Disposal	1,800	1,800

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1000-1380-138113	Counselor I	10,418	10,418
1000-1380-138111	Director	4,410	4,410
To: 1000-1380-197100	Accrued Payments	14,828	14,828

LEGAL AID SOCIETY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1000-1460-313000	Travel	60	60
To: 1000-1460-300000	Insurance	60	60

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1135-0000-200000	Materials	22,000	22,000
1135-0000-113513	Foreman	4,543	4,543
1135-0000-113514	Operator	7,788	7,788
To: 1135-0000-197100	Accrued Payments	29,788	29,788
1135-0000-190000	FICA	1,683	1,683
1135-0000-191000	PERF	2,860	2,860

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1169-0000-200000	Materials	25,000	25,000
To: 1169-0000-223000	Garage & Motor	25,000	25,000

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1176-0000-117602	Network Specialist	2,002	2,002
1176-0000-200000	Materials	11,625	11,625
1176-0000-300000	Other Insurance	9,307	9,307
1176-0000-384000	Drainage & Assess.	4,950	4,950
To: 1176-0000-117640	Laborer	2,002	2,002
1176-0000-221000	Fuel	10,000	10,000
1176-0000-223000	Garage & Motor	15,882	15,882

REASSESSMENT/ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1188-1090-199000	Extra Help	3,600	3,600
To: 1188-1090-130000	Overtime	3,600	3,600

COIT/COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 4998-1300-360000	Rent	150,000	150,000
To: 4998-1300-312000	Postage	150,000	150,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Next we'll go down to new business and we have the Health Department request to fill vacancies for health officer, environmental health specialist, secretary, and HCP part-time nurse. Gary.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. These are all positions that we need to fill and we certainly request that you do so, and we'd be happy to answer any questions.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: Got a motion for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Any questions?

Councilmember Terry: Question. For the health officer, are you going to do a national search or do you feel like you have –

Gary Heck: Dr. Nick announced that he's not seeking reappointment when his term ends at the end of this year, and this would give the Board of Health an opportunity to do a search. I can't tell you how broad their search is, but I know they certainly plan on doing one.

Councilmember Terry: Alright, thank you.

Gary Heck: You're welcome.

President Shetler: Any other 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Gary Heck: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Next is a request from the Sheriff to fill vacancies for the deputy sheriff, Misdemeanor Offender Housing correction officer and six jail correction officers. Anybody have any questions of the Sheriff?

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve to get it on the floor.

President Shetler: We have a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. And do we have any questions?

Councilmember Swaim: Sheriff, how does this get us as far as the correctional staff? Is it at full strength now with this addition?

Eric Williams: No.

Councilmember Swaim: Are we close?

Eric Williams: No.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, how far off are we?

Eric Williams: Well, at current rates, we're going to be seven away just by default because of the user fee situation. Like I explained a few meetings ago, when we staffed the jail, seven of the required minimum staffing were taken from the community corrections user fee funds. Since the user fee funds have basically tanked, those seven positions, while you've approved to fill them, we by no means have a stable enough income coming into that account to put positions in them. So even when we get all of the other positions at full staff and on the floor, we're always going to be seven short until we correct that issue.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? James?

Councilmember Raben: No questions.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Eric Williams: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Sheriff.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next is Cumulative Bridge, request to fill assistant county

engineer vacancy. And I know John is not going to be able to be here to cover that. The guy who vacated the position is here, but he probably doesn't want to talk about that or address that. The position is empty because Pat has taken over the county garage and they do need an assistant in the County Engineer's office. So that's primarily what its about.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Do I have any questions? Maybe Pat can fill in where I can't, but 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)

HIGHWAY REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Next is Highway request to fill vacancies for foreman and laborer. And Pat Seib is here to –

Pat Seib: Yes, good morning. Patrick Seib, County Highway Superintendent, former Assistant County Engineer. This is to fill, we're down one foreman position. I think he resigned earlier this year due to health reasons . We've had our guys covering it trying to make up his workload, but this would definitely help us out on that. This is also to fill a laborer's position. We're down several laborers but this would help our crews out as well.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve, Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. Any questions? Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: I was wondering, how many laborers are you down?

Pat Seib: Currently, we have 14 laborer positions. We are down two, we're down to 12, but functionally, we're down three because we've had to pull in one laborer to cover the secretary position that's vacant. So we're down 20 percent on our laborer's force.

Councilmember Goebel: But you're getting by, right? Is the workload right now a little bit less because of obviously, no funds to do work?

Pat Seib: I wouldn't say that the workload is less because we've still got a whole lot of work out there to do. Right now, we are covering what we're doing. We're making do right now.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Could we hold just a moment on this?

President Shetler: Yes. Do you want to just temporarily, is that what –

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Shetler: Alright, Pat, we're going to go ahead and go down to the next item then and Councilman Raben has a couple questions I think he wants to seek here.

Pat Seib: Sure thing.

President Shetler: Alright, thanks.

CENTRAL DISPATCH REQUEST FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

President Shetler: Next is Central Dispatch, Rodney. Request for $60,000 from 911 Capital Improvement Fund for communication upgrade.

Rodney Buchanan: Yes, sir. Good morning, Rodney Buchanan, Director of Central Dispatch. What this is, we were informed by our present vendor of our communications system about a year ago that we're at end-of-life issues with our present EDAC system. They're saying that's probably going to come to attrition probably in about five to six years. We thought we would get the ball rolling early and this funding request is for a consultant to come in and do a needs assessment, assist us with our RFP, and search for vendors for the project.

President Shetler: Okay, yes, Ed.

Councilmember Bassemier: I understand that there's areas out there that, you talk on the radio, it just goes dead. You can't get through.

Rodney Buchanan: Right. That's one part of the phase as far as the upgrade project goes. There's areas in the northern part of the county and other areas of the county that you have coverage issues, which is public safety and an officer safety issue. So hopefully when this upgrade project is completed, that will take care of the majority of those issues.

President Shetler: Is it on a digital system now or analog?

Rodney Buchanan: Analog.

President Shetler: And we're switching to digital?

Rodney Buchanan: Yes.

President Shetler: Will that create other issues with receiving? Other expenditures down the line here that will –

Rodney Buchanan: Yeah, that I can't answer right now. I mean, that's one thing we're hoping a consultant can tell us once they do the needs assessment. They're going to meet with all the different, the four main users: police, fire, county police and county suburban fire, and hopefully they'll have those answers for us. They're going to come in and do that, they're going to do a big coverage survey of the whole

county, bring their equipment in to do that, and meet with all the individual users and help us with the RFP.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: I have a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Any other questions?

Councilmember Goebel: And this comes directly from 911 funds?

Rodney Buchanan: Yes, Capital Improvement Funds.

Councilmember Goebel: 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Rodney Buchanan: Thank you very much.

HIGHWAY REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Shetler: James, ready for Highway, again?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I guess there was a question on the account number, but we've got that answered so we're good to go. I'll move approval.

President Shetler: I think we had a motion and a second. Okay, there being 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: The motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONTINUATION OF INNKEEPERS TAX FUNDING FOR CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING

President Shetler: Next is on the resolution of the County Council of Vanderburgh County requesting the continuation of the two percent Convention Center Operating Fund beyond December 31st, 2014. We will need those additional funds coming in to help with the operating expenses and stuff, so I need a motion –

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Got a motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye or do we need to take a roll call on that?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Thank you.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Okay, James.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have amendments to the salary ordinance. Everyone has been given a three page document with several amendments. I'm going to move that these documents be entered into the minutes and make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the salary ordinance amendments? 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)

President Shetler: Okay, do I have anybody that wishes to address the County Council? Seeing none, a motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Thank you and the next regularly scheduled meeting is Personnel & Finance and that's at the end of this month in October as far as regular schedule. And we'll take up the budget, final hearing on the budget I guess in about ten minutes because its advertised at 9:00 and we cannot begin before that. So we'll have a ten minute recess.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
FINAL BUDGET HEARING
OCTOBER 9, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 9th day of October, 2013 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: Welcome to the final budget hearing. It's October 9th and it's 9:00, so I'd like to open the meeting first of all with attendance 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 and no one absent, we have a quorum, and I'd like to, first of all, make a few comments. This year and the last three or four years in a row we've been operating with, basically on about a 53 million dollar expenditure for our general fund budget. This year, we've really had a tough task in front of us to reduce the expenditures down to about 49 million or a little less, a little shy of that. And I'm happy and proud to say that I think we've accomplished that, in fact, I know we've accomplished it assuming that we get the majority support today and I feel confident we will. We've done that by looking hard at, Councilman Raben mentioned a few weeks back that we needed to look at the contracts that we had out there. Some of those have been just in play for a long period of time, they hadn't been reviewed, they've just been automatically renewed year after year. He and I and others have taken a real hard look at that. We've sat down with the various different contractors and we probably have reduced the total burden on the taxpayers by over 2 million dollars on contracts alone. So that's been a significant savings to the taxpayers. We've been able to accomplish other cuts and savings largely due to officeholders and department heads being very aggressive on sharpening their pencils and knives and being able to get that down to a real workable budget so we are able to accomplish that task. I think the future is getting ready to start turning for us. I think with more and more people being employed and the economy turning ever so slightly, I believe that the income will start coming back to our coffers next year and perhaps it won't be quite as difficult next year as it was this year. But we did have a big chunk to take off this year and give a lot of credit to our finance chairman, Councilman Raben for his hard work and efforts, and greatly appreciate it. So with that, I will pass the baton to our finance chairman, Councilman Raben, and you can take it from here.

APPROVAL OF 2014 SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Mr. President. And those that may feel some of these cuts are drastic, bear in mind that as Tom stated at our 52 or roughly 53 million dollar budget that we operated under this year, we're also operating by year

end about two million in the red. So that actually gives us no excess revenues to use on anything. So this gets us as close as we can possibly get without shutting down a lot of county government. So with that being said, I am going to move that all salaries and rates as listed in the 2014 salary ordinance be approved, and make the salary ordinance part of the record. This includes all FICA and PERF to be adjusted accordingly.

Councilmember Swaim: Second, Mr. Chairman.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'm in agreement with the exception of one office. Not really questioning the salary, but I think the city-county sharing of Area Plan should be adjusted or renegotiated. I know we have a contract through 2014, however, since that contract was originally presented, things have changed. The city side has grown and the county side has decreased and I think the funding should reflect that.

President Shetler: Point well taken. Anybody else have any questions?

Councilmember Swaim: I'm not sure if Commissioner Abel will be able to shed any light on that topic but she's here if she would care to do so, if she's had any negotiations at all with the –

President Shetler: Yeah, and I will say Councilman Abel has been working hard on that, I know, trying to get something resolved between the city and the county on that.

Marsha Abell: We are working on that. We do have, as you know, a contract, and we are bound by it. But I have talked to the mayor and Mr. Harrison and Mr. Zeimer are talking about making those changes. So I can't tell you what the changes will be right now, but we are working in that direction.

Councilmember Goebel: When the Area Plan director came before us, he said the workload was split about 50/50 or maybe even more so toward the city. And it seems like before January 1 we could perhaps work this out or renegotiate. Is that a possibility?

Marsha Abell: Well, it's a possibility. You know, we can't force it because we are in a contract, but I think the gentlemen's conversation that I've had with the mayor, we are going to be able to make some alterations. I think at this point, you know, my opinion is, we should be looking at about 60/40 with us being 60 because we are going to be using Area Plan extensively in the University Parkway extension in these next couple of years and so then the city could come back with the same argument that we put toward them that we're using them too much. And I think 50/50 never works, even if we go 55/45, 50/50 never works. So we will hope to get close to that, yes.

President Shetler: Okay. At this point, I think the way to address your question or your issue, Mike, would be to make a motion to amend that original motion to separate that particular line out of there if you wish, or we can let it stand however you want to address it.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I just believe that things have changed in our

community and that funding for that position should change as well, reflect that, so I make the motion that we endorse the salary amendments but withdraw Area Plan and vote on it separately.

President Shetler: I stand to be corrected a little bit. Sorry about that, Mike. Actually, this would be to establish the salary in at this point in time and we can amend later to separate it out when we start talking about the budget itself. But as far as the salary, unless you want to change the salary itself, and that's my error –

Councilmember Goebel: No, I think that's the salary that we had agreed to before, so –

President Shetler: So we'll let that motion stand and then we'll go back and address changing that if you –

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: I withdraw my motion.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions, then? We have a motion and a second.

Councilmember Raben: The only question, again, your question pertains more to the structure that the city and county has and the split, where we're purely addressing the salaries here. So I mean, the question isn't on –

Councilmember Goebel: I don't have a question on that.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah. We have a motion on the floor –

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Alright, any other questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: The salary is okay, it's just we want the city to pay more on their part, but the salary is okay.

President Shetler: Yes. Alright, 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)

APPROVAL OF LIST A

Councilmember Raben: Next, all Councilmembers have been given a copy of what is called List A and it is corrected positions, titles, salaries and what have you. I'll move that this list be entered into the record and motion to approve.

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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF EXHIBITS A - H

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I jumped ahead just a moment, I will move that Exhibit A through H within the salary ordinance be approved as listed, and again, we've already moved that this be entered in and made part of the record.

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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF LISTS B AND C

President Shetler: Okay, everyone has been given a copy which is List B of any additional cuts and additions that are changes since our first budget approval, so I will move that List A be approved and entered into the minutes. Along with List A, Sheriff Williams provided everybody with a new copy of the Misdemeanor Housing budget where he needed to make some adjustments to that budget where there is a shortfall of revenues coming in. I'm going to call that List C, and ask that we also approve List C and it be made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So the motion is to approve List B and List C?

Councilmember Raben: B & C.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I will second that motion.

President Shetler: Okay, 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF 2014 INSURANCE BUDGET

Councilmember Raben: Okay next I'll move that the Council approve the 2014 Insurance budget as listed. These figures represent the county share of the current health plans, with the total employee contribution of eight percent. These figures are for full time county employees and do not include insurance for Superior Court magistrates. At this time I'd like to ask that this insurance data be made part of the minutes and make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll 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)

APPROVAL OF 2000, 3000 AND 4000 ACCOUNTS FOR ALL COUNTY BUDGETS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I'll move that all other 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts for the 2014 budget be adopted as previously approved for the following and I do need to read these out for the record: 911 Emergency Service, Area Plan Commission, Area Plan Commission/COIT, Assessor, Assessor/Reassessment for 2015, Auditor, Auditor/Ineligible Homestead Deduction, Auditor/Reassessment for 2015, Burdette Park, Burdette Park/COIT, Circuit Court, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Clerk, Clerk/COIT, Clerk/Elected Officials Training, Clerk IV-D, Commissioners, Commissioners/CCD, Commissioners/COIT, Community Corrections, Convention Centre, Centre Operation fund, Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Cooperative Extension, Cooperative Extension/COIT, Coroner, County Council, County Council/COIT, Cumulative Bridge, Draining Board, Drug & Alcohol Deferral Service, Election Office, Health Department, Highway, Jail, Jail Bond, Jail/COIT, Legal Aid, Legal Aid United Way, Local Drug Free Community, Local Emergency Plan Commission, Local Roads & Streets, Misdemeanor Offender Housing, Proper-

ty Tax Assessment Board of Appeals/Reassessment 2015, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, 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/Elected Officials Training, Surveyor Maps, The Centre, Tourism Capital Improvement, Treasurer, Treasurer/COIT, Treasurer/Elected Officials Training, Veterans Administration, Voters Registration, and Weights and Measures. I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

President Shetler: Thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. In the interest of full disclosure I do want to bring up one thing real quickly and that is on the dental clinic, it's in the Health department. You might notice that we did find a way to put $50,000 into that for this coming year. Let me explain to you how that was done. We met last week with the Health Department officials and officials at Echo. And they've really put together a very good plan that's going to get a lot better value for our dollar than what we've gotten in the past. They've formed a coalition of private dentists that will be offering their services at the Medicare rates. In addition to that, Echo was able to prescreen all of their qualified people and each individual will be paying according to their fair share that's by federal guidelines, that's according to their income. Everybody has got a little piece of this action and everybody has taken a little bit of a haircut as well. So I think this is something that's going to work out well. I think we'll serve more people, I think we'll do it for a lot of less money than what we have in the past. Now on the flip side of that, what we're doing in order to come up with that $50,000 is the Health Department and Echo are sitting down and basically inventorying the services that they are providing to the public today. There are probably a good amount of duplications in service providing throughout the community at present day. We think that there may be some substantial savings on the Health Department's behalf that Echo perhaps may be better suited for. On the other hand, there may be some areas where the Health Department is a little better suited that Echo has currently taken on. So I think when it all shakes out, we will more than save that $50,000. I think the public, the community will be better served and the taxpayers, of course, will see some reduction in the cost of providing those services. In addition to that, we're able to expand the service of the dental clinic, so while there will not be a separate building, they'll be going to a private dentist somewhat of their choice, I think we're going to be offering a superior service to the public. So just, I'll be happy to answer any questions but just did want to bring that up. Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: If a prospective client needs service, does he call Echo or the Health Department?

President Shetler: They would go to Echo. The Health Department is merely the funding source for providing the money and then they will go through Echo. Echo has several financial partners involved in this, including the hospitals. As I said, the dentists are taking a bit of a haircut on it. The federal government and different people are partnering into this, so I think all said and done, it becomes a collaborate agreement between all of us.

Councilmember Goebel: Good work.

President Shetler: Well, Sandee McMillen really deserves a whole lot of credit. She's been putting this together for a long time and really, I think, has put together something that's going to work out well for the taxpayers. So any other questions? Alright.

Councilmember Raben: Job well done. Okay, thank you. Next we'll move to –

President Shetler: I don't think we voted on that yet, on that whole list. We had 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 motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY TAX RATE

President Shetler: Okay, next I move that the County Council set a county tax rate as deemed appropriate by the State of Indiana Tax Commissioners following their final review of our budget. I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE TAX RATE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I'd like to move that we set our Cum Bridge rate at three cents per one hundred dollars assessed valuation, I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: 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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: And Mr. President, that would conclude our 2014 budget session. Thanks, everybody, for the hard work and effort. As Tom stated earlier, this will help heal us from this year and hopefully give us something to operate with next year. It may not be deep enough, but I can promise you, it's not too deep. So I look forward to next year and hopefully things will be easier and maybe we'll be able to pave a few more miles of road next year and continue to maintain our current staffing throughout county government. So, again, thank you, everybody and that concludes this meeting.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. And I do, again, in the interest of full disclosure here, all of the contracts that we set out to work on, have been pretty much finalized, I think there's some final i's to be dotted and t's to be crossed on a few of those, but we do have an agreement or at least a good mutual understanding there. But one of them, and that's the YCC contract, there's a little bit of a difference there, but we do have opinions and where we are. We have set that amount in for what we can afford to do. We do have a plan B if that contract does not get totally settled out. In fact, we have a plan B and a plan C. And plan B and C are probably less expensive than what we put in here. So we do have some alternatives here and feel that we can live within this. Unlike the federal government when they say that they're taking a cut, that means that their increase isn't going to go up as high. This is a real cut, guys. I mean, we've spent 53 million last year, we're going to be spending less than – or this current year – we're going to be spending less than 49 next year. So out of the general fund, it's a real cut. So everybody has done a very good job. And unlike the federal government, we get good cooperation with everybody and I greatly appreciate that. So thank you. Any other comments?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I would just like to thank you, Mr. President and Finance Chairman Raben, and for all the hard work that you've done. I know that hours and hours have been spent on this process and negotiations to get to this number and just appreciate your efforts on behalf of our taxpayers. Also to Ms. Deig and Ms. Nunn, thank you for your work in your office and to the department heads. I think that this just shows how well our county government is working together just for the common good of our taxpayers. So job well done to all. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you. In that list, too, start naming out different ones, it does get hard, but I do want to point out Joe and Teri and their hard work and they put in tons and tons of hours on it. I know some of that, Joe was able to find areas for example in the rent that we were able to distribute to other funding sources and stuff instead of getting it out of our general fund. So that saved us better than a quarter of a million dollars in some of those cuts we've been talking about. So we appreciate the efforts that Teri and Joe have done, and thank you for that. Anybody else have any comments? If not, then a motion – yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: To echo what Angela said, thanks for all those groups but I think entering this year's budget, the department heads did a great job. There was not much to cut. So our job was very difficult and thanks to Mr. Shetler and Mr. Raben for finding creative ways to make this thing work. And it's a shame that we're operating with much less. Hopefully, that will change in the future and maybe it will make it better for the county employees as well. It's a sad state right now, but it is, what it is. Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Alright, a motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. Thank you very much. We'll see you later this month.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.)

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in special session this 30th day of October, 2013 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good afternoon and I'd like for the clerk 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	

President Shetler: There being seven members present, no one absent, we have a quorum.

President Shetler: And again, the purpose of this special meeting is to deal with a resolution concerning the hotel project and also resolutions and ordinances that deal with the softball complex that's going to be out on Heckel Road there. The first item will be for the resolution from the County Council authorizing an appropriation of funds on the hotel project.

CO.R-11-13-019
RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL SUPPORTING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE HOTEL PROJECT

Mike Schopmeyer: Mike Schopmeyer, Kahn Dees Donovan and Kahn. I'm here on behalf of the Convention & Visitors Commission as well as Bob Warren. We have with us today on these four items, our Commissioners Rita Bauer, Earl Milligan, President John Montrastelle, Kevin Stahl, Ward Shaw, Mike Roeder, and Donna, I don't believe could be with us this afternoon. We also have bond counsel, which will be for items C and D coming up, Kostas Poulakidas with the Krieg law firm out of Indianapolis, and Jim Treat with the Krohn accounting firm to deal with the financial issues, and he'll address the board on items C and D. The design team for the complex is with us from BLA, Jim Farney, and from VPS is Sara Schuler. And then most importantly, because this all is driving revenue, Jim Miller is with us from ASA, who will be bringing the teams in to fill this complex up. The first item in front of you is a separate matter, it's on the hotel complex. The commission voted several weeks ago to fund it at the rate of $200,000 per year for a ten year period, from the Innkeeper's Tax. And there is a part of that fund, that Tourism Improvement, that can only be used for capital projects, the hotel being one, convention center being another we've done before, and then, of course, what we're here to talk about the most today, the bond financing for the softball complex. And obviously, you're the appropriating body, so we've tendered you a resolution that just shows you support the action that was taken by the commissioners, the Convention and Visitors Commissioners, to make that funding for the hotel project. And I believe, since the

city is driving that one, they've asked that we tender that to you and seek your vote of support for that 200,000 per year over a ten year period. Is that correct, Bob?

Bob Warren: Correct.

Mike Schopmeyer: So that's item A on the special meeting. Again, thank you for having this special meeting today. We appreciate that.

President Shetler: Okay, does everybody understand the question in front of us?

Mike Schopmeyer: This is Innkeeper Tax money, not in any of your other funds.

President Shetler: And Innkeepers money can only be used for capital type of improvements that are –

Mike Schopmeyer: From this fund.

President Shetler: – essentially investments to bring in more tax revenue that will help offset other community projects. So, let's see, do we need a motion or do we need to read that?

Jeff Ahlers: You should ask for a motion to pass the resolution and read in its title.

President Shetler: Okay, we need a motion on resolution number CO.R-11-13-019 Resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council Supporting Appropriation of Funds for the Hotel Project.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I would make a motion that – you need the motion now for the first reading?

President Shetler: Correct.

Jeff Ahlers: No.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Make a motion for approval on the resolution.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: 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)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CO.R-11-13-020
RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL SUPPORTING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL COMPLEX REAL ESTATE

President Shetler: So now we go on to B, which is a Resolution for the purchase of the property for the softball complex.

Mike Schopmeyer: Yes, and this will require that we come back to you because the notice, there was a notice that was prepared for C and D, which is the bond financing, our main purpose for being here today, but we also tried to put this in and we didn't have the appropriation notice correctly on our behalf. Its my fault for that. But we want to go ahead and get the support today because this all dovetails together and, Joe, I think we've talked about the 27th?

Joe Gries: Yes, assuming that the Council would want to have a special meeting, there could be an appropriation approved at that meeting, that we would then submit to the state and those funds would be available early in December.

Mike Schopmeyer: So you're here meeting anyway, obviously, if you vote in favor of this, but we've got to dot our i's and cross our t's because this is an appropriation. You've already appropriated this in the budget for 2014, we need to move it to '13. It's the view of bond counsel as well as financial counsel as well as the underwriters, City Securities, we need to get to the bond market, have the potential to get to the bond market as quickly as we can. We'll talk about that a little bit more in just one second. But we have to have the real estate first and almost all the due diligence is done, it's all went well. We've been through zoning hearings. The only thing that's left is I think, Sarah, we're waiting on some borings.

(Inaudible)

Mike Schopmeyer: Yeah, so the only due diligence that's left is the borings and then we can close on that land. And that's been approved by the Convention Commission many, many months ago, but we have to bring it through you for that appropriation. So we'd like your vote of support. We'll bring it back for a final vote on the 27th in a special meeting, notice it, we will coordinate with the Auditor's office.

President Shetler: Okay, so this –

Mike Schopmeyer: And this is the project, Bob is here and people have questions that shows where the land is, the bond financing will be C and D.

President Shetler: Okay, so we need a motion for a resolution which will be 11-13-20, and that's for the supporting appropriation of funds for the purchase of the softball/baseball complex and that property itself.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about that motion? If not, --

Councilmember Swaim: This is just for first reading, right?

Jeff Ahlers: No.

Mike Schopmeyer: Essentially, it is. This is just a support resolution, Mr. Swaim, so it will come back for a formal appropriation, so yes, in a way it is like a first reading.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Swaim, to clarify for you, on the resolution, it only requires one reading, so this would be passing it. This resolution just says that you are supporting the appropriation and the actual appropriation request will be filed and then brought back on November 27. But so that I make sure you understand, unlike an ordinance, there is only one reading on a resolution so this is final, saying that you support it. But the actual appropriation request will come back on November 27th. Does that answer your question?

Councilmember Swaim: Yeah, thanks for the clarification.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have a motion and a second. Any other 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: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: And let the record show that there was a unanimous vote on both the resolutions that we've done.

CO-11-13-010
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA, REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF REVENUES TO BE PLEDGED AS RENTALS UNDER A LEASE

President Shetler: Then the next is to have an ordinance, and this will be a hearing on the ordinance, an ordinance of the County Council of Vanderburgh County regarding an additional appropriation of revenues to be pledged as rentals under a lease. We need to have – okay.

Mike Schopmeyer: This first item is an ordinance. This is for the bond financing. I am going to let Jim Treat, who is with the Krohn firm just briefly go through the financing. We've talked about this before in a meeting here, but today I'll let him give you more details. He's certainly sent data to you. But just briefly describe that. This ordinance will require a waiver to vote on it today because an ordinance requires three votes. Jeff, Mr. Ahlers will address that, and then the next item goes hand in hand with that, and that's for the funding. Kostas is here as well to talk about the bond issues. But let's just briefly go through the appropriation body, he'll talk about the money, 14 million, not to exceed 14 million, bond cap, interest rate, we'll go through around 6%, 20-something years, I think we've met all the parameters we've talked to all of you about before, but I'll let him go through that. That's what's in

these ordinances. They're required by law, it gives us a starting gun and then to go out and go to the market with these bonds, which we can't do until we have the real estate deal done which will be some time early in December, and then we'll probably go to bid first before we would actually issue these bonds. So with that, I'll introduce Jim Treat from the Krohn accounting firm to talk to you about the economics of these bond issues.

Jim Treat: Thank you, Mike. We did prepare a brief handout and hopefully you all got a chance to get a copy of this, take a look at it. This one here. I've got a few extra copies if you want to take those with you, if you don't have them. But I think I'm going to just touch on, highlight the key things that you'll want to hear about today. We have in there, in this handout, the working budget for the project, our sources and uses. We have a sample of the bond structure, and then the summary that Mike was just briefly referring to of the key terms that are included in the bond documents that you want to authorize. And these are the ones that set the caps. And it's really in the last page of this document that I'm going to refer to these numbers. So we have caps in for your approval in the documents of a maximum bond amount of 14 million dollars. The Convention & Visitors Bureau plans on using funds on hand for a portion of the project to help keep the bond amount down, probably be using around two million dollars of convention improvement fund monies on hand. We want to limit, we will go no more than 23 years on the bond issue, the outstanding term. The maximum, not the expected, but the maximum interest rate in the documents will be six percent and as far as your total annual debt payment or lease payment to pay back the bonds, the limit is 1.1 million dollars. Now we also have in this document our current estimate and we're hoping right now to keep that payment at just under a million dollars a year, is our goal in bringing this to market as quickly as we can, realizing an interest rate probably averaging about 4 ½ percent and right now we're thinking the size of the bond is about 13.3 million with the funds on hand. That's subject to change with bids to come in and such, but in any event, it will never exceed 14 million dollars. And I think the important part that I need to touch on while I'm here and then I can answer questions for you and any more detail that you want is, how are these bonds going to be repaid? And the source of payment for these bonds is going to be our Innkeepers Tax revenue, just from the portion that goes into the capital improvement fund. Right now, we're assuming it's a minimum of a million and a half. It's actually running almost closer to a million six a year, just for the portion that goes into the improvement fund. So if we have a goal of a million dollars or less payment, we have a million and a half to a million six in revenue, we've got one and a half times bond payment coverage. That's the key credit factor that lenders will be looking at and bond purchasers. So that's a good baseline start. And we are also asking the County Council for your approval of using COIT revenues solely as a credit enhancement backup. We have no plans to use COIT to make any payments, but it would be very similar to the lease rental refunding bonds that you did this summer. You had a refunding, I think those are bonds that are paid with, not Innkeepers Tax, but with the Food & Beverage Tax. But again, to get a very high credit rating on the market, you pledge COIT strictly as a backup. And so we'd like to do the same thing because our goal is to go to Standard & Poor's and get at least the same rating that they did on those bonds, which was a AA- rating. And with the COIT backup, we believe we can do at least that because with the COIT revenues thrown in and even considering the other bonds that have a COIT backup on it, we have like eleven times coverage of – when you compare the available revenues to the actual debt obligation, so its an excellent coverage ratio. And if we can pull this together and get the rating we want with these kind of backups, we're looking at a savings from the COIT of probably somewhere in the range of 75,000 a year in interest, which over the term of the bonds is a million four of savings that Bob can use that Innkeepers Tax revenue then for other projects

like the hotel and other things that come up. So that's really how we're looking at this and with that, I will stop and answer any questions that you have on any other information about the budget or financing, bond financing in general.

President Shetler: My question is a little bit off the subject, I think, here, but it's still puzzling to me. You're projecting a four and a half percent rate?

Jim Treat: We're using that right now as kind of our budget estimate.

President Shetler: Yeah, I mean, if we're getting a AA rating, I just, on a 20 year term, it just seems to me that – I'm comparing it to like mortgage rates and also business rates now that are three and three quarters or four percent. And at least our wherewithal may be a little shakier than what our present position would be as the county, that seems high and I just –

Jim Treat: I hope it's conservative. We aim to be conservative and we hope we can beat that, but I don't want to give you a rate. Its just been a very volatile market this year on the municipal bond market. And over the course of the time period, let's say April/May to the late summer, we saw interest rates on bonds which aren't these kind of bonds which have been at historic lows go up 150 basis points, a percent and a half, which was really unprecedented in terms of change in a short period.

President Shetler: I mean, because this is all tax free.

Jim Treat: It is tax free and that's what I'm talking about, tax exempt rates and so we're trying to be very conservative in setting these parameters and setting the sizing because if the interest rates do another trick like that and it's very difficult to predict what they'll do, we don't want to have to come back to you and say, well, this budget doesn't work anymore. I mean, obviously we're not going to do that. We're going to make it work, so we hope we're conservative and we'll do a better job. But with the – we'll have 22 and a half years of payments, and it will actually be outstanding or, excuse me, 21 and a half years, but it will be 22 and a half because during construction, you can't make lease payments. So we have to have all the interest payments on the bonds in the bond issue itself. And so it's actually for the bond market, it's closer to the 23 term. And so 23 years does add some cost there but in order to keep our payment down at that million dollars and enable the Convention & Visitors Bureau to do other capital projects that need to be done and not tie up all the money, that's how we're trying to balance it.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Will the announcement by Mr. Bernanke that they're going to continue the current federal reserve program for a while stabilize the interest rates for this project?

Jim Treat: Yes, I think it has done that. I think its definitely helped.

Councilmember Goebel: So you don't look for any more volatility?

Jim Treat: No, I do not, but I'm in contact with the underwriters pretty frequently and the problem is, its just been a very unpredictable market. And so we have not seen any issues come up in the last couple of months that we've been real actively working on this. But that's, we're trying to get all the ducks in a row so we can hopefully get to market before year end, while we're in, relatively speaking, a stable environment.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

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

Jim Treat: Thank you.

President Shetler: Mike? Anything else?

Mike Schopmeyer: The only thing I would add, this is the same team that's doing the Westfield project, I don't know if I've alluded to that before, which is the other I guess you could say, competing project, but we wanted to make sure that we had a team that had experience with this. So Westfield opens next spring and it's a multiplex, which is essentially what we'll have, with Goebel combined with this facility. So they've worked on that for a couple of years, so they're very experienced in these kind of projects. This is our first Innkeepers Tax bond. We'd rather not have the sweetener, but at $75,000 savings a year, we see it being incredibly, well, almost impossible to ever be hit because this tax also, this body has the ability to raise this tax at any time. We have our own unique statute, we fought hard over the years. We and Marion County, Allen County, were fortunate enough to be the first convention commissions in the state, and so we have our own unique statute. So to amend that, as we've done over the 40 years I think the statute has been in place or 35, we have the flexibility so I think all that bodes well. This is a really consistent revenue stream, much more consistent we think than Food & Beverage. I think data bears it out, Joe could speak to that, its been much more consistent than really Food & Beverage and casino. But the market is just like property tax and income tax, they always have, its been around for 150 years and that's what the market wants. So that's why we have included in this the sweetener. Don't see any reason it will ever be touched, but its there. That's not the way you have to approve it today, you have to approve because you are our appropriation body. So the biggest part of this is the 14 million cap and all the terms which conservatively, our financial team is giving to us. So this is what we need to have for the next step to be able to go to the market. So happy to answer any other questions. There is a procedural issue on C, I'll let Jeff, Mr. Ahlers address that, and then D, probably ought to have two separate votes, but they run together, they're just required by law to be separate.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question, not so much on the bond but just on the general project, did I understand you to say that rezoning is complete or incomplete? What's the status on that?

Mike Schopmeyer: Its complete. So the only contingency we have left in the real estate land acquisition agreement is some soil borings and those are delayed because we didn't want to ruin the crops that were out there. So we delayed that and the seller allowed us to do that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So all the steps are in place except for financing at this point?

Mike Schopmeyer: Uh-huh. Environmental is done, title work is done, zoning requirements past unanimously, I might say.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Great. Thank you.

President Shetler: Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Mike or Bob, just to reiterate, this project will not cost the Vanderburgh County taxpayer any direct funds, correct?

Bob Warren: That is correct, this is coming out of lodging funds.

Councilmember Goebel: And this will be constructed entirely by funds from the Innkeepers Tax and the facility will be maintained with funding from the Innkeepers Tax, so it will not become a burden in the future on Vanderburgh County taxpayers.

Bob Warren: Lodging tax collections and revenues that are generated by the facility.

Councilmember Goebel: And the community, Keystone, for instance, has bought into the project?

Bob Warren: They have agreed and its been basically voted on by their organization to support the complex.

Councilmember Goebel: I commend them for their progressive attitude, it's going to be a big, big positive for this community. It's a shame that it hasn't been done before, but we're taking property now that its not going to cost us anything, so in a lot of ways its going to be a gift to Vanderburgh County, utilized by our residents and also to bring in quality of life programs. Thank you.

Bob Warren: Thank you.

President Shetler: I might point out, since Mike brought it up, our appointee to the commission is a resident of that neighborhood and I think very supportive of it as well. So that's probably been a help and if she wished, she could shed some light on that, but I think the neighbors have been fairly supportive of it, overall. Anybody else? And I will also point out that that revenue is going to be increasing, the source of this, based on the new hotel and we have provided the support for that and that's going to add another couple hundred heads in the beds and taxes coming in to help generate more revenue in the long run here for us.

Mike Schopmeyer: For example, we're going into the Veterans weekend, I think we're full, right, Rita? Kevin?

(Inaudible)

Mike Schopmeyer: So this is an example that this weekend, don't go to the restaurants because this is one of the biggest soccer weekends that we have. Softball will be the same, so I was in Columbus over the weekend for the semi-state for cross country and it was filled with softball girls.

Bob Warren: We will have about 300 teams in here over the next two weeks, generating in excess of three million dollars in direct expenditures and we're hoping that when the softball complex is up and running, that we stabilize at somewhere between 20 and 25 tournaments a year that will be generating another 13 to 15 million dollars in direct expenditures and lodging. So this is exciting and its been a long process, but we're looking very forward to it.

Councilmember Goebel: And, Bob, this project also includes funding to revitalize the Goebel Soccer Complex, is that correct?

Bob Warren: We're hoping to be able to phase that in. The 14 million dollar cap that we have is not going to allow us to immediately make improvements, but we hope to phase that in. I think probably one of the first things we'll be looking at will be the lighting. We have four fields at Goebel that need lighting. Some of the improvements there will be a championship field with bleachers, additional lighting, another turf field at some point in time, replacement of the existing turf field, which we believe still have several more years left in it. But the 14 million dollar cap on this is primarily being spent on the softball/baseball complex.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Terry: Mr. Warren, do you know, I guess, roughly, how much you might have available in addition in the Innkeepers Tax fund to do other projects to support other quality of life amenities in our community?

Bob Warren: Yes ma'am. Ms. Terry, currently, when we complete this process we'll still have about two million dollars in the bank for other projects. We are looking for growth associated with the softball/baseball facilities and what that generates, we're hoping to have somewhere between 5 and $600,000 a year available for other quality of life projects, plus the growth.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. I guess I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Goebel Soccer Complex and everything is also named after Mike Goebel's parents here as a memorial, so I wanted to mention that as well.

Mike Schopmeyer: One thing I would point out before we vote on item C and D, it will be necessary to ask for remonstrators, because this is a public hearing.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you.

Jeff Ahlers: On the ordinance, as you know, on ordinances, it typically takes more than one reading, takes multiple readings. In order for us to be able to pass this ordinance number CO-11-13-010, we need to have a motion that before addressing the ordinance, a motion for unanimous consent to pass on first reading, the ordinance. And if that passes unanimously, then we will bring up the ordinance for a vote. And then there would be discussion and a recognition if there's any remonstrators present. So first we would need a motion for unanimous consent to pass on first reading.

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. Chairman, I'll make that motion that this ordinance as it is read into the minutes today will constitute the first and final reading.

Jeff Ahlers: Could you read in the actual motion, Mr. Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes. The Vanderburgh County Council hereby moves that by unanimous consent of its members present that ordinance number CO-11-13-010 an ordinance of the County Council of Vanderburgh County, Indiana regarding an additional appropriation of revenues to be pledged as rentals under a lease shall be voted upon and passed at this meeting on the date it was introduced as the first and final reading and waiving any further readings.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded, do I have any questions? 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 unanimously.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Now we need a motion for the ordinance itself and then we'll ask for remonstrators after we get the question on the table. So I need a motion for approving the ordinance itself.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve ordinance number CO-11-13-010.

President Shetler: Okay, and do I have a second?

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: I have a second. Do I have any remonstrators? Anyone present that wishes to speak in opposition to the project or to this particular ordinance? Seeing no one – well, the sign is there – I don't think I see anybody. Nobody there. Okay, we have a motion and a second, do I have any questions then about the motion? Any other discussion among ourselves? If not, all in favor – well, let's do a roll call, I guess.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Just want to say that this is an exciting project and I'm pleased to 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: Yes. There being seven members for and none against, the motion carries unanimously.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CO.R-11-13-021
RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL DETERMINING A NEED FOR THE PROJECT AND DESIGNATING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, APPROVING CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES OF THE EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING A PLEDGE OF INNKEEPERS TAX REVENUES OF THE COUNTY AND, IF AND WHEN NEEDED, COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX REVENUES OF THE COUNTY FOR THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

President Shetler: Then the last one, does that conclude everything on the ordinance part of it? Okay, then the next is a resolution of County Council determining a need for the project and designating an economic development project approving certain capital expenditures of the Evansville Vanderburgh County Convention & Visitors Bureau authorizing a pledge of Innkeepers Tax revenues of the county and if and when needed, the County Option Income Tax revenues of the county for the payment of certain lease rental payments and providing for other matters connected therewith. That sounded pretty legal. I didn't write it.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: I've got a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? Do I have any objections? We'll do a roll call. We'll be a little formal on this.

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 unanimously and guys, this has been a long road.

Bob Warren: This is going to be a great thing.

President Shetler: Yeah, this is really great for Vanderburgh County. We're investing out of towner's money and I think I can say that pretty safely here, out-of-towner's money to bring in more out-of-towners to give us more of their money. And I don't see anything wrong with that. It's a happy day.

Bob Warren: That's the way the system works.

President Shetler: That's right, so thank you.

Bob Warren: Thank you so much.

President Shetler: And thank you for your leadership, Bob. You've done a good job on it.

Bob Warren: And my board, they're a great group.

President Shetler: We have several documents that need to be signed here, guys, so if you could hang on here for a minute as far as Council is concerned and we'll get these things done and it won't take us too long here. Any other business to come before the special meeting of the County Council? You're welcome to say anything, but we keep a record of this and –

Jim Miller: My name is Jim Miller, I'm the region umpire and chief for slow pitch in this area, I'm on the state staff of umpires. And as Mr. Goebel mentioned a while

ago, this has been long awaited and I want to just personally thank you all on behalf of ASA here and nationally for what you did today, because its going to pay off. Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Okay, anything else? Anybody else? Motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Thank you. October 4, I think, is our next scheduled – November 6. I'm not going to be here, so that's why I got it all goofed up. And by the way, that special meeting is November 27th and that will be at 8:45, that special meeting. It will be after our Personnel & Finance committee meeting at 8:45. Alright, thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of November in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Council Vice President Pete Swaim.

Councilmember Swaim: Good morning, everybody. We're going to go ahead and get started since the time has arrived. We'll start out with a 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

*** Arrived shortly after roll call**
**** Arrived during Public Defender discussion**

Councilmember Swaim: He is absent and let the record show that Councilperson Terry has now arrived and we'll start with our illustrious Auditor with helping us out with the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Swaim: Welcome Ryan Schultz to the circle up here subbing for Jeff Ahlers today. He is unavoidably detained elsewhere. Glad to have you with us. We'll move on for approval of minutes and this will be for the September 25th and October 9th meetings.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: The ayes have it.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Swaim: Appropriation ordinance, James, if you would be so kind.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, thank you. First on the agenda today is Area Plan. Request is for $2,000 for Communications. I will move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: All in favor signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: Motion carried.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-314000	Communications	2,000	2,000
Total		2,000	2,000

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Commissioners, this is $5,000 for cleaning up properties, I will move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Is there a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: All in favor signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-358000	County Property Cleanup	5,000	5,000
Total		5,000	5,000

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Next under Public Defender we have a $10,000 request for Pauper Transcripts and $36,682 for the pending death penalty case. I will move approval for a total of $46,682.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion made and seconded. Before we vote, does anybody have any questions? Steve is in the audience if anybody has any questions about that.

Councilmember Goebel: Have we had any recent updates on the total expenses of that case that have been approved, the individual?

Councilmember Swaim: We'll have to have Mr. Owens come up and let us know.

Councilmember Goebel: Did you think you were getting off on that, Steve?

Steve Owens: I didn't hear your question, Mike.

Councilmember Goebel: Have we had any comprehensive list of the expenses or the expenses since at least the last report has been given to us, that have been paid out?

Steve Owens: I think as I told you last week, we were somewhere total less than 700,000. With this appropriation, I think that puts us up around 700,000. I don't have the exact number. This pays out all of the expenses for the trial and the trial transcript. We will have additional expenses incurred for the appeal.

Councilmember Goebel: You stated that. I was wondering if we could get more specific on the expenses, if we could get a report on that. Is that possible?

Steve Owens: I can get you an up to date report. I think, what, I sent you one about a month or so ago as to what had been paid out and I can get you the update for that. I can email that to all the members.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President? Mr. Owens, good morning.

Steve Owens: Good morning.

Councilmember Bassemier: Now the state is paying half of this. Now our portion, when you said 700,000, is that what's going to come out of our pocket? Is half of that, is going to be paid by the state?

Steve Owens: You'll get reimbursed 50 percent of that, so basically, --

Councilmember Bassemier: Our part is, say, $350,000 at the present time.

Steve Owens: When you receive all of the reimbursement, you will be out of pocket about $350,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. You know I've been against this all along, but I'm

going to support this today because we've got to get this over with. Okay?

Steve Owens: I'm glad to get it over with, too.

Councilmember Swaim: Any other questions for Steve? I guess that's it.

Steve Owens: Good, thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: Let the record reflect that Councilman Koehler Lindsey is also with us now. Okay, on Public Defender, everyone in favor signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: The motion carries.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1420-394700	Pauper Transcripts	10,000	10,000
1420-394800	Death Penalty	36,682	36,682
Total		46,682	46,682

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Swaim: James, next under County Council.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Council we have a request for $381,342. This is to pay our computer services expenses through the balance of 2013. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion made and seconded. All in favor signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: Motion carried.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-386000	Cont. Computer	381,342	381,342
Total		381,342	381,342

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's it for the General Fund. We'll move into Local Emergency Planning Commission. We have an appropriation request for Emergency Management in the amount of $3,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion made and seconded. All in favor signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: Motion carried.

LEPC		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1152-0000-321000	Emergency Mgmt.	3,500	3,500
Total		3,500	3,500

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councilmember Raben: Central Dispatch, 911, we have a request for $190,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion made and seconded. All in favor signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: Motion carried.

911		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1153-0000-389000	Central Dispatch	190,000	190,000
Total		190,000	190,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

SHERIFF
COMMISSIONERS
CIRCUIT COURT
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
JAIL (TWO REQUESTS)
SUPERIOR COURT

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL
BURDETTE PARK
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR
HIGHWAY (LATE)
AUDITOR (LATE)
PUBLIC DEFENDER (TWO REQUESTS)
LEGAL AID
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION
HIGHWAY
LOCAL ROADS & STREETS (LATE)
SUPERIOR COURT (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Has everyone had an opportunity to review all the transfers, including, after Auditor, we have a late transfer for Superior Court transferring $1,200 out of Printing into Food in the same amount of $1,200. If everyone is agreeable, I'll move that we approve all transfers including the late transfers as listed.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion made and seconded. All in favor signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: All the transfers are approved.

SHERIFF		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1050-105025	Sergeant	38,600	38,600
1000-1050-105115	Deputy	12,000	12,000
1000-1050-105119	Deputy	5,000	5,000
1000-1050-105132	Deputy	5,000	5,000
1000-1050-105140	Deputy	5,000	5,000
To: 1000-1050-130000	Overtime	59,600	59,600
1000-1050-153000	Shift Differential	6,000	6,000

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1230-312000	Postage/Freight	2,000	2,000
To: 1000-1230-320000	Utilities	500	500
1000-1230-352000	Maint. & Repair	500	500
1000-1230-313000	Travel/Mileage	1,000	1,000

COMMISSIONERS		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1300-30000	Insurance	37,000	37,000
To: 1000-1300-375000	Purchasing	37,000	37,000

JAIL		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1320-132018	Confinement Officer	8,000	8,000
1000-1320-132041	Confinement Officer	9,500	9,500
1000-1320-132043	Confinement Officer	9,000	9,000
1000-1320-132055	Confinement Officer	8,900	8,900
1000-1320-132064	Confinement Officer	5,200	5,200
To: 1000-1320-185000	Union Overtime	37,600	37,600
1000-1320-153000	Shift Differential	3,000	3,000

JAIL		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1320-132100	Jail Receptionist	10,000	10,000
To: 1000-1320-130100	Civilian Overtime	10,000	10,000

CIRCUIT COURT		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1360-394400	Special Reporter	4,000	4,000
To: 1000-1360-226000	Food	1,000	1,000
1000-1360-372300	Psych. Evaluations	3,000	3,000

SUPERIOR COURT		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1370-341000	Printing	3,200	3,200
1000-1370-352000	Maint. & Repair	2,500	2,500
1000-1370-372000	Lab Tests	1,000	1,000
To: 1000-1370-325000	Law Books	6,700	6,700

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1380-377000	Treatment Cost	200	200
To: 1000-1380-363000	Equip. Lease & Rent	200	200

PUBLIC DEFENDER		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1420-142189	Secretary	5,700	5,700
1000-1420-142176	Secretary P.T.	6,795	6,795
To: 1000-1420-197100	Accrued Payments	12,495	12,495

PUBLIC DEFENDER		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1420-325000	Law Books	2,727	2,727
To: 1000-1420-394300	Pauper Expense	2,727	2,727

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1000-1450-145121	Bookkeeper/Day Camp Admin.	13,000	13,000
To: 1000-1450-353000	Contractual Services	13,000	13,000

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1000-1460-341000	Printing	1,000	1,000
To: 1000-1460-325000	Law Books	1,000	1,000

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1135-0000-200000	Materials	10,000	10,000
To: 1135-0000-185000	Union Overtime	10,000	10,000

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1152-0000-313000	Travel/Mileage	300	300
1152-0000-331000	Training & Education	300	300
1152-0000-331300	Education & Public Outreach	500	500
To: 1152-0000-321000	Emergency Mgmt.	1,100	1,100

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1175-0000-117536	Confinement Officer	8,000	8,000
1175-0000-117537	Confinement Officer	11,000	11,000
1175-0000-117539	Jail Clerk	5,500	5,500
To: 1175-0000-197100	Accrued Payments	24,500	24,500

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1176-0000-117641	Laborer	163	163
To: 1176-0000-153000	Shift Differential	163	163

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1176-0000-312000	Postage/Freight	50	50
1176-0000-341000	Printing	250	250
1176-0000-337000	Data Management	600	600
To: 1176-0000-353000	Contractual Services	900	900

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1169-0000-425000	Equipment	1,000	1,000
To: 1169-0000-319000	Waste Disposal	1,000	1,000

AUDITOR		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1020-102131	Admin. Secretary	1,508	1,508
To: 1000-1020-102129	Real Estate Clerk	1,508	1,508

SUPERIOR COURT		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1000-1370-341000	Printing	1,200	1,200
To: 1000-1370-226000	Food	1,200	1,200

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

UPDATE ON STATUS OF COMPUTER LICENSING

Councilmember Swaim: We don't have anything under repeals. Under old business I'd like for Joe Gries to give us a quick update on the computer licensing status.

Joe Gries: Good morning. Yesterday afternoon we forwarded a memo to the Councilmembers to give you an update on where things are concerning the county's IT in relation to the XP issue and that sun setting here coming early next year. We are continuing to gather the information that the Council requested concerning county devices within each department. Mr. VanCleave and Mr. Staples are continuing to work with Microsoft on gathering information concerning pricing for the licensing for the county and moving forward possibly in a different direction depending on how Council and the Commissioners want to go. And then we also commented on a few other elements that are out there concerning the XP issue. One has to do with the county's timekeeping system and upgrading that because it currently runs only on the XP software. And then there are other items within county departments and joint departments between city and county that may need to be addressed, software issues that could come up next year as well once the XP time frame comes to pass. So we wanted to provide this report to you to let you know that things are continuing, work is continuing on this issue, and if there are any questions, I'm happy to try to answer those.

Councilmember Swaim: Any questions so far? Okay, Joe, thank you.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

Councilmember Swaim: Under new business, Superior Court, request to fill vacancy for a riding bailiff position.

Deb Greenwell: I'm Deb Greenwell with the DADS program. We're requesting to fill a vacancy for the Counselor I position that we have vacant right now.

Councilmember Bassemier: To get it on the floor, I'll make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: This is the wrong one.

Councilmember Swaim: Kind of jumped ahead on the agenda, but do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Is that Superior Court?

Councilmember Terry: This is the DADS program.

Councilmember Swaim: Yeah, this is DADS. We'll go ahead and take it out of order. Second for DADS?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: All in favor –

Councilmember Raben: I have a question.

Councilmember Swaim: James, do you have a question?

Councilmember Raben: I do have a question. Oh, never mind. I'm clear on it. The initiation salary is correct. Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: All in favor of filling the DADS position signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: The motion carried.

Deb Greenwell: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

Councilmember Swaim: Now Superior Court.

Krista Weiberg: Hi, Krista Weiberg and Lauren Kincaid for Superior Court. Do you have any questions? We're asking to fill the position of the Riding Bailiff who is going to be retiring at the end of this year.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, and you have a payout that will go through the end of the year, is that correct?

Krista Weiberg: Does she have a payout?

Lauren Kincaid: There will be no buyout (inaudible).

Councilmember Swaim: Okay. Alright, any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: When will it become clean as far as the hire? What date?

Krista Weiberg: We can't hire anybody until January 1st because she's retiring –

Councilmember Goebel: January 1st?

Krista Weiberg: Yeah, so it depends on when he hires somebody. It's for Judge Trockman.

Councilmember Goebel: But there will be no wait period as far as the payout goes? I think that question was brought up.

Krista Weiberg: Correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Is that right, Sandie?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: The chair would entertain a motion to fill.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion made and seconded to approve filling that vacancy. All in favor signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay?

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: Motion carried.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

Councilmember Swaim: Public Defender. This request is to fill a vacancy for Deputy Public Defender and Part -Time Secretary position.

Steve Owens: I have a Deputy Public Defender full-time, who is leaving at the end of the year, so I'm requesting permission to fill that position with another full-time Deputy Public Defender starting in January. Anticipating the buyout, we had asked for and you already approved a transfer from two other line items which would take care of that person's buyout, which would enable us to have that new person come in the first part of January. They will also be coming in at a lesser salary than was placed into that line item for 2014 because I anticipate this person will not have as much experience as the incumbent. As to the Secretary, we have a Part-Time Secretary who transitioned to a full-time position after we lost one of our full-time secretaries, and we were requesting permission to fill that at the rate of $12 an hour as opposed to, I believe, $10 an hour. And because of the transfer of funds to pay the buy-out, that also would not become effective until January, but we were asking permission to go ahead and start looking for somebody to fill that position at $12 an hour, commencing in January.

Councilmember Swaim: Has $10 been the previous rate?

Steve Owens: No. The previous rate actually for the Part-Time Secretary was $12, and at some point, I don't know what happened when it was last approved, it was

approved at $10 and I don't know why. But I was not at that meeting. But at any rate, we were paying 12, we're asking to pay 12 again.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, you mentioned that the part-time position, that funds were pulled from that for a buyout. Is that for the buyout for the full-time position you're asking for?

Steve Owens: Yes. What we did is, as you'll notice in the transfer, we took some from the part-time secretarial position, we took some from the full-time secretarial position, because we had money left over because the new person was being paid at a lesser rate than the former incumbent. And we took the money from those line items and requested a transfer to the – whatever that line item is for the buyout.

Councilmember Raben: And the buyout, you know, I'm starting to get skeptical of some these buyouts today. I mean, this buyout is $12,500. What all does that include?

Steve Owens: That's the accumulated sick leave time and any non-used vacation time that that person had.

Councilmember Raben: What percent of their sick time and vacation time, like in this instance, are they due credit on?

Steve Owens: I don't understand your question, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Well, that just seems like a lot of money. I mean, is that –

Steve Owens: Well, you take somebody that's accumulated, say, 60 days sick leave, that mounts up pretty quickly, and that's the maximum that they can carry over from year to year. I don't know exactly what that mix was between sick and vacation time, that person has been with us for like five years or so, so he's earning more vacation time every year. He had a substantial amount of sick leave time that he had banked. I think all of the personal time was gone. I can't tell you what that split is, but I can tell you the bulk of it is sick leave.

Councilmember Raben: I'm fine with approving this one today, but I think the Council, going forward, information on buyouts, we need that information, how many vacation days are we actually reimbursing for, how many have they taken, you know, the same for sick days because some of these buyouts are getting out of sight and I don't know if its – and again, this isn't about the Public Defender's office, this is –

Steve Owens: I just happen to be the guy standing here.

Councilmember Raben: – kind of the whole, but you know, you mentioned the Kronos system, that's the record keeping system for this and I really question when we do have departments or officeholders that aren't using the available tools. So we're kind of at their mercy so, you know, going forward I guess I would ask our Madam Secretary if we could send a memo from the County Council that from this day forward, you know, we need that information provided to us before we approve any future buyouts.

Steve Owens: I can get you that information, Jim, I just don't have it right now. I can't tell you the exact number of days. I looked at it at one point. I know that the majority of it is accumulated sick leave. And I want to say there's maybe eight or nine vacation days.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, and again, this is not about the Public Defender's office.

Steve Owens: That's fine. I just wanted to let you know we do have that number but I didn't know we needed to supply it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Swaim: Since you are in the hot spot, does your office make use of the Kronos system, most all of your employees?

Steve Owens: I don't even know what the system you're talking about is.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay.

Steve Owens: We're making use of whatever system that we've been told to use but I don't know what you –

Joe Gries: Not everybody uses the Kronos system within the county. There are departments that don't. When it was first implemented, I think it was offered as a choice. Currently, the Munis – well, Munis isn't a timekeeping system, it's just the payroll system that we use. And the departments that don't use Kronos would enter information into the Munis system, although some departments don't necessarily enter accrual information, it's just the straight pay for that time period.

Councilmember Raben: Where or when is it not feasible for our – or where is the situation within the county where it's really not feasible to use Kronos?

Joe Gries: Well, this might be an example, with the Public Defenders who may or may not be in the building. They may not, I don't know how Steve's office works. The Prosecutor's office may be another place where it wouldn't work because of the time when the attorneys are working. I think that's why it was offered as a choice when it was first implemented, because each department knows how their department works and so it wasn't maybe useful for them at that time. Now in the upgrade, there are different levels or different options that you can use, and we've been through a couple different demonstrations and if other departments, you know, want to see that, we can always bring them back and offer demonstrations to them. It may be newer technology may be better now for them to use that system.

Councilmember Raben: And that might be something for another day, but I can understand situations where you've got Public Defenders, as an example, that may not report to this building every day, that are working from another office. But I guess, so we don't actually probably in those cases, it's not feasible to clock in and out, per se, but for sure, in all of those examples, if there's a sick day or a vacation day or something, they can go out of their way to log on and I'm sure there's remote ways of logging on to Kronos. Is that correct?

Joe Gries: There is in the new upgrade, the upgraded versions. In the current version, we have the clocks that you can – you have a swipe card. Or your supervisor can enter your time once its requested off or things like that. So there are a couple of different ways, but logging on remotely could happen in the newer version.

Councilmember Raben: So that's something else I guess we as a group or body need to consider, that we make it mandatory that everybody uses the tools that are

available. I mean, cite to us again how much are we talking about spending on an upgrade for this?

Joe Gries: The Kronos for the departments that are currently on Kronos and adding the Health Department is $125,000, so you expand that maybe to another few departments that aren't using it, it might balloon up to 150 or so.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we're spending a hell of a lot of money, and we don't have all the county using the system, so we're kind of, you know, they're on the honor system. So we need to work towards getting everybody on that program.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President? Mr. Owens, the vacations, how much time can someone build up on vacation? Like, does he get two weeks, so many years, they get another week? How do you all figure vacations?

Steve Owens: Well, we figure the vacation the way the county tells us to figure the vacation.

Councilmember Bassemier: And that is?

Steve Owens: Well, I think they're entitled to two weeks after a year, and then there's a period of time when they go to three weeks, which may be five years. And then there's four weeks and then there's five weeks. So depending upon how long I've had somebody with me, depends on how much they're accumulating.

Councilmember Bassemier: So a person with 20 years could get six weeks vacation?

Steve Owens: If that's what the limit is, yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okey-dokey.

Councilmember Swaim: Councilman Raben, since you indicated you were going to support the –

Councilmember Raben: We need to make a motion. I'll make a motion to approve the request.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: All in favor signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Steve Owens: Thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion carried. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Goebel: Councilman Swaim, I did have a question back to this. I've mentioned it before, sometimes we have some lateral moves, not within the county, but say move from county to city, or city to county, and we do offer the buyouts at that point. I think that is something we as a body need to review. I mentioned it before, something just doesn't feel right about that situation where someone still in government service but is getting a buyout from one level of government to another.

I don't know how that – I know we don't have an agreement with the city and it's been brought up, but maybe it's something we could pursue. Do you know what I'm saying?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes, but I wonder if our Auditor might have any insight in that net realm.

Joe Gries: And Sandie may be able to speak to this as well, I don't think we currently have an agreement. And when the person leaves the county and goes to the city, they do receive a –

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Goebel: Do we honor city time?

Sandie Deig: Not unless it's a joint department.

Councilmember Goebel: That seems like it wouldn't be a hard fix and this is off this topic, obviously, but I just don't think its right that someone has five weeks of vacation with the county and starts Monday working for the city, and gets that five weeks of vacation, or the other way around. But I guess that's for another day. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: You know, possibly, our December meeting is usually a fairly short meeting anyway. You know, maybe we need to add this to old business for our December meeting and just maybe discuss a few of these bullet points and maybe we can take action as a group that this is the direction we want to go for the new year coming into '14, and let's spend ten or fifteen minutes amongst ourselves discussing some of these issues anyway. Is everybody okay with putting that on the agenda for our early December meeting?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Sounds like a good idea.

Councilmember Swaim: Yes. And I'm sure since Councilman Angela is on the Personnel Committee that she'll give us a bunch of insight, right?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll do my best.

Councilmember Swaim: She'll be prepared. Okay, we'll put that on the agenda. Okay, Health Department. Mr. Gary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. I believe you have two requests for us, one of them is to fill a full-time Medical Lab Tech Supervisor position that's vacant and then we have in our WIC clinic, we have three grant positions for Nurses or Registered Dieticians can serve in this competent professional authority position that we need to fill, to fulfill our grant requirements. I'd be happy to answer any questions about them.

Councilmember Swaim: I do have a question. Some of us are a little bit confused that, I think you had indicated earlier that some of the WIC funding was being pulled and didn't you lose some employees at that time, or not?

Gary Heck: We had some positions that got reduced in hours. The new grant year started October 1st and we had some vacancies in the Health Department, and some

of the nurses that were under the WIC grant moved to those Health Department Public Health Nurse positions. And now we have to fill the positions that are still available in the WIC grant that we still have funding for.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay. Anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So these are WIC grant funded positions?

Gary Heck: The three Nurses or Registered Dietician positions are.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you.

Gary Heck: You're welcome.

Councilmember Swaim: Any other questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: And a second. All in favor signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: Motion carried.

Gary Heck: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CORONER REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

Councilmember Swaim: Coroner, request to fill vacant Deputy Coroner position.

Annie Groves: Annie Groves, Vanderburgh County Coroner.

Councilmember Swaim: Good morning.

Annie Groves: Hello.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Annie Groves: Our business has been terrible. We've already had over 1,600 cases this year. We had 16 last Thursday.

Councilmember Swaim: So is this a full-time or a part-time position?

Annie Groves: This will be a full-time to replace someone that was there before.

Councilmember Swaim: Alright, any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: I have a question. You came before us at, I guess, budget time and mentioned that there might be a pending state law that would require your office to be there to register every or certify?

Annie Groves: Yes, and that would add over 200 cases a month to our office. However, I have been working with legislators to try to get that bill pulled and I think we might get that pulled.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you. Please keep working on that.

Annie Groves: I will.

Councilmember Goebel: And I make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, all in favor signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: Motion carried.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

Councilmember Swaim: Prosecutor, request to fill vacant part-time position from Adult Protective Services grant.

Regene Newman: Good morning. Regene Newman, Prosecutor's Office. Any questions? Its pretty simple.

Councilmember Swaim: Any questions? The chair would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Raben: Is the 16 hours or $16 rate, is that already in the salary ordinance?

Regene Newman: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so there's no change there. Alright, I'm good.

Councilmember Swaim: Does that mean you seconded it?

Councilmember Raben: I think the motion had already been seconded, but I'll second.

Councilmember Swaim: The motion was made, but I don't think we had a second yet.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second the motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you. All in favor signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: Motion carried.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

Councilmember Swaim: Travel requests from the Commissioners. I'm sorry. County Clerk.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll second to approve the Misdemeanor/Traffic Calendar Clerk position.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, all in favor of filling the Clerk's position signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: Motion carried.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Councilmember Raben: And I'll also move to approve the travel requests as submitted.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion and seconded to fill the travel requests. All in favor signify the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

nFLOW HOLDINGS, LLC
PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX PHASE-IN FOR REHABILITATION OF REAL PROPERTY AND ACQUISITION OF MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 2212 GLENVIEW AVENUE

Councilmember Swaim: Preliminary resolution next. Vanderburgh County Council declaring an economic revitalization area for tax phase-in to rehabilitate real property and acquisition of manufacturing equipment located at 2212 Glenview Avenue, Evansville, Indiana, nFlow Holdings.

Shance Sizemore: Shance Sizemore with the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. As I presented to you on the Personnel & Finance Committee, we are here with nFlow looking to receive tax phase-in or tax abatement for their investment at 2212 Glenview Avenue. At this time, is there any additional questions before the vote?

Councilmember Swaim: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you. This company is located currently in Posey County, is that correct, and you're moving into Vanderburgh County?

Shance Sizemore: Correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Will you be continuing your operation in Posey?

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Goebel: Welcome to Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Swaim: I was just going to ask, for those who weren't here at our last meeting, you might just give a little brief description of what they do and –

Shance Sizemore: Absolutely. I'll actually let them speak for themselves. We have representatives from nFlow here, so they can kind of give you the background of their company and what they're doing.

Ted Ziemer: At the risk of –

Councilmember Swaim: You might state your name.

Ted Ziemer: Excuse me. Ted Ziemer, I'm an attorney at Rhine Ernest, I represent nFlow Holdings, LLC. A prior company known as Wolf Brothers Motorsports had been in operation for approximately six years in Posey County. In the last year to eighteen months, they saw a need for substantial growth, they could not meet the need that was out there. They were getting orders from everywhere from Australia, Europe, Canada, all over the United States, but they couldn't fill those orders without a substantial capital infusion. We had for over a year sought investors, made pitches, in the last six months partnered with Ira Boots and his team, the Boots Group, for a

substantial investment that's going to allow us to meet the orders that are out there. What these guys do, Mike and Chris Wolf, the president and CEO, the nuts and bolts of the business is currently, if someone has a four wheeler and the engine breaks down, which apparently happens quite often, you have a couple of options. You can go to a mechanic who typically may take six weeks or longer and on average, charges someone five or six thousand dollars to get this done. Or it's totaled and the insurance company has to buy you an entire new unit for eight to twelve thousand dollars or more. They're able to take the engine that was on your unit and do what's called a core exchange. They machine all new internal components, what you get back is essentially your old engine, but it looks and performs as new. The whole process takes a mere two to three days, they like to even get it done faster, and can be as low as a couple thousand dollars. So they're filling a need that's never before been met and the market place has shown that there is a great need for this and so they're very excited for the future.

Councilmember Swaim: Any questions for the counselor?

Councilmember Goebel: And you're taking an existing building that's been vacant for three years and we're going to employ hopefully 40 more workers here in Vanderburgh County?

Ted Ziemer: Absolutely.

Councilmember Goebel: And it's a start-up company with two young men who have had some very good foresight and progressive attitude. I think it's just really great that we've got a company like that coming in to Vanderburgh County again and Godspeed, and thank you.

Ted Ziemer: Thank you. Any other questions?

Councilmember Swaim: No. Thank you, counselor.

Ted Ziemer: Thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: They've been really creative in filling that niche in the business world and RTV world. So the chair would entertain a motion on this resolution.

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion to approve the resolution of Vanderburgh County Council declaring an economic revitalization area for tax phase-in for real property and acquisition of manufacturing equipment located at 2212 Glenview Avenue, Evansville, Indiana known as nFlow Holdings, LLC. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion and a second. Can we have 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. Motion carried. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Swaim: Amendments to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone has been given a four-page copy of the amendments to the salary ordinance. It's rather lengthy because we did have quite a few transfers today. I'm going to ask and I'm going to make a motion that the amendments be approved and this document made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion made and seconded. Anybody on Council have any questions? Okay, all in favor signify by the sign of aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Swaim: Opposed, nay.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Councilmember Swaim: Motion carried.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Swaim: I think that's all of our regular business. Anyone have anything they want to bring before the Council? Any kind of discussion? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: We'll see you all next time around. Thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.)

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Mike Goebel	Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in special session this 27th day of November, 2013 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: Okay, good morning. Again, we're ready to convene the special meeting that we have today at 9:00. It is a minute after 9:00 here and so I will ask the clerk if we would please call 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, no one absent, we have a quorum and I would like to then open the special meeting. We're going to dispense with the Pledge of Allegiance since we did it in a prior meeting just right before this and would just like to maybe offer thanks for our country and for our state, city and our county governments and all that we've been blessed with. So if we remember that tomorrow, and throughout all 365 days of the year, I think we'll be a better place for it. So we'll go to the Convention & Visitor's Bureau and I think Mike Schopmeyer would like to give a presentation here.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Mike Schopmeyer: I'll keep it brief. Mr. Gries' notice has been published. The last time we were here for the softball complex, our notice was inadequate for the additional appropriation to acquire the land this year. All the due diligence is in now, the soil borings were the last item and they came in acceptable, so design work is, we hope finished here in the next few weeks and then we'll begin to look at bids and possibly even close on the bonds this year, although it may be early 2015. But we'll probably, with Mr. Gries' permission and your favorable vote today, go ahead and acquire the land here in the next two or three weeks before the holiday. I'll answer any other questions you have. Ashley Vezzoso is with me, Bob Warren is out of town on a long family tradition, so he was unable to make it today.

President Shetler: Alright, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No real question, but not to be redundant, but this funding is coming totally from the Innkeeper's Tax, correct?

Mike Schopmeyer: That's right. For the record, none of this funding comes out of

any other public funds. The bonds, the purchase of this will all be accomplished through the tax on visitors to hotels who stay under 30 days.

Councilmember Goebel: And do you have any kind of idea when shovels will be put into the ground?

Mike Schopmeyer: If the turf is going to be successful and we're going to be playing on the fields, I think it will have to be February or March at the latest. So I would fully expect to accomplish that because the biggest part of this project is the excavation work in preparation for the fields and if that's not done timely, then you run into the inability to get the turf growing and playable early enough. We will have irrigation, but still we all know that it creates a problem. So I don't see anything that will prevent that at this point. There is some design tweaks that are going on, but I don't think they will have anything to do with the turf. So the turf is everything. I mean, in these kind of complexes, parking lots and turf, and then the other, you know, you can always do tents and sort of limp along as long as you have those two items done.

Councilmember Goebel: And those bids have to wait until all of this gets approved before you can let any of that or has that already happened?

Mike Schopmeyer: No, they have to wait and we have to have the land acquired and own the land in order to issue the bonds, and we can't issue the contracts until we have the bonds. So the next step will be acquisition of the land, then it will be bonds and then it will be the bids. And the bids and the bonds could happen very quickly. It could happen literally within the same week, theoretically.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Koehler Lindsey.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So this then is the last step, piece of legislation so to speak that you need from us to be able to proceed and get this awesome project off the ground?

Mike Schopmeyer: That's correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Great. It's just so exciting to have this win-win and other people from outside our city paying for this great thing. If you find any more projects like this, bring them along.

Mike Schopmeyer: And we hope it fills up the hotels, and we think it will.

President Shetler: Alright, anything else?

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve, Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We've got 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.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1183-0000-407300	Sports Complex	1,400,000	1,400,000
Total		1,400,000	1,400,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: At this time, I'd like to call for any public comments that might be present, anybody wishes to address. Seeing none, we'll go on from there. Anything else to come before the special meeting? If not, a motion for adjournment would be in order.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: Its been moved and I hope everybody has a happy Thanksgiving and I appreciate you being here. And we also have a committee meeting coming up now at 9:15 in the other room.

Mike Schopmeyer: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.)

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2013

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of December in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler, Jr.

President Shetler: Good morning, welcome. It's December the 4th. Welcome to the County Council meeting this morning, and I'd like at this time 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	

*** Arrived during County Council discussion**
**** Arrived during Jail Project discussion**

President Shetler: There being five members present and two members absent, we have a quorum and I'd like at this time to ask Dr. Nick if he would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Shetler: Thank you, Dr. Nick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Shetler: Then the next is we need a motion for the approval of the minutes of several meetings that would be the budget hearing of August 20, 21, September 11, the final budget hearing that was on October 9th, special meeting of October 30th, and November 6 meeting.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about any of those minutes? 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)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

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

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Thank you and good morning. First on the agenda today is request for the Coroner for autopsies in the amount of $35,000, I'll move approval.

President Shetler: We have a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: 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: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-365000	Autopsies	35,000	35,000
Total		35,000	35,000

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Next we have The Centre, we have a request for union overtime, FICA and PERF for a total of $6,025, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: 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 motion carries.

THE CENTRE		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1440-185000	Union Overtime	5,000	5,000
1440-190000	FICA	450	450
1440-191000	PERF	575	575
Total		6,025	6,025

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Under County Council we have a request for court technology in the amount of $56,189, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second, and I would also note that Angela Koehler Lindsey has joined us, and welcome her. So we have a motion and a second on the court technology. 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.

COUNTY COUNCIL		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1480-346100	Court Technology	56,189	56,189
Total		56,189	56,189

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Raben: Under Riverboat we have a request to cover us for the balance of the year for health insurance, payment coming out of the Riverboat fund in the amount of $300,000, 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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1490-192000	Health Insurance	300,000	300,000
Total		300,000	300,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PRETRIAL DIVERSION/PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Pretrial Diversion for the Prosecutor, we have a request for $50,000. I know there were some questions last week and ask the Prosecutor if he would come forward.

Nick Hermann: This request is to move $50,000 out of the Pretrial Diversion program into the – what we wanted to do was, we wanted to transfer the money from the Pretrial Diversion into the Infraction account so that we could cover our bills. All of our approved line items have been empty for the last couple of months and we're trying to make our bills for the last several months this year because we don't have enough money allocated for those. All of those got drained over the course of the year, particularly with the death penalty case. This is not, we're not asking the Council for any money at all. This is not General fund money, this is money coming out of our Pretrial Diversion program and going into another fund so that we're able to pay those bills.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, are there any other questions for the Prosecutor? None? Okay, Mr. President, I'll make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: 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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

PRETRIAL DIVERSION/PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1182-0000-399000	Miscellaneous	50,000	50,000
Total		50,000	50,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING/CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under Clerk, we have a request for travel and mileage in the amount of $250, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Its 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.

ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING/CLERK		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
1217-1010-313000	Travel/Mileage	250	250
Total		250	250

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and here is the balance of our insurance for the balance of the year under the Jail set aside fund, health insurance for 300,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Also let the record reflect that Mr. Goebel has joined us as well, so we have everybody in attendance. I 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 motion carries.

JAIL PROJECT		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
4904-0000-192000	Health Insurance	300,000	300,000
Total		300,000	300,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CLERK (TWO REQUESTS)
AREA PLAN
JAIL
SUPERIOR COURT
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (TWO REQUESTS)
SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS
PROSECUTOR
COMMISSIONERS
CIRCUIT COURT
LEGAL AID
HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Last is the transfers, there is two full pages of transfers. If no one has any objections, I'm going to move that we approve all transfers as submitted.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second to approve all the transfers. 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: The motion carries.

CLERK		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1010-101168 1010-1680	Circuit/Superior Counter Clerk	12,388	12,388
To: 1010-101163 1010-1630	First Deputy Elections	9,275	9,275
1010-101145 1010-1450	Assist Chief Deputy Admin.	1,547	1,547
1010-101161 1010-1610	Admin/Secretary Court Archives	1,566	1,566

CLERK		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1010-352000	Maint & Repair	200	200
To: 1010-370000	Dues &Subscriptions	200	200

PROSECUTOR		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1080-325000	Law Books	637	637
To: 1080-341000	Printing	637	637

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1240-260000	Supplies	1,250	1,250
1240-331000	Education & Training	1,750	1,750
1240-370000	Dues &Subscriptions	500	500
To: 1240-422000	Office Machines	3,500	3,500

COMMISSIONERS		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1300-300000	Bond & Insurance	7,000	7,000
To: 1300-193000	Unemployment	7,000	7,000

JAIL		**REQUESTED**	**APPROVED**
From: 1320-132043 1051-339	Confinement Officer	2,900	2,900
To: 1320-132055 1051-351	Confinement Officer	2,900	2,900

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-390200	Grand Jurors	1,000	1,000
To: 1360-226000	Meals	1,000	1,000

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-394900	Home Study/Adopt.	300	300
To: 1370-394200	Judge Pro Tem	300	300

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1460-341000	Printing	500	500
To: 1460-325000	Law Books	500	500

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1135-0000-435400	Bridge Inspection	35,000	35,000
1135-0000-474300	Broadway Ave. #270	15,000	15,000
1135-0000-440000	Old Boonville Hwy.	60,000	60,000
1135-0000-475100	Baseline Rd Br #201	14,000	14,000
1135-0000-475200	Boehne Camp #240	50,000	50,000
1135-0000-475300	Marx Rd Br #1320	16,000	16,000
1135-0000-475400	Old Henderson Br	30,000	30,000
To: 1135-0000-475000	Franklin St. Br #620	220,000	220,000

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1135-0000-435400	Bridge Inspection	3,000	3,000
1135-0000-442200	University Pkwy	1,500	1,500
To: 1135-0000-426000	Engineer Equipment	4,500	4,500

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1176-0000-117643 2010-1043	Laborer	163	163
To: 1176-0000-153000 2010-1530	Shift Differential	163	163

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

SUPT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1310-221000	Fuel	300	300
To: 1310-13115 1310-1150	Buildings & Grounds Keeper	300	300

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Next is, underneath new business, Superior Court, request to fill a vacancy for Vanderburgh County treatment court and Judge Trockman is here and are you handling this, Judge?

Wayne Trockman: Wayne Trockman, Vanderburgh Superior Court. We have two requests: one is that we have been, our treatment court has been operating without a director who has been on FMLA and before that using sick days. He had a heart transplant. Actually, he's made a remarkable recovery and he's come back and he is working for us again in a lesser insofar as salary position as a case manager. But we've been without a director for nine, ten months and we've made a decision on a replacement, and that's Jodi Uebelhack. Ms. Uebelhack is here if there are any questions of her. In terms of education, Jodi has significantly more education than anyone we've had in that position. As some of you know, she is a long time deputy prosecutor and two-time elected prosecutor in Posey County before coming to Vanderburgh County some years ago. And she has been quite involved in the operation as it relates to the Prosecutor's role, which is a significant role in what we do. And so we've offered that position to Jodi and she has accepted. We're proposing to pay her the same as what Larry Paul was earning. As you know, I very seldom come before Council asking for funds and that's the case today. We have the funds to pay the salary. We need your blessing to fill the position and then our second request is that over the course of the last two years we've lost our two part-time people. Typically they are either U of E or USI students and they stay for a year or two and then they go. But we've lost them both at this point just because they've moved on to bigger and better things and, Regene, those are $9 or $10 an hour positions, and again, we have adequate funding to pay for both of those positions, just asking for your approval to fill those two positions. Both are very important to us, obviously, the director's role is utmost important to us. I've asked Ms. Uebelhack to be here if there are any questions of her. But we're just asking to return to the status quo and fill some positions with money that, as I said, we have in our budget.

President Shetler: I guess the question I had in my mind and I think its been answered but perhaps I'm not quite clear on it, the person that left that position, were they over 55 years old?

Wayne Trockman: Yes.

President Shetler: I assume that we got all the necessary permissions and clearances and signatures for him taking a lesser position so that we don't have –

Wayne Trockman: Yes.

President Shetler: – an age discrimination problem.

Wayne Trockman: Exactly. And, in fact, everything was done by a – all those precautions were taken, but in addition to that, this is what he wanted. He stated that he did not want to return to the stress of the director's position after having gone through that and thought that he could return as a case manager, which were his roots. And as it turns out, he's been on the job about a month now and its fantastic how quickly you can recover from a heart transplant three to four months ago, about four months ago, and he's back at work. Absolutely amazing. But he's very pleased that we saved that position for him and so I think that we made appropriate accommodations under not only FMLA but ADA, and we followed the advice of the Auditor's office and Regene Newman, who helps us with these issues. I think Joe

was in contact with you on some of those issues.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, then on the, there's a supplement that comes in there on the treatment, and the new hire would be entitled to that as well.

Wayne Trockman: Yes, the very brief background to that is that Larry Paul's pay was always a base plus a supplement. The supplement was paid from a line item in a grant. I was uncomfortable paying that out of the grant, especially that amount, and so I removed that and we're just paying that out of our operating budget. But even with the supplement, that would bring our new director's pay, and I think Sandie could confirm this, in line with the Chief Probation Officer, which I would view as an equivalent position.

President Shetler: Alright, does anybody else have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: I do. Judge, how many people does this director oversee?

Wayne Trockman: Nine full-time and two part-time.

Councilmember Raben: That would seem like, looking through the county – $10,000 represents about a 17% pay increase over and above the $60,167, seems a little excessive, you know, where we've got other departments where directors are overseeing many more people than that for less wage than 70,000. I would like to not have to, you know, regardless of what fund it comes out of just to be somewhat consistent throughout the county, 70 does seem like a lot for someone supervising nine people.

Wayne Trockman: Well, this would be consistent with the other equivalent position, I believe, and would have been consistent with the pay received by the director of community corrections, who has now left, Brian Holtz. Councilman Raben, our operation, although we don't have a staff of 25 or some higher number, but I look at it in terms of the risk level of the offender that we're supervising. And we're supervising the highest risk, according to the standards tests that Indiana uses, the Indiana Risk Assessment tool, the IRAS, the highest risk individual. Our director is on call 24 hours and it is a legitimate 24 hours, and we're bringing back individuals. Of course, we don't bring back violent individuals, violent offenders are excluded from our program and sex offenders are excluded from our program, but individuals who have had a lifetime of criminal activity are being brought back and monitored, and it's the director's responsibility to make sure that they're monitored in a safe way and we do that. I think, as you know, from over the years, we do that in a way that's different than any other agency in the county and most other agencies in the state. And the only other agencies that are doing it the way we are have come down here and copied the way that we have set up our program. And so to respond, I would say that it is a not only a very hands on, but a very responsible position, and that's why I am very pleased to say that we have an attorney for the first time in this position rather than a social worker. Not that someone with a degree in social work is not capable of managing a group of 200 to 300 high risk individuals a year, but Ms. Uebelhack, with her experience, I think is going to be much better suited and I think that advanced degree and her advanced experience dealing with criminal defendants only makes her uniquely qualified for the position.

Councilmember Raben: Well, that's a compliment to you, you did a good job selling it. And I guess I do have a question, not necessarily, this doesn't pertain to your request, but when we look at stipends, and I know if we give a percent of pay increase on an annual basis, we don't include the stipend, but – or do we? We

don't, right?

Wayne Trockman: It's my understanding we do not.

Councilmember Raben: What happens when a person leaves and you've got comp time and unused vacation, sick days, you know, everything we run through periodically throughout the year, is the buyout, do they represent this $10,000?

Sandie Deig: No.

Councilmember Raben: So that's never included in any part?

President Shetler: To follow up on that question, is it prorated?

Sandie Deig: On your vacation, sick time, we buy that out for employees. But we do not attempt to get into the funds that the courts, the stipends. The last director was paid a $15,000 stipend.

Wayne Trockman: Right, and quite frankly, Councilman Raben, we wouldn't even be talking about that stipend because it was being paid directly from a grant to Mr. Paul. As I said, I was uncomfortable with that whole arrangement from the very beginning. It was not transparent, this is, and it allows you to ask the questions that you've asked rather than it being buried somewhere. And so it is transparent. Cherie Wood receives a stipend and hers was $11,619 in 2012. I don't know what it was in 2013.

Councilmember Raben: From a payroll standpoint, how do we handle stipends? I mean, I hope these aren't lump sum payments.

Wayne Trockman: It's my understanding, they're rolled into the regular payroll.

Joe Gries: They are. That money would come out of that specific fund each payroll. And it's divided throughout the year. It's not anything different than what our normal payroll would be.

Wayne Trockman: And Joe holds all of our funds, of course.

Joe Gries: Right.

President Shetler: Pete, do you have a question?

Councilmember Swaim: Yeah, Judge, coming from a law enforcement background, I'm certainly familiar with your program and its results and not only that, but the finances of our program compared to regular incarceration, I've kind of followed Jodi's criminal justice career from afar, but I think we're very lucky to have her on board.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you. We do, too. We're excited about next week, when she's proposed to start, if we get approval today.

President Shetler: Any other questions, comments?

Wayne Trockman: And if I could just add just one thing. As you know, and I think that everyone knows this very well, our program is 95% self-sufficient. When I come before you, I'm never asking for money, just permission, and I can't foresee in the

future that we would operate the program in any other way, leaning on the county. And one of the reasons I say that is not only that we're not taking county funds, but we have appreciated and it has benefitted us in many indirect ways the support that this body has given us for 13 years now. You supported us before the community had a chance to evaluate and either call us thug huggers or people who are actually making a difference, and now I think most of the community believes we're making a difference, or at least I hope they do.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Shetler: I think Mike and then Ed.

Councilmember Goebel: Judge Trockman, you initiated this program right here in Vanderburgh County, correct?

Wayne Trockman: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: And this is copied throughout the state? And is it also copied throughout the country or is –

Wayne Trockman: Its been copied outside of the state by about six different counties, some close by and some far away. There's a national group that we're involved in and I've had a leadership role in on and off, and what we've done is gotten around nationally, and its caught the attention of some people.

Councilmember Goebel: Has the success rate in other places been the same as our success rate?

Wayne Trockman: I can't answer that. I don't know their success rate. I can tell you that we have had the University of Southern Indiana involved in evaluating our program and they provide us quarterly reports on all of the key areas like what is our recidivism rate in particular. I mean, that's what it all boils down to and many other particulars that are required for reporting for our various grants, but if any Councilmember ever would like to see a copy of that report, there is an executive summary. The report is usually about 25 pages, so you wouldn't want to read that, but the executive summary is a good snapshot of what we're doing and I'd be happy to email that to anyone who wanted it. If you wanted me to email it to everyone, I'll do that and you can look at it if you want, or click delete.

President Shetler: That would probably be good, Judge, if you would do that.

Wayne Trockman: I will.

Councilmember Bassemier: I could see where Jim was coming from even though this is grant money, but you explained it so well, so I'll make a motion to approve the full-time position and two part-time positions.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you, Councilman.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion on the floor then to join both full-time and part-time together. Do I have any further questions? If not, 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)

Wayne Trockman: Thank you very much. Regene, have I forgotten anything? Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, Judge.

Wayne Trockman: Happy holidays to everyone.

President Shetler: Next is request from the Commissioners to fill a vacancy for Old Courthouse maintenance. Seeing no one here from the Commissioners office, I'll move on to the Clerk.

CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Request to fill vacancies for small claims service clerk and extra help.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning. Debbie Stucki, County Clerk.

President Shetler: Anyone have any questions of Debbie?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: 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: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

Councilmember Raben: Before we take this one, on the Commissioners, do you know, is that position vacated now? I mean, is the person –

Sandie Deig: It will be after tomorrow. Transferring to the County Garage.

Councilmember Raben: I'm just wondering on this one, do they still have the big craft fairs and stuff in there through the holidays and all that?

Sandie Deig: I think it just passed.

Councilmember Raben: It's already passed?

Sandie Deig: I think it was in November.

Councilmember Raben: I'm trying to think how many maintenance people – they really just have –

Sandie Deig: They have one full-time and one part-time.

Councilmember Raben: I was wondering how critical this is through the balance of the year.

President Shetler: Maybe Sarah can go over to the Commission office and –

Councilmember Raben: Do you mind doing that?

Nick Hermann: Hello again. I rise in opposition to Judge Trockman's request to fill his full-time position. As a result of a recent hire as well as another attorney we have that's leaving to take another opportunity, we have two full-time positions that will be open very shortly in our office. We're requesting to fill those. Between the two, we're losing 28 years of experience as licensed attorneys. We expect that we're going to hire in both spots with new attorneys that just graduated and have come out, so there will be a slight savings to the county in that regard.

President Shetler: I thought you were protesting the fact that he was saying that she was imminently qualified because she was an attorney as opposed to –

Nick Hermann: I'm going to remain silent on that.

President Shetler: Anyone have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any questions on that? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY AT OLD COURTHOUSE

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, can we go back? As it turns out, our executive assistant, well, our executive assistant's assistant, Sarah, knew a whole lot about this. She said that the part-timer is leaving January 1st as well, so the hope was that this person, part-timer can help train and kind of show the ropes to the new person, so with that being said, I'm going to go back to the Commissioner's request to fill the maintenance position and move for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second, and this is in regards to the Commissioners request. Any questions on it? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ASSESSOR REQUEST TO CHANGE POSITION TITLE

President Shetler: Next we will go to the Assessor's office, request to change position title, that was taken up at –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: It was taken up at Job Study last week and then the Job Study Committee did vote to approve it. So I'll make a motion that we approve this item.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. Do we 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HIGHWAY REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next is the Highway Department, request to fill operator vacancy. Pat, are you ready for the weekend?

Pat Seib: Yes, we are.

President Shetler: Well good. That's good news. Plenty of salt and all that kind of stuff? The brine is out on the roads and –

Pat Seib: We are stocked with salt. Depending on what the actual weather does, I've heard it's going to start out as rain, then we won't be able to brine the roads because the rain would just wash that all off, but it's just a wait and see right now. We're going through double checking our trucks making sure they're mechanically and electrically sound. We're treating our salt just in case the temperatures bottom out and we've already got our trucks loaded up with salt and ready to go out of the garage whenever the bad stuff starts falling.

President Shetler: Alright, very good. Yes, Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Patrick, typically on a forecast like we have when you have rain mixed and its going to turn into ice or sleet and then maybe snow, you cannot use a pretreatment. Is that correct? I know you've mentioned that already.

Pat Seib: What keeps us from using the pretreatment is if it starts off as rain, then that would just wash off whatever, but if it starts off as snow, then that would be –

Councilmember Goebel: Its obvious this time you're not going to do it, but if its an iffy situation, do you ever send them out knowing that there's a real good chance that it might be rain, and how much does it cost to pretreat compared just to salt?

Pat Seib: Right now, I believe our cost on the GeoMelt is a dollar thirty-six, dollar thirty-nine a gallon. I think we've got 6,000 gallons on site. I haven't come into the situation yet where, other than right now, as far as whether or not it's going to rain beforehand. The only other thing I can go back to is last week whenever it looked like we might get something, I had our trucks go out. We have two spray trucks, just to hit the bridges and the slick spots that we normally have problems with, just in case something would have come.

Councilmember Goebel: But you don't pretreat every street or every major thoroughfare.

Pat Seib: If we have something that we know is coming in, that will be coming down as snow first, yeah, we'll pretreat as much as we can.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any questions about the position?

Councilmember Raben: Are all three of these positions vacant as of today?

Pat Seib: I was under the understanding that we were looking at two positions, two operator's positions. I think we originally had a laborer down. I meant to pull that one out.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So we're not doing the laborer?

Pat Seib: Not doing the laborer.

Councilmember Raben: Pull it, okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Bridge crew operator and Highway operator.

Pat Seib: Yeah, we had our Bridge crew operator retired back in October so one of these is going to be to replace him. We have our Highway operator that's looking to make a lateral move over into that position. That would start first of the year and then the other, the Highway operator's position is to fill that operator's position.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Shetler: A motion would be in order.

Councilmember Raben: Did we have a motion on the floor?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, I'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)

President Shetler: Thank you, Pat.

Pat Seib: Thank you.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Next is Bridge. John, are you doing – or that was both?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: We just did that.

President Shetler: Health Department. Gary and Dr. Nick.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you have. The one position that we're asking permission to fill won't actually be able to be filled until March the 10th. It's for a public health nurse in our TB Clinic who will be retiring at the end of the year. But it's an important position to us so we'd like to be able to fill that position as soon as we can and we're just seeking permission to be able to do that after the first of the year, knowing that that one can't be filled until March the 10th. All the other ones can be filled immediately. Some of them are technical corrections because of the employee moving into a position that has longevity. So if you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer those, otherwise.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions?

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve, Mr. Chair.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: – 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.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER SALARY

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President, we do need to go back to the assistant county engineer position under Cum Bridge. That one is also under there. That came before Job Study last week, so if we can go back to the approval request to adjust the salary for assistant county engineer position, that was approved by job committee last week and I'll make a motion for approval today.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, this is to hire an assistant?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: This is adjusting the salary on the assistant county engineer position.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Here comes John.

John Stoll: Yeah, we don't have anybody in mind to hire just yet but I filed paperwork to adjust the salary upwards to hopefully attract a more qualified person. The Job Study voted to approve a maximum of 55,000 for that position.

President Shetler: And are you actually actively seeking someone?

John Stoll: Not as of yet. I had talked to a couple people who had expressed an interest, but until all of this was taken care of, I wasn't actively pursuing anything.

President Shetler: Perhaps this motion, I mean, I'm just wondering if it shouldn't be kind of combined for permission to fill that vacancy as well of that assistant.

John Stoll: I thought that was approved at a prior meeting.

President Shetler: Okay.

John Stoll: I don't remember the exact date, though.

President Shetler: The only thing in question here today is the pay rate of up to 55,000. Alright, we have a motion and a second on the floor, or we need a second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll make a motion.

President Shetler: It's been moved, we need a second.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And we have that. Okay, 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. Alright, John, thanks.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Next is from the Sheriff Department to fill vacancies for several positions.

Eric Williams: Good morning, Sheriff Williams.

President Shetler: Good morning, Sheriff.

Eric Williams: I've got my request before the Council to fill several positions: two CO positions, CO supervisor, our Community Corrections programs director, which was Brian Holtz who left, and two clerical positions. One of them, you can see by my letter is out in the future. This is one of those fortunate ones where somebody actually let us know when they were going to leave, gave us a heads up. This is one of those that we would like to have approval on in advance to fill, so we can have somebody in the wings ready to go because that position is one of our process server clerks that keeps all the subpoenas moving on behalf of the courts.

Councilmember Raben: Motion to approve.

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: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Eric Williams: And just for the record because I know his position was mentioned, the Community Corrections programs director pays about $50,400 a year, is what his annual salary is. The other thing I wanted to leave you with is that probably maybe a little good news is, that within our medical budget, I had mentioned this to Mr. Raben last week, that it looks like we're going to be under budget by over $100,000 this year, so just so you know.

President Shetler: That is good. Yes, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I just want to compliment you again. You've got a lot of good PR lately on the way your organization operates and you came through the evaluation with flying colors even though you, I think they want you to have more personnel, but thanks for doing the job you do with a depleted work force.

Eric Williams: And I do, I appreciate the comment and I take great pride in the quality of people we have working in the Sheriff's office, especially when the jail, and for the jail inspector who inspects every jail in the state to make a statement in our annual review saying that this is a model facility and others should use it as their model for how to run things, that speaks highly of the folks we have working there. They do take issue with our staffing levels, but I don't think that's anything that anybody in this room is unaware of. I think the paper got it a little out of context by saying that he said it was unsafe. What he said was, it could be safer. And we think that through the tools we have available, we're still running a safe operation. Yes, it could be safer. Yes, I'd love to have all those positions filled that we're missing in user fees and the various grants, but the reality is, that's not happening right now. So we're doing the best we can.

Councilmember Swaim: Just out of curiosity, what are the staffing levels of corrections officers today compared with the day you opened the new jail?

Eric Williams: I believe the numbers are a little off. There's 99 officially approved positions originally when we opened the facility. That was based on the job staffing analysis and that was a combination of all the CO's, the civilian correction confinement officers. We're probably 11 or 12 down right now because of people moving in and out and filling those positions. We're also 7 down because those positions were in the user fee account, which there's no funds in that account any longer to fill those, and there are two positions that we lost recently through the DOC grant because of it being flat lined and the cost of employees are going up, so we've had to remove two from there.

Councilmember Swaim: Are those community corrections user fees or –

Eric Williams: Yes.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: So in essence, based on the original staffing analysis, we're still about what, nine below that?

Eric Williams: If we could get everybody hired all at once and nobody left for better opportunities or changing or retiring and the down time of getting people trained and

up to speed, yeah, just technically, we are nine down from where we started.

Councilmember Raben: And that was based on 425 occupancy –

Eric Williams: It represented, and I can't quote it, but we presented three different scenarios for the facility with three different recommended staffing levels for each of those scenarios. This was the most conservative assessment that was made based on our attendance at the PONI classes through the National Institute of Corrections, and using their staffing formulas. Those combined with the formulas that were presented to us by PMSI, which was the company that was hired at the time to come in and help through the design process and the staffing. Those numbers were conservative at the time and I think everybody went into this knowing that, should our numbers escalate beyond that or if things change, that we would have to re-examine staffing numbers in that facility at some point in time. I think we're constantly evaluating that. I come here every month and tell you what the status is. We meet fairly regularly and talk about it, I provide lots of reporting. I have not, and I told the newspaper this, I have not raised a red flag saying we're in danger, danger, danger, but we're treading very closely.

Councilmember Raben: Its still somewhat remarkable, those numbers were comprised when, '99 or 2000? So almost 14 years later, we're still managing under those same –

Eric Williams: We have a facility that was designed dramatically different than what we came out of, that allows us a lot more latitude and flexibility to deal with crowding situations and we've been able to deploy technology in ways we weren't doing at that time to make ourselves more effective and efficient. You know, I go back to the idea that technology is a great tool to use, it doesn't replace good, solid people that are manning that technology. But it does allow you to do more with less quite frequently if its deployed properly, and I think that's what we're seeing done.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, is there a motion?

President Shetler: Yeah, there was a motion and a second and we approved it, didn't we? And then we had post discussion, so we were in post discussion.

Eric Williams: I was trying to butter you up with the fact that we're going to be under budget.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: We appreciate that.

President Shetler: Alright, anything else? Thank you, Sheriff.

Eric Williams: You're welcome. Thank you.

nFLOW, LLC
CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

President Shetler: Next is a resolution for the Vanderburgh County Council confirming a declaration of economic revitalization area for a tax phase-in on real property improvements and acquisition of manufacturing equipment located at 2212 Glenview Avenue.

Shance Sizemore: My name is Shance Sizemore with the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. This is the final vote and confirming resolution for nFlow, which

is the remanufacturer of ATV and UTV engines, that is located at 2212 Glenview Avenue. Kind of give you where the position changed since the last time we talked. I believe they're in and have hired a couple people, started manufacturing engines, or remanufacturing engines. We've also worked with Jeff Ahlers to produce a memorandum of agreement based upon my recommendation that essentially says since the abatement is front loaded this time, that they will have to file compliance reporting for the seven year period, which is what they originally were kind of prescribed for as well as an agreement in there saying that, if they leave before the county receives a return on their investment, so if they would pick up and move to, say a different state or a different county, then they would have to pay back that difference. And I have that in front of me, and that will go, I believe to Teri, and then a motion would be made, is my understanding.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll make the motion to approve the final hearing for economic revitalization area for tax phase-in for real property improvements and acquisition of manufacturing equipment located at 2212 Glenview Avenue, known as nFlow LLC.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: 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 members for and none against, the motion passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Shance Sizemore: Thank you.

President Shetler: We need a motion to also pass that memorandum of agreement.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

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. Thank you for your investment in Vanderburgh County. We appreciate that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: Thanks. Good luck.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DETENTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH YOUTH CARE CENTER

President Shetler: Next is the agreement on the detention services agreement with the Youth Care Center. Basically, I think this has been, has this already been passed by the Commissioners?

Jeff Ahlers: I think the Commissioners are waiting on us to pass it first. They may have it on their agenda for next week's meeting, I believe Mr. Harrison said, so I don't know if you want to – I know you alluded to some of the changes. I don't know if you wanted to go over those again or that we've reduced it by, I don't know, close to $400,000 and there's been some other changes that are more favorable financially to the county than it would have been.

President Shetler: Yeah, as far as the legal parts of it, if anybody has any questions on it, I'll let Jeff, that's his job. Financially, basically, we have flat lined this at 1.5 million dollars. It is a three year contract. We have, there are no inflationary escalators in there built into it, with the exception that if we exceed the female bed, which I believe is set up at six, and if it exceeds that and we'd have to bring in additional beds, then there could be some additional charges for that. But they are not to exceed $20,000 in any given year, those extra charges. That will increase our capacity for female beds, which is where we tended to be short in the past. So we've maxed that out plus we've saved a net of about $400,000 a year. So I think overall, we've got a pretty good deal here. There's a few people here that, personnel wise that have a little bit of shifting there, a cook for example that prepared meals and we're kind of sharing that with their other responsibilities within the building now, whereas before we had one dedicated, some things like that that are helping us out and helping the Rescue Mission out who services the Youth Services Center. So I'd be happy to try to answer any questions. I think I highlighted the finance part of it and, again, there's probably a little bit of tweaking that was done on some legal language here, but that's –

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make a motion to approve and with that, I'd also like to state great job. I mean, this represents about a half million dollars today, for 2014 about (inaudible – microphone turned off) so good job and thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you. And a second, then...

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, and a second. I will tell you real quickly, and this was their doing, they put it on the table, they have made the county whole. We have been operating underneath the old agreement for the last 18 months roughly, it expired in, was it '12? March of '12? And we've been operating underneath that old agreement and there was some fees that were coming back to us and etcetera, plus some other things in there that amounted to – I can't remember the exact amount that it amounted to, but it was a fair amount of money that was coming back to the county and they are the ones that offered to put that on the table and felt that more than a bargaining chip, they were obliged to do that since that was part of the old agreement. So anyway, they did come forward to do that. So any other questions?

Councilmember Swaim: I've got one question. If they physically run out of space over there and don't have floor space for extra beds, if they'd get that crowded, what are our obligations as far as using the regional village in Vincennes if that would come to pass? I mean, is that still funded through juvenile court per person, if we have to send somebody up there?

President Shetler: That is a viable option, that, I think it's $110 a day, is that correct? And they will actually come here to pick up the kids, take them back up there to Vincennes, bring them back when they need to come back here for any court appearances, doctor visits, things of that nature, --

Councilmember Swaim: But they do all the transportation?

President Shetler: They do the transportation –

Councilmember Swaim: Local offices don't have to do that any more?

President Shetler: Correct.

Councilmember Swaim: Good.

President Shetler: It's helpful for a variety of reasons to have a facility here locally. One particularly good reason is that you are able to have the family have that communication and connection with the resident. The other, I think, real good reason to have it done locally here is that instead of the kids being shuttled back and forth and getting into a system up there that they don't have quite the same psychologists and people that are caring for them and taking over for them, I think theirs is running a little bit more as a correctional facility in terms of what we think of as a holding place. And this is done more in a way to help prepare them and help straighten up their lives so that they will hopefully not recommit the same offenses again. So there are some advantages but we do have the alternative of going there, or Muncie is another facility as well that can be taken. The other advantage of taking them here is the holding. If an incident happens over the weekend, rather than an officer being tied up and having to sit there and watch a child for four, five, six hours, they can release them to our facility here and not have to worry about sitting there until a parent comes to pick them up on a short run like that.

Councilmember Swaim: Been there, done that.

President Shetler: So there's some other ways that it does help us out. Alright, 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 motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PETITION TO APPEAL FOR AN INCREASE TO THE MAXIMUM LEVY

President Shetler: Next is the petition to appeal for an increase in the maximum levy.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Joe, do you want to explain that?

Joe Gries: Sure, this is something that we handle each year at the end of the year. It allows for us to possibly increase our maximum levy for next year due to property tax appeals assessed value corrections and things of that nature. We provide the Council and the state with an estimate up front, but once the final settlement is complete for 2013, we'll know what type of shortfall there is. We then apply for that with the Department of Local Government Finance. And they approve that based on the information that we provide them concerning those appeals and those assessed value changes. So this is something that, again, we do each year and allows us to make up for those losses.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and with that, Mr. President, – well, let's vote on this first. Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? Seeing none, 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)

JAIL SET ASIDE FUNDS

Councilmember Raben: Since we're on this topic in a roundabout way, as everybody is aware, we've been operating in the red all year long and at some time before now and January the 1st, we're going to have to do the balancing act, and you know,

we've already set money aside in other accounts, it's just a matter of being able to pull from them to make us whole. So if it's okay, I know our Auditor is still waiting on some final numbers and figures from the state, I would like the authority by this body to sit down with him before the end of December and balance out our sheets, pull from those funds that we've set aside, knowing that we were going to have to do this before the end of the year. So I don't know if we need a vote for that or just a nod of heads or what.

Joe Gries: In the past, Mr. President, the Council approved by a voice vote to move the money from the General Fund. The funds that Councilman Raben is speaking of, these are General Fund dollars and can be moved back. So I don't know if a voice vote is needed, but that's what occurred in the past to move those monies out of the General Fund, and to move those back, maybe that would be the way to go.

Jeff Ahlers: Do you have to make sure the money is not encumbered?

Joe Gries: These would be monies coming out of the Jail set aside. So those monies haven't been budgeted except for the $300,000 for the insurance as of today, but the remaining money is not budgeted, so it is available to be moved.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I would think that it would be appropriate to go ahead and do a voice vote to give that authority so that its official.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: Okay, so its been moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: 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 with a unanimous vote.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: Then next is travel requests, two from the Clerk, one from the Assessor, three from the Health Department, and the Commissioners as well.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve travel requests.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: 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: Hearing none, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next amendments to salary ordinance. James.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I think everyone has been given six pages of amendments to the salary ordinance. Mr. President, I'm going to move that we enter this document into the minutes and I make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, 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: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Hearing none, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shetler: Any public comment? Seeing none, motion for adjournment would be in order. Oh, we do have one.

Councilmember Terry: I just wanted to –

Councilmember Raben: Oh, --

Councilmember Terry: Go ahead, because mine is going to take a minute.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, next week is our Personnel & Finance meeting. All we have on the agenda is two transfers, so there are no appropriation requests or personnel matters so there's no business or action to take, no business to be heard next week, so I would ask that you cancel our meeting for next week.

President Shetler: Thank you. Motion would be in order for –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to cancel next week's meeting.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second...?

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: 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)

Councilmember Terry: I believe this is Dr. Nick's last meeting with us and so I just wanted to personally thank him for his many years of service. I've had an opportunity to work with Dr. Nick on Smoke Free Communities and other public health preparedness and its, for me, its really good to see someone that's as committed and dedicated to this community as you have been, and so I just wanted to say thank you for your years of service.

President Shetler: Thank you, Stephanie.

(Applause followed)

Ray Nicholson: Thank you very much. That's really nice.

Gary Heck: There is just one point of order. He won't actually be relieved of duty until the new health officer is appointed, so he'll continue to serve until that takes place. So you may see him after the first of the year for a while.

President Shetler: That's good news. I will say that Dr. Nick has also been very helpful in the dental clinic as well as all the other health concerns that we have in our community. So thank you, Dr. Nick, for your many years of service to your patients and to our community, it's been greatly appreciated. Alright, anything else to come before the Council? If not, we've had a motion for adjournment and we'll see you all back here after the first of the year. Merry Christmas. Actually, that's January 8th.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.)

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