

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 8, 2014**

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

Joe Gries: Good morning, everyone. I'd like to open the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 County Council regular meeting, and I will ask Teri for a roll call, please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

Joe Gries: Okay, all members present. I'd like to ask everyone to please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

<b>ELECTION OF PRESIDENT</b>
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Joe Gries: The next item on the agenda is the election of President of County Council for 2014, and I'd call for a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move to have Tom Shetler serve as President for the upcoming year.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Joe Gries: We have a motion and a second. And I'll ask Teri again for a voice 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: It's a tough one, but yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Aye.

Joe Gries: It's all yours, Tom.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>SMG CONTRACT</b>
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President Shetler: Good morning, and thank you for the vote of confidence. I guess it's confidence or else no one else wanted to stand up to the plate. So anyway, I want to, real quickly just before we go on to a few of the other positions here, Councilman Raben started us off on, I think, a real good start last year with the budget sessions and we got into looking real hard at the contracts and stuff that we had that existed and were able to pare down several of those, and save ultimately about four million dollars out of last year's budget. One area that I really would like to ask our attorney to explore and look at next year, and we'll start with the contract, and that is the agreement that we have there with SMG. I have no conflict or no problem there, but it is a major contract that we have. And I think we really need to look at it from a financial picture and we're only actually getting kind of part of the information every year. We need to get, I think, all of the information and look at that in a broader picture. We scrutinize the budgets pretty tight on all of our elected office holders; I think it's necessary for us to look at that a little closer as well. So I am asking Jeff to get that information to me. We'll set up a committee that will explore that and look a little tighter on what we can do there on the overall operation. Again, I have no beef with the operation, have no intentions of – I wouldn't suggest or recommend any changes whatsoever, but I would like to look at that a little closer. We need to have greater oversight in all of our departments and all of the functions of county government. And that's one major one that we really didn't get a chance to tackle last year. So that's kind of my New Year's resolution that we'll get into a couple more of those contracts that we have out there and see what we can do to save the county some expenses. So anyway, just wanted to kind of leave that word with you today.

<b>ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT</b>
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President Shetler: The next then is the election of the Vice President. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion that Councilman Pete Swaim serve as Vice President this year.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

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

recommendations? If not, entertain a motion that the motions be closed.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and a second on that. All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Shetler: And then all in favor of the motion on Pete serving as Vice President, 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)**

<b>APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL ATTORNEY</b>
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President Shetler: Next is appointment of the County Council Attorney and since I've already asked him to start off with his first job for this year, I think it might be appropriate that we consider Jeff Ahlers as our Council Attorney. He's done a very good job and do appreciate all the work that he's put in.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

President Shetler: Next is appointment of committee chairpersons. Again, I think we've had very good success with Councilman Raben, has led us through for the most part over the last 15 - 20 years. I think one of those years I happened to get stuck there with it, but I'd rather do this than that because that is a tough job, and we appreciate what he's done. And also, Angela has done a very good job as Personnel Chairman, and so motion for accepting both of those positions.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: We have a motion. And a...

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: You can just appoint that, can't you?

President Shetler: I think you're right. Okay, I'm appointing those two guys back.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Shetler: I need approval for the minutes of the special meeting of November 27 and regular meeting December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded by Pete. 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: We have nothing underneath Appropriation Ordinance. Transfers?

**TRANSFER REQUESTS**

**COMMISSIONERS  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, transfers is all we have today. In fact, I think this is the first meeting in quite some time I can – several years I remember that we did not have an appropriation, and maybe this will carry on throughout 2014. We have three transfers today: the County Commissioners in the amount of \$3,746, the Health Department in the amount of \$4,233, and Superintendent of County Buildings in the

amount of \$19,257. I'll move approval of all three transfers.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: There's 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.

<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1300-300000	Bond & Insurance	3,746	3,746
To: 1300-190000	FICA	266	266
1300-199000	Extra Help	3,480	3,480

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1159-0000-360000	Rent	4,233	4,233
To: 1159-0000-115934 2130-1340	Environmental Health Specialist	3,561	3,561
1159-0000-190000	FICA	273	273
1159-0000-191000	PERF	399	399

<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1000-1310-131111 1310-1110	Administrative Assistant III	19,257	19,257
To: 1000-1310-197100 1310-1971	Accrued Payments	19,257	19,257

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Shetler: And then, James, are you going to carry the salary ordinance?

Councilmember Raben: I tell you, let's wait till we go through the new business.

<b>LIAISON APPOINTMENTS</b>
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President Shetler: Appointment of liaisons. Does anybody have any questions? Mr. Goebel and I spoke on the way up here about, Mike, do you want to make a change there on one of those, holding one of those out for now?

Councilmember Goebel: Not necessarily.

President Shetler: We can change it –

Councilmember Goebel: I've been unable to make the Health meetings in the

morning because of the conflict with my schedule, if that would be a possibility, but the Health Department keeps me informed as well.

President Shetler: Okay we can hold that and make a change later in the year if we need to.

Councilmember Goebel: If that's necessary, sure.

President Shetler: Right. Anybody else have any questions or issues about the liaison appointments? Do we need a motion for that? This just comes from, I think, our directive then.

**PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

President Shetler: Next is the Personnel Administration Committee and some of that is kind of set by statute. Do we need a motion on that?

(Inaudible)

President Shetler: Okay, so it is as its been in the past.

**APPOINTMENT TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMITTEE**

President Shetler: Then appointment to the ABC board and currently, Jeremy Meeks is serving on the ABC board and wishes to continue, so I need a motion for that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

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.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

President Shetler: We have other Council appointments. I do want to recognize, I don't know, has everybody gotten a list of the appointments? Okay, everybody should have a list of that on your desk. I will need a motion and a second then for that and a voice vote on that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: Okay, we've got a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions about the list? I do want to draw attention, that Rita Bauer is here, she's with the Convention & Visitors Bureau, done a very good job and also be representing our views to the Convention & Visitors Bureau and she's here to answer any questions if anybody has anything. I don't know if there's anybody else...okay, I'm sorry. That one isn't on there, but she is to be replaced on that, the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Councilmember Terry: There's two spots.

President Shetler: Ben Shoulders. I'm sorry, was that not in there?

Councilmember Terry: Not, it's not.

President Shetler: I have it on my list, but okay, and also Ben Shoulders would be the other appointment. Are there any other blanks, because mine is filled out.

Councilmember Terry: Willard Library?

President Shetler: Willard Library...were you able to speak with –

Councilmember Swaim: I'd like to recommend Ted DeVries for that position.

President Shetler: Okay. Do you think we ought to leave that blank until you speak with him directly to make sure that – okay. And then come back the next meeting and let us know if that's been taken care of. Any other ones? Alright, so we have a motion and a second, inserting those two names in there for the Convention & Visitors Bureau which is Ben Shoulders and Rita Bauer. And the one being blank at the Willard Library for the time being and we can fill that at the next meeting. So that would be as amended, so a motion and –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: 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)**

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES**

President Shetler: The next is approval of the 2014 meeting schedule. I think all of you should have gotten that in your packets. I don't know if your dates reflect March, it's March 26 or March 19? But March 19 is the date we want inserted there. So that would be out of the ordinary because we normally do the last Wednesday for the Personnel & Finance, but we will do, because of spring break to accommodate that for some folks, the 19<sup>th</sup>. Any questions? Okay, if there would be no other questions on that, then I would need a motion for approval on the meeting dates.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY**

President Shetler: Next Superior Court request to fill vacancy for a Bailiff. And I see the Judge here.

Wayne Trockman: Good morning, members of the Council, I apologize for not having a jacket. I didn't know I was coming here until about ten minutes ago. I had the very poor form of hiring Judge Shively's riding bailiff to replace the riding bailiff of mine that retired after seven or eight years with me, at the end of the year. And so Superior Court is asking for approval to hire a riding bailiff for Judge Shively, to hire a riding bailiff to replace the riding bailiff that I took from him. And so that's why I am here, I think, and not Judge Shively. That is our request. I can answer any questions, I have confirmed with our court administrator that there is no overlapping time and that everyone has been paid up to date and so there are no issues in that regard.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: 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)**

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I have a question, point of order. It says bailiff, and not riding bailiff. So does that make a difference?

Wayne Trockman: Oh, you know something? Judge Shively did say that he was going to hire a bailiff and I believe that he's moved, and I don't know how he's done this and, Sandie, he may have talked to you about it, I believe he's moving his bailiff to the riding bailiff's position and then the new hire is for bailiff. Am I correct?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Correct.

Wayne Trockman: So I apologize.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So do we need to amend the previous motion, so I would make a motion that we hire a bailiff for Superior Court.

President Shetler: Why don't we, it's a point of order, I guess, a little bit here, that –

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll rescind my –

President Shetler: You made the motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah.

President Shetler: Do you want to just amend your motion and then the seconder was Pete.

Councilmember Swaim: Yes, I'll amend my second.

President Shetler: Its agreed upon and then okay, any other questions or comments?

Councilmember Goebel: Everything is even as far as the payouts and all that even with the movement inside the other office?

Wayne Trockman: Yes. And that's what I checked this morning before I came over and we're sure that's the case.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, so we're talking about three positions total and just hiring one person, right, as far as the transfers.

Wayne Trockman: Just one hire, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve that.

President Shetler: So we have an amended motion to make that correction and anybody have any questions about what we've done here? 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 7-0)**

Wayne Trockman: I apologize for the confusion. Happy New Year.

President Shetler: Happy New Year to you, Judge. Thank you.

<b>PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Alright, Prosecutor has a request to change a part-time to a full-time position.

Nick Hermann: Good morning. Congratulations or condolences to all of you that were elected again this morning. I came in last fall and asked for an additional full-time position for our office. Since 2008, we've had an increase in felony filings of 28 percent and we've had a decrease in the number of criminal attorneys of 15 percent. On top of that, last month, Judge Trockman, as he usually does, hired one of our employees away and we lost quite a bit of seniority and we had another employee retire or leave our office and so we've now hired two new people out of law school to fill those positions. In the meantime, at the end of the year, a very seasoned trial attorney, the one that tried the death penalty case for us, he retired and we're looking to fill his position, which is a part-time deputy prosecutor position. We are asking for the additional, I believe it's \$5,981 that we would need to make that full-time, and I believe that's all outlined in the letter. Like I said, right now, our staff is down 15 percent and then when you take out, we've lost another part-time and we have two people that just graduated law school, the seniority level in our office is low. Our staffing level is low, and we desperately need this position to continue moving forward. I've also been made aware that we're going to have at least one other retirement this summer. It's going to save the county over \$20,000 but is going to involve us losing even more seniority, and these are starting to come because of the changes to the state PERF system where people are going to need to retire sometime early this year in order to preserve their retirement before they go onto the new system, so we expect that there may be even additional retirements coming this summer in which we're going to lose seniority and our ability to try cases. And so my request is that this gets acted on today and that we're able to get in motion, getting this spot filled because we see more vacancies coming in the future due to the changes in PERF.

President Shetler: Nick, I personally have no objection to it. It seems to make perfectly good sense and we know how much more you guys have to – the time you put in for the cases, per case load and stuff that you have versus other areas and stuff of the Public Defender's office, etcetera. But I think the protocol that has been established is for this to go to Job Study first and go through that, and then come back here, which if we can get a Job Study meeting set up fairly quickly, we can come back here next month and resolve your issue.

Nick Hermann: Do we know when the next Job Study is scheduled?

President Shetler: I think she's – I think they're figuring it out.

Nick Hermann: Trying to figure it out now?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'm sure we can get one either before the last meeting here in January or the first of February. So we can definitely set that. We'll see how many people we can get there and try for the end of January.

Nick Hermann: Okay.

President Shetler: Will that work?

Nick Hermann: I hope.

President Shetler: It will have to?

Nick Hermann: I believe what I'm being told is it's going to have to or its not going to work. Alright, thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Nick.

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

President Shetler: Oh, would it help if we go ahead and approve the part-time...since that's not a change or –

Nick Hermann: Well, basically, what I was trying to do was turn that part-time, because there's an insurance package and \$37,000 there already, into the full-time. I mean, if I hire a part-time, they've got to restrict their practice and cut their practice back in order to be able to do this, and then if I'm going to turn around in the future and hire somebody full-time, and I don't think we're going to be able to get somebody to go part-time and transition them to full-time, if that's...

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, thank you.

<b>ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Assessor? Oh, Bill, I didn't see you back there. I was looking for you. Request to fill vacancies for real estate, PTABOA deputy assessor II, and deputy – several positions here. Bill?

Bill Fluty: Requesting five positions. I was here in November and requested some upper level, three upper level positions and you granted me that. Those were filled within the office and that left three vacancies, and we've also had some other changes, so I'm asking for five employees.

President Shetler: Questions? And these are just filling vacancies that are there, nothing is new?

Bill Fluty: Nothing new. They'll come in at a lower entry level, so there will be some savings and I always want to remind you that I've already cut staff. I am at my number, that makes five, I think it is.

President Shetler: Cut five people total?

Bill Fluty: Four or five, I think, as I remember.

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

Bill Fluty: Three years.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions? Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: These positions are available at this moment?

Bill Fluty: Yes, they are at this moment. If I had the right candidates, I could hire them for the next payroll.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, how long have they been open?

Bill Fluty: They have all –

Councilmember Goebel: Are these all retirements or transfers?

Bill Fluty: These positions have just been open in the last couple of weeks, really, with the exception of one.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Anything else, then? 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)**

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thanks, Bill.

<b>ASSESSOR TRAVEL REQUEST</b>
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Councilmember Raben: While he's here, do you want to address the travel request, Level III certification?

Bill Fluty: I have Level III certifications that are going, I think in February, two to take a 151 class. It's a three day class, I believe. I do, all the other classes, I host those down at the Civic Center, I'm hosting one now and sending my employees, but they're for weeks. These are just three days, so when the opportunity presents itself, I do send two to travel for this. I've done it one other time, and I'll do it this time and

maybe in the future, but mostly we do all the classes here at the Civic Center to save travel and mileage.

Councilmember Raben: I'm not familiar with this account number, is this out of Reassessment?

Bill Fluty: I think that's out of Sales Disclosure, if I'm correct. And it's training, so it's correct.

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

Bill Fluty: On that Level III, we currently have nine Level III. Three years ago we had two, so we do have nine that have passed their certification. At the end of this week, if three of those of the seven that are taking that class this week are successful, that will mean we'll have twelve. You know, by law, we're required – it doesn't specifically say a number, but you've got to have a fair percentage that are Level III assessors, so I'd say by mid-summer we'll have 15, and that's a total that we're pretty well comfortable with. Thank you.

President Shetler: Very good. Thank you.

<b>COMMISSIONERS REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Commissioners, Marsha?

Marsha Abell: Good morning, Councilmen. Marsha Abell, you're getting B-teamed today. Mr. Kiefer is the president, but he is busy and couldn't come this morning. We're here, Marissa had a baby and has decided to stay home, be a stay at home mom, and we're here to ask that we be able to replace her.

President Shetler: Alright, do I have any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: It was just pointed out that the funds are not going to be available to fill the position until June the 16<sup>th</sup>?

Marsha Abell: We know. We have a part-time person in there right now that's a student at USI and so Kristin actually has moved up and is doing Marissa's duties and he is filling in and doing Kristin's duties, and we're sort of limping by with a part-time person. And so we're aware.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, just wanted to make sure that we were aware of all that. Alright.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So motion to approve or second.

Councilmember Goebel: Are you going to be able to hold until June for that hire?

Marsha Abell: That's what we're hoping, we didn't want to actually offer him the position until we knew we'd have the money in place in June. He gets out of school in May, so right now, it's working the way that it is.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Terry: So what type of qualifications are required for that position?

Marsha Abell: Well, there's not really a requirement, but we have held pretty much the line to have a college graduate. Marissa had a degree, Kristin has a degree, and Tyler will have his degree in May, so mainly because they deal with the public so much and so many different issues, we feel like it's a requirement that it be somebody that is capable of handling those type problems.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? 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 7-0)**

Marsha Abell: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Marsha.

<b>LEGAL AID REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next is Legal Aid, request to fill vacancy for legal secretary.

Kevin Gibson: Good morning. As we've discussed before, we have two legal secretaries where we used to have three, and one of the two, she accepted a position in private practice for an attorney. So we're requesting permission to replace her. We did fill out the 99 form, turned that in, and I believe the Auditor calculated that we could hire someone starting February 10<sup>th</sup> after the buy-out, so that's what we are requesting.

Councilmember Goebel: Move approval.

Councilmember Terry: 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: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Kevin Gibson: Thank you.

**OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY**

President Shetler: Next is The Centre, Darren.

Darren Stearns: Good morning. Darren Stearns with the Old National Events Plaza, formerly The Centre. We're looking to replace one of our maintenance positions, one of our Teamsters has moved down to the Old Courthouse, and we're looking to replace that position.

President Shetler: I do want to point out, Darren, that my comments earlier, no reflection, it's just that we do get a partial look at the finances, and I really want to see a complete picture.

Darren Stearns: Totally understand.

President Shetler: And if there are ways that we might be able to assist or help in driving down those costs, because for a variety of reasons, you know, what we're experiencing on the taxpayer side of it has been increasing and we need to try to get a handle on that as much as we possibly can, so anyway, I just want to make sure you –

Debbie Stucki: Yes, I know the budget we have for 2014 is an increase, but the past budgets over the last four or five years actually have went down.

President Shetler: Yeah, so anybody have any –

Councilmember Raben: Just one general comment to echo your statements, we are looking at – or we would like to look at as many contracts as we can going forward, but I do want to compliment SMG on their past few years history at the former Centre, and having attended, again, a couple functions over the holidays there, I mean, there is a lot of activity going on, particularly with no anchor hotel and things seen to be running very smooth and we appreciate it and thank you.

Darren Stearns: Thank you. I appreciate that.

President Shetler: Okay, I need a motion for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: And a second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, 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: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Darren Stearns: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

<b>HIGHWAY REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next is the Highway department. Yes, Pat. I suppose you want to fill this pretty soon.

Pat Seib: As soon as possible, yes. Patrick Seib, County Highway Superintendent. This request is to fill a laborer's position that opened up because we had a laborer last month move into a vacant operator's position.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. This is a pretty vital place, sprinkles the salt out there and stuff on the streets. So the sooner, the better, right? Anybody 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)**

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Pat, while you're up there, just thank you so much for all your hard work during this terrible weather and just pass that along, we really appreciate it and I know you guys take a lot of flak when it doesn't get cleared the way we all want it to, but we know you're working hard and it definitely is appreciated.

Pat Seib: Well, I appreciate that very much. A lot of the credit goes to the fine men and women that I have out there working for me. They did a heck of a job going out there and getting those roads cleared and a lot of credit also goes to my predecessors, superintendents, who had the foresight to get the removal system that we have in place now, especially with the beet juice treatment that a lot of people like to snicker at when they hear, but if we hadn't had that in place out there, with the temperatures that we had this last event, we would have been dead in the water.

Councilmember Goebel: While you're here, Patrick, I'd like to echo the fact that you did get the roads cleared very nicely, but the beet juice was the approach for this last freeze this past weekend, and then the snow, six inches, prior to, you couldn't use that or did you use that formula then?

Pat Seib: The beet juice that we have, we use it in two separate applications. One we use as a pretreatment to put down, we mix with our brine solution.



Councilmember Goebel: And that doesn't typically work when it rains, right?

Pat Seib: Yeah, 'cause usually the rain will wash it off or even when it's just a light rain when the road is even getting a little wet, the agitation from the traffic, it just sprays everything off of the roads. The other thing that we use it for more and it really helped us out this time, is we'll use the beet juice to treat the salt that we have. The normal salt will work maybe down to about 20 degrees, but when we put that beet juice on the salt, I don't know what the bottom end for that is, but we got into the sub zero temperatures and it was melting it in the middle of the night. I mean, it was like a hot knife through butter, so that really helped us get the ice off.

Councilmember Goebel: That was noticeable. My question is, if it's raining, does it make any sense to put down the beet juice like prior to the horrible drop in weather we had? We had a hard rain, did you apply a pre-treatment then?

Pat Seib: When we had the – well, in this last event, we were looking at the forecast which I use all the available information to make the decisions on this, I made the call to go out and start treating our bridge decks, some of the roads that we have a lot of troubles with, a lot of hilly areas, roads that get shaded a lot that don't get much sunlight on them. We did get some of those roads as well because when we were looking at it up to that point, was we either do it or we don't. All the forecasts that we saw, it looked as though the temperatures were going to be low enough and it was going to be starting out as snow. So we said let's go ahead and do this. As it turned out, I'm not a meteorologist, but the low pressure system was doing something somewhere and that caused most of the precipitation to fall as rain, so that was just a –

Councilmember Goebel: So the pre-treatment, no pun intended, was a wash, correct?

Pat Seib: This time it was, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: But what you applied after the freeze came, it was pretty obvious that worked, and, you know, it was seven degrees or one degree, or even below zero, and we had water standing on the road, which means what you did was working, so thank you.

Pat Seib: And just from my experience with this, my first time using this stuff, of course, all the literature I had seen on it said yes, this will work in very cold temperatures. Of course, I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, so, you know, I was kind of nervous when I saw that mercury start getting lower and lower and lower. But yeah, driving on the roads and seeing it, I mean, it worked like a dream.

President Shetler: Pat, one question I had, on the – what's our inventory like on the salt? Or any kind of treatment, or how to we stand on the inventory –

Pat Seib: The salt situation right now, we went ahead and ordered the last remaining that we had on this year's bid. I believe that's about another 200 tons coming in. Our salt barns are down, I haven't gone out there to see exactly where we stand from this last one, but we are probably going to be getting into the situation where we're going to need more salt above and beyond what we had ordered back in the spring for this year. And I'm starting to go out there and look at options where all we might be able to get that because we just hit the start of winter so I'm assuming that we're going to get a little more snow and a little more ice.

President Shetler: The inventory at present and what you've ordered, would you estimate that to take care of one more snowfall, two more snowfalls, three, is there any way of estimating that?

Pat Seib: It just depends on how heavy that snowfall might be. If we had another event like what we just had, I'm going to be very nervous that we would have enough on hand to take care of it. So that's why I say, I need to get out there and look and see exactly what we've got and how much we've got coming and look at some of the other options. I know on the state bid that we go through, even though we have topped out, I talked to a lady with North American Salt and OneIndiana and they said that we can get on a waiting list. We can't get more salt from them, but then that's going to be kind of at their whim depending on when they have enough product that they can ship down on a barge, so we wouldn't be a priority, it would just be whenever it could get to you. But I know there are other suppliers around, so that's something that I'm looking into right now.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, but we've had basically two events: this last one while it was cold, there really wasn't, I mean, after the initial half inch or inch we got, we really weren't back out retreating. But I recall, I don't know, going back into probably our last budget session, that the amount we had on hand and the amount we had on order, and then you were allowed an additional 20 percent over and above maybe what you committed for, but it was down to, the inventory was going to be so great that we were looking for offsite storage. How many tons did we put down per episode? I mean, under, say, a four inch snow happens tomorrow, and we go out tonight and treat the roads, how many tons are we spreading?

Pat Seib: There again, with this being my first winter into it, I don't have those numbers off the top of my head, but I do know that each event is going to be different. I'm just saying that we have two inches coming down or four inches coming down, and even on this last one, yes, we could have been in a lot worse shape especially, I know at one point I was hearing we were going to be getting eight inches of snow. We didn't get that much accumulation, but the worst part of it was all that rain that we had in the beginning made the roads wet and they iced over quick. So we were dealing with a lot of ice. And when you have ice, you need to use more salt than what you use whenever you have just snow. Another thing that we were fighting was with these strong winds. We had salt that was getting blown off the road, so we did have to keep going out and putting product down. The trucks we have, most of them are tandem axle, but those usually take about twelve tons per load that they can handle and from what I've seen, most of the routes that we have, they usually have to run at least two, maybe two and a half loads per route, so you're probably looking at ten routes, you're easily looking, 250 - 300 tons just to get one coverage on the main routes in the county. I know that our capacity out there, I don't know exactly, but I've heard we've got somewhere around 22 - 2,300 tons that we can store in our barns. From what I saw back in the spring, I think it was 800 tons we had committed to. When I talked to the lady from North American Salt, I had heard 120 percent, she was saying that we could go up to 50 percent over that. And so that would have made what was available to get this year at 1,200 tons, and we've already maxed out on that. We got 200 tons coming in shipment from Mulzer's over in Mt. Vernon, but then that will be it for our salt coming in.

Councilmember Raben: So based on that, we're probably good for another six snowfalls, just based on our allocation available to us and probably our current on hand. Or maybe we don't even discuss this any further until we get a better feel. Maybe at our next meeting, you can approach us with some more information and maybe have a better feel for where we're going. You know, we always have to

remember, before we get crazy and run up a huge bill on salt, a lot of our episodes are just like they're forecasting for tomorrow, snow in the morning but it's going to warm up to 40 degrees. So, you know, they're not all sub zero fronts that come through. And I say this only because I know how tight our budget is and I don't want to have 12 hundred thousand tons of salt in our barn April 1. So again, maybe come back at our meeting later this month and give us some close information on where we really stand.

Pat Seib: Certainly, and I can go back and do an inventory on the salt that we have on hand and I can get an email out to the Councilmembers just giving you guys an update on where we stand.

President Shetler: And then perhaps even with the cost for additional, so that we do know that if it comes, what we're talking.

Pat Seib: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Just a point of information, maybe, for the general public, does the city operate entirely differently or separately from the county when it comes to treating the roads or do you ever share the responsibility and does the city have its own stockpile?

Pat Seib: I know that the city has their own stockpile. I'm not familiar with the city's operations. Councilmember Swaim might be, of course, it might have changed from when you were down there. We do have a swap route with the city. They take some of our roads that are closer for their trucks to be able to get to, and we take some of their streets that are closer to us to get to, and that's about an even swap on that. So we do cooperate with them.

Councilmember Goebel: That's good to hear. I don't know how it all works and you're obviously the expert, but it seems like cooperation, I don't think snow really differentiates where it falls or the county line versus the city line and things like that. So it seems like we all work together. Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom?

President Shetler: Yes, Ed?

Councilmember Bassemier: Being a safety officer, I know we're trying to be cost effective, but I'd rather be safe than sorry. And, you know, we need to keep those bins full and I want to say, you cut down, you know, try to just be safe out there, that we're going to have enough salt in case of emergency and if we don't need it, we sure can use it next year and we'll probably get a cheaper price, too. So, you know, let's be safe and not sorry, okay. And they're right, we're trying to save and the budget is real tight, but this is one area we can't be too conservative on, okay? I mean, we've got to have this salt, okay?

Pat Seib: Sure thing.

President Shetler: Okay.

Pat Seib: Any other questions?

President Shetler: We already passed the motion for the laborer. Alright, thank you, Pat.

Pat Seib: Alright, thank you.

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Next is Health Department request to fill vacancy for secretary of communication disease and longevity for environmental health specialist. Gary?

Gary Heck: Gary Heck with the Vanderburgh County Health Department. We have a request to fill a secretary in our communicable disease area. And the longevity pay for the environmental individual you spoke of is because of this change here. When we promoted someone to move into that position, they had more time, so that's what the transfer was for earlier today that you already approved. But we need permission to fill this vacancy and that's basically what I'm asking for. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to try to address them.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve, Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. One question, Gary, about six - eight weeks ago, we were meeting with Echo and talking about trying to get together on similar responsibilities so that we could kind of coordinate some of our efforts on serving the community. At this point, are we seeing any success in that or where do we stand on those communications?

Gary Heck: We've met several times with the communicable disease staff, our director and the supervisor in the specialty clinic met with their chief operating officer and myself, and we discussed the opportunities. It doesn't look like the nursing practitioners that they have can work outside of their area. The way the system works, they don't get credit for anybody that's working in another system and we don't have the benefit of being able to bill using any of the staff that they might be able to use from that. So while we're finding ways we can still work together on things, that's not one of them. So I don't believe that's going to be a solution to anything that we have.

President Shetler: Are there services that we are performing today at the Health Department that they are serving the same kind of clientele and the same type of services that we could more or less shut down the activities that we're doing and pass our client list on to them so that they service those folks?

Gary Heck: We've been exploring every opportunity like that. If there is something that we can't serve, and we're not able to bill for, I mean, that's one of the things we look at. When you look at the state law and what Health Departments are required to do, stopping the spread of disease is one of the primary responsibilities, so we're struggling with the best way to approach all of that. We don't have an answer for you today, but anyway, anything that we can do, we're trying to do and there will be more on that in the next couple of months as we start working through the Affordable Care Act, because a lot of what's there, everything has to be done at a primary care provider and not at a health department provider level.

President Shetler: You brought up the ACA, and what kind of impact will those regulations and laws that have, some of them that have already been put in place, some more that are coming into place, I guess, what kind of impact will that have on you all as far as having to upgrade the kind of certificates or educational requirements that some of your personnel may have?

Gary Heck: Our understanding is that the services, in order to be able to be reimbursed have to be performed by a nurse practitioner or a physician, basically, in order to be reimbursed through insurance providers under the Affordable Care Act. The services that we offer now and at some of our specialty clinics are under standing orders from our health officer who is a physician, but they're being provided with registered nurses or other health care professionals, under standing order. Those types of services aren't allowed to be billed under the Affordable Care Act, is our understanding. Everything we've looked for, everything that we've tried to do. So if we're going to continue to try to provide services we're going to need nursing practitioners or physicians to be the individuals providing those services in order to be able to bill and be reimbursed for them.

President Shetler: Could we – have you tried to put a pencil to that yet, what it's going to cost?

Gary Heck: We've been doing it for the last six months and we're still projecting and looking out. Bottom line is we're going to need a nurse practitioner or a physician. We're going to have to expand some of the services that perhaps we're currently offering in order to attract and keep to generate enough money to make that work.

President Shetler: I guess that's really what prompted me to suggest that we coordinate with Echo because they have those things in place and –

Gary Heck: But they can't bill for them unless – I mean, they're going to be billing for them if their staff is doing it. And they don't get any credit if their staff is working somewhere else.

President Shetler: Right.

Gary Heck: Is what it amounts to.

President Shetler: So hopefully we can get this all worked out.

Gary Heck: We're working on it.

President Shetler: You know, you're here pretty much every month anyway, for travel, for something. Perhaps at the next meeting, if you could have some kind of a number for us of what you would project that that may end up costing us, the impact of the ACA on your department.

Gary Heck: Well, our preliminary studies suggest that in this area, a nurse practitioner with the credentials that we're looking at is going to be anywhere from \$85,000 to \$95,000 a year.

President Shetler: Would that take the place of a registered nurse, though?

Gary Heck: It would take the place of two or more registered nurses, probably.

President Shetler: Okay, so then you would have some coming off the payroll for that?

Gary Heck: You still need support staff to do certain other things, you still have immunizations and other types of services, but in order to do that just to bill for it, that would be the case.

President Shetler: Okay, what I'm asking is what the net effect would be. So if we could get some kind of –

Gary Heck: We're trying to do that to say what would we have to do, what other business, in order to have a break even. We're not allowed to make profit as a public health department. We're allowed to recover cost.

President Shetler: Its far from being a profit anyway, so I'm not going to lose any sleep over that one today. But it's a nice thought.

Gary Heck: Well, the thing is, you just can't do it with one person because you're going to have days off, you've going to have other coverages that you have to be concerned with –

President Shetler: Right, I understand.

Gary Heck: So you're looking at least a person and a part-time person for adequate coverage to cover the –

President Shetler: Maybe, I said next time come with a written report, kind of hand it out to all of us so we can look at it and at least have it in our minds so if something comes down the pike later this year –

Gary Heck: Well, we have a board meeting tomorrow and the Board of Health has been looking at this with us as well. So I'll try to have to that ready for you, sir.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Gary, do physicians assistants, will they fall in the same category, there's practitioners, or close salary wise that –

Gary Heck: As long as they can prescribe and treat and billable, they would be the same. I don't know, from a – I haven't looked at what they cost in this market, yet. Because nurse practitioners is basically what you see.

President Shetler: I think they're about the same.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Gary Heck: You're welcome.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I would think the ACA would have a reverse effect on the Health department because, you know, a lot of the services you provide are for the uninsured –

Gary Heck: The problem is –

Councilmember Raben: – those go on Medicaid or insurance, I would think that the need for the Health department would decline.

Gary Heck: It will decline because you have to be a federally qualified health center, which is what Echo is, or a federally qualified health center look-alike, which would be a 501(C)3 not for profit, not necessarily run by a local government unit.

Councilmember Raben: I guess my question maybe didn't go far enough. In the

future, not in maybe the near future but in the distant future, will there even be a need to provide services at the volume and the level we're providing them today. If they can go to a practitioner or to a hospital, --

Gary Heck: There is still going to be a need for immunizations, there's still going to be a need to stop communicable diseases, and will you need the same type of level of health department that was filling the gap that wasn't there previously? Well, maybe not and that's what every health department is struggling with, is what that right size is, because you're still going to need staff to respond to public health emergencies and then maybe doing something different during the day. And a lot of that is going to be working with community groups on how to be healthier, how to make better health choices, how to stay healthier in the first place, how to avoid going to a doctor by doing the things that keep you healthier to begin with. The same things we struggle with your health insurance. The reason we're having a clinic in the building is so people can do the things to avoid things that cost you a lot of money when you're unhealthy. So everybody is struggling with it but public health departments weren't specifically written in the Affordable Care Act. And so it going to be different --

Councilmember Raben: I understand, I just think it's important that we, at some point, draw a line and not reinvent needs to create a purpose for our existence.

Gary Heck: I understand that, too, and we don't want -- I don't want to have staff that aren't doing something that's necessary if somebody else is already providing that service in our community, and is getting reimbursed and paid for it to do it. We certainly don't have the time to do that. I sort of heard a questions over here, but I wasn't sure.

Councilmember Terry: It was me, and Jim kind of went there already, I'm assuming that the board is already talking about an option two, if, you know, in terms of new structure for the Health department, if we do not pursue the health practitioner and so forth.

Gary Heck: Yes, I mean, we're always looking at options and a lot of it -- we're still operating under job descriptions from 1993. I know this is the wrong time to talk about looking at job descriptions and reimbursement rates and things for people, but a lot of things have changed since 1993 and sooner or later, we're going to have a time when everyone in the health department's job description gets looked at and brought into the 2014 time frame.

President Shetler: Yeah, I think we're all on the same page, I think we're all saying the same thing is, if there's duplication of services, we need to get this coordinated and we are --

Gary Heck: Not necessarily duplications of services, its that what's happening today is things that the health department used to be able to provide, we can't provide for any more without being able to charge a fee for, and we can't charge a fee for it unless they're provided by a nurse practitioner or a doctor.

President Shetler: Right, but there are duplications because you've got Echo and you've got other groups that are out there that are performing similar--

Gary Heck: They're not --

President Shetler: -- some things that you guys do that are not duplicated and that

are necessary for the community to have. We just need to focus on those, --

Gary Heck: But we can't get reimbursed for them unless we have the properly credentialed staff and that's what we're struggling with is how to get that.

President Shetler: Right.

Councilmember Terry: I just want to go on record and say, there is still a need for a public health --

Gary Heck: Certainly is a need for public health.

Councilmember Terry: -- and Echo Clinic, which is more medical, so there is a distinct difference and I think we need to --

President Shetler: That's right, and I think that's, you're exactly right, Stephanie, and that's what we need to do is to kind of point out what do -- how, what do we -- what's our vision for the health department. You know, is it to be -- because we're kind of a quasi now. We have that clinic type of look to us, we also have the public health look to it. We need to kind of focus on what we really need to be and what we want to be in the future given all the other things that are changing around us. Alright, thank you, Gary. Yeah, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Before you get away, do you think the Affordable Care Act will have an impact as far as allowing health departments maybe down the road tweaking that when the dust all settles, that you'll still be able to administer like you do now or is going to cut drastically? Just a real quick answer if you don't mind. What's your sense?

Gary Heck: It's really too early to say because it's going to depend on the personnel. And we're not sure if it's -- I'm just not sure if everything is going to work out with the Affordable Care Act yet. I know when you look at it and you read what's -- what you read in the paper, all the federally qualified health centers are supposed to be receiving money to build up to capacity because they're going to be expecting two-thirds the number of people coming to them that's not coming to them today, because there's going to be people with insurance, and the answer is federally qualified health centers are going to be providing that. We have one in our community and I would think that they're going to be looking at doing some kind of capacity building somewhere because the need that they're going to have is going to increase or they're going to go to what's called an accountable care organization. Deaconess has an Accountable Care Organization is my understanding. St. Mary's has decided to do that a different way. So if you look up Accountable Care Organization, that's the other answer to this. And there is a lot more people that know a lot more about the Affordable Care Act, and I've been studying up pretty hard, but you've got to have the right personnel in order to be able to get reimbursed for the services you provided, and at this point in time, we don't have all of the right personnel, we have the health officer. That health officer has to be the one providing the services himself in order to be able to bill for it. You can't do it under standing orders, under the Affordable Care Act. It's as simple as that there. Have we voted on this one yet, by the way?

President Shetler: That's on my mind, to get to that.

Councilmember Goebel: I guess what my question was, do you foresee possibly, since you have an existing facility you already administer, that the Affordable Care



Act will help you transition to providing this health care that we're going to have to expand in other areas, or find other locations? Will that be an adaption that might be able to be made?

Gary Heck: I don't know that we'll need more space than what we have now. We'll need different personnel in order to be able to do what we need. It's the personnel that's the answer, not the space, for us at least.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright. We do have a motion on the floor. Do I have any questions about that? 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: Thank you, Gary.

Gary Heck: Thank you.

<b>TRAVEL REQUESTS</b>
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President Shetler: We're going to go into travel which is the next and I think John Stoll has an appointment coming up very quickly and if anybody has any questions about the County Engineer's request on travel.

Councilmember Raben: I move to approve the travel request.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second to approve all of the travel requests.

Councilmember Raben: We do have a question.

President Shetler: Okay, we do have a question from...

Councilmember Goebel: Just a quick question on the, I guess, Purdue road school. We have two groups going. Is there a chance to maybe join forces and all three people go? I think they're all the same conference, is that right?

John Stoll: Is that Pat's request or mine?

Councilmember Goebel: Both of you. Either one or will that not have any impact on the expense?

John Stoll: I didn't know if my request for road school had been submitted, had made

the agenda on this meeting, but I was filing one for me and for Valerie Harry to attend. I know the County Surveyor and County Highway Superintendent also go up there. There are numerous sessions throughout road school, so there's concurrent sessions to where people can attend different things. For me and for Valerie in my office, it counts as licensing hours for our engineer's licenses as well, so it kind of serves double duty in that regard as far as training and licensing.

Councilmember Goebel: That's fine, I just thought the general time frame was about the same and even if we have different sessions you might go up and come back in one vehicle.

Jeff Mueller: Last year all four of us rode together. It was kind of crowded in that small vehicle. This year, I won't be able to because they moved the surveyor's meeting and we'll be up there an extra day. But like, for example, the storm water conference that John and I are both going to, we'd be able to ride up together if we both go to it. So we always try to ride together if we can.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand. Thank you.

Jeff Mueller: That's the only thing.

President Shetler: Alright. Anybody else? Any other questions?

Pat Seib: I was also just going to throw in, for this one, I know that we had just put in a request for the bridge conference coming up and I know that John's got Valerie in your office is going up and if this goes through, then yes, we'll all be riding up in my county truck. So yeah, we'll all go up together.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, motion on the floor and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ORDINANCE ALLOWING TAXPAYERS TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES BY WAY OF A MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next, ordinance allowing county taxpayers to pay – that is going to – we're holding that.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, on the ordinance, since we didn't have a Personnel & Finance Committee meeting to discuss it and I know there were some – I talked to County Attorney Joe Harrison, and there's a few modifications that he may want to make and I know the Auditor has some questions, and I think Ms. Kirk is not here today, so I would ask that we just put this off until next month and discuss it maybe at the

Personnel & Finance Committee meeting.

Dottie Thomas: Dottie Thomas and I'm here for Susan. I came in case anyone had any questions or, I mean, it's going to be a law. It's something that we've always done, or well, the Treasurer's office has always done anyway was take payments. So now they just want to make it a law.

Jeff Ahlers: Are you saying you're already doing this or something similar?

Dottie Thomas: No, we've always – we take payments in the Treasurer's office. The only difference is, now they'll sign like a little contract to make the payments.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, this is for monthly payments.

Dottie Thomas: Yeah. They make monthly payments. They can come in in January and start making monthly payments on their spring and then on their fall or anything that they have in arrears.

Jeff Ahlers: And I think one of the things that has been talked about adding in possibly would be some electronic payments and some things like that and I know the Auditor has some questions.

Dottie Thomas: Yeah, they can have it electronically taken out for the payment plan as well. It can be a debit option. We do that as well.

President Shetler: Okay, so I think –

Councilmember Terry: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Dottie Thomas: Yeah, the same way we take payments any other time of the year, the debit option. It can be done monthly.

President Shetler: I think some of us were just seeing this for the first time today and so what we would like to do is send it to basically committee to review it and study it, and then bring it back here for final approval then.

Dottie Thomas: Okay. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thanks.

<b>GAGE ANNUAL REPORT</b>
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President Shetler: Next is GAGE. Debbie?

Debbie Dewey: Good morning. For the record, I'm Debbie Dewey, president of the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville and I'm here to provide the 2013 report of activities under our service contract with the county. And I want to cover some of the highlights of 2013 for the Growth Alliance and you will be receiving a copy of our annual report that will be finished by the end of January and you'll all receive a copy of that as well. 2013 was a slower year for new project attraction and leads. We hear from a lot of our local companies that the economy is still struggling very much. The national economic growth is at less than two percent and its forecasted to be that way at least for the first half of this year. Where we saw four or five attraction leads per month in 2012, we saw one or two in 2013, and we even worked two attraction projects for quite a while that we're almost to the finish line, and Evansville

was actually the choice, and then the company went and cancelled the projects. But we do have a lot of positive activities as well. We did see an increase in the requests from local entrepreneurs, and continued expansion of some of our existing companies. We worked a rail infrastructure project for Berry Plastics to retain hundreds of jobs, we had a vacant building declared as an industrial recovery site for Uniseal to retain jobs and add some new jobs. We aided the startup of Envolve Engineering that was started by ex-Whirlpool engineers, a new design engineering firm here in Evansville, and we supported, which this Council knows about, of course, nFlow, which is coming and growing from a new company for Vanderburgh County, growing from nine to forty employees. We also supported a number of start ups including ones for resin supply and plastic compound development, innovative medical supply procurement and photonic communication development. We handled 220 requests for assistance in 2013. We closed projects that allowed 122 new jobs and retained 653 existing jobs that equate to nearly \$110,000,000 per year in economic impact, but we're not closing the book on 2013 just yet. We have one very, very hot project that we had hoped to hear a decision on before Christmas but with the holidays and things, so stay tuned, we hope to have an answer on that very soon. We have 20 open projects currently and about eight of those are what I would call very active. Since redefining our mission three years ago, we've handled 997 requests for assistance and we've closed projects that are adding 1,520 new jobs with a positive economic impact of about \$300,000,000 per year for our community. We executed, as this Council knows, an RFP process for a shell building at the Vanderburgh Industrial Park because so many of the project leads we were seeing needed about 100,000 square foot building with 32 foot ceilings which we just didn't have an inventory of. So with the shell building, we hope we will be able to compete on some more of these projects. We held Pitch Practices and workshops that helped 16 entrepreneurs develop their communication for potential investors and customers and the Tech on Tap series of meet ups has nearly 260 registered members now and, I mean, I don't know if anybody would have thought a few years ago that we would have that kind of an entrepreneurial community growing here in Evansville. And, in fact, the Tech on Tap meet ups have spun off other meet ups. Our entrepreneurs are telling us that they need these kind of networking events where they can talk to other entrepreneurs, to mentors and to potential investors, and in fact, I think there are four different meet ups that have spun off just in the last month alone, where these entrepreneurs are getting together and they're sharing ideas and lessons learned and there's actually, believe it or not, there's an emerging tech community in Evansville. And these people are getting together and sharing ideas. We sponsored and provided mentor services for the second start up weekend and the one in Evansville, the last one was 107 attendees, which so far is the largest in the state of Indiana so far. We're a member of the executive committee of the I-69 innovation corridor initiative. This has over 300 consortium members and are working to develop a plan to raise the region's innovation index for technology based economic growth. And this initiative has spun off five different task forces. And we head the innovation and entrepreneurship networks task force. And that task force has developed an asset map for entrepreneurial eco-system and we also have developed and maintained an I-69 Ignite Facebook page and Twitter account. And this is a place where entrepreneurs can come. We're trying to share information about spaces, events, training, anything that a start up business or new entrepreneur may be interested in. And it really goes along the whole I-69 corridor and we've put that in place. And that Facebook page alone already has over 100 followers, and that's within the last few months. We provided the Kauffman FastTrac GrowthVenture program to ten more local businesses for a total of 43. This is kind of a mini MBA program that helps existing businesses develop a growth plan. And in 2013 we also received certification to provide the Kauffman Foundation NewVenture program. This is similar to GrowthVenture, but its targeted to people

who want to start up businesses. And we then went and applied for and received grants from Vectren and Fifth Third Bank and we will be able to provide scholarships over the next two years to 30 people to go through the NewVenture program. So that's 30 budding entrepreneurs that we will be able to take through this 30 hour, how do you start up a business and try to reduce their risk and improve their chance of success. And, in fact, a number of those scholarships are also set aside for minority and women in business or entrepreneurs start ups. We're also converting space at Innovation Pointe into a co-working space. What we're finding from many of the technical innovators is that they don't want a private office in an incubator, they like these big co-working spaces where they can collaborate, cost less, come and go as they want, so we studied some successful co-working spaces in other communities and we're going to open a small one this month in Innovation Pointe. We already have a list of over a dozen people that want to join as members and, in fact, I think we're probably going to outgrow the space before we even open it with local entrepreneurs who want to participate in this co-working space. We're an active participant in a southern Indiana optics and photonics consortium, and this is investigating the potential to develop a cluster of optics and photonics companies in southern Indiana. It's a very early stage and what we're doing is trying to search for that technical domain that could let us become kind of a Silicon Valley in some area. And we're looking at different areas and this optics and photonics consortium is one that's looking at that. We were a sponsor of the Latino Summit and we also launched a new globalization committee and one of the first initiatives of that committee is to develop a guide for foreign direct investment in our community. And what we're doing is looking and interviewing foreign nationals who have come here and made foreign direct investment in our community to say what lessons did you learn, what was easy, what wasn't easy, and what can we do to make that easier the next time around? We also serve on the regional workforce investment board and we chair its human resource committee. We redesigned our website in 2013 so it now will provide access to all the types of information that site selectors need. We also were a sponsor and we provided mentoring services to USI second Technology Commercialization Academy. Again, this is where business and engineering students are looking at Crane patents to try to develop new commercial ideas and, in fact, two of those ideas that have come out of the TCA are now actually being picked up by local innovators who are looking at further product development on those student ideas. So we're beginning to see an impact of the entrepreneurial eco-system and I'll give you an example. I had a couple people come to the office who have a new idea for a cloud based software system, but they had a lot of questions, they had never done something like this before, so through this network that we're setting up I was able to put out feelers to a bunch of people, connect them with people who had done similar start ups, also people who could be technical mentors so they're getting the input and their questions answered, and in addition, through that whole networking process, we found out about a company in Kentucky that's for sale, that could be of interest to someone here locally because the company could be moved. So that's the type of networking that's happening with this entrepreneurial eco-system that's existing now. So currently, we're working with three inventors on products that they hope to commercialize and we developed a cold call marketing package that we sent out to the small arms industry, again, trying to attract businesses. We're also working on a second cold call package for optics and photonics companies and we're doing research to see what should be the third cold call package. So where we're not getting leads for attraction projects from the traditional sources, we're trying to develop our own through these type of cold call marketing initiatives. We again produced the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and assisted the Downtown Farmer's Market. We've also consulted with and provided guidance to downtown merchants, Franklin Street merchants and have worked on a possible revitalization project for a third commercial corridor. So, in summary, we continue

to see job growth with some of our existing companies and we definitely see more activity from the innovators and the wanna be entrepreneurs in our community. And so we're also trying new approaches for getting attraction leads since we're not getting them from the traditional sources. So that's kind of a very brief overview of 2013 activities. Again, you will be receiving the annual report. I don't know if you have any questions. I mean, that was a lot. I talk fast.

President Shetler: I will say this, yeah, that that was a 35 or 40 minute report done in ten - twelve minutes, and we're going to have a quiz after the meeting here to see who –

Debbie Dewey: Just to give you highlights so that you see that we are doing a lot of different things in a lot of different areas, I think we see our mission as not just attraction, but expansion, retention and incubation as well.

President Shetler: Yeah, and I do want to point out that, serving on the board, the meetings are much like that. I mean, it is, honestly, there's a lot of excitement that goes on at the meetings simply because of how much energy is there that Debbie, as the leader, is really passing out to everybody involved, I think, in that boardroom. She has really been an inspiration and has really done an outstanding job, but everything that she is saying there, the energy, you can feel it and see it in the air. There's a lot going on and they are doing a lot to try to bring jobs into Evansville and Vanderburgh County. So I want to applaud her for what she's done and stuff. She's done a great job.

Debbie Dewey: Thank you.

President Shetler: Mike, I think you had your hand up.

Councilmember Goebel: I just want to echo that sentiment and say thank you for your leadership and GAGE has come so far in such a short time and really serving our community. Thank you.

Debbie Dewey: Thank you. Any more questions?

Councilmember Swaim: Yeah, Debbie, thanks for your hard work during the year and it looks like you have a full agenda coming up, so best of luck with that, too.

Debbie Dewey: I have five pages of my performance objectives. We set those each year that the board approves a very detailed, really about five pages of performance objectives that are approved by our board each year. And then we report on how well we did.

President Shetler: Alright, well, great job. Thank you. Anybody else? Alright, thank you.

Debbie Dewey: Thank you.

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Shetler: I think the last thing we have on the agenda then is the amendments to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, as you can tell, there's several pages of it, so we're not going to read through these. I do want to call attention to the second paragraph,

the Prosecutor, if you would strike that, remove that from this document, and then, Mr. President, I would ask that all other offices and departments and requests of this six page document be approved as listed and ask that this be made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the amendments to the salary ordinance? 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)**

President Shetler: At this time, I guess a motion would be in order for – well, public comment? Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: I just, while the Sheriff is here, want to commend him on his recent successes as far as cutting back within the Jail and the expenses that you have and your creative, I guess, implementation of new jobs and the fact that you turned back so much money to the general fund this past year. Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Yeah, thank you. Anything from anybody else? I don't know if I got through the motion for adjournment or not, but I'd entertain that.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Shetler: We did that, so alright, motion for adjournment is entered and we will see everybody later this month. Thank you.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry



**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 29, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in special session this 29th day of January, 2014 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good afternoon, this is a special meeting dealing with the health clinic and I'll ask the clerk to take the roll please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

President Shetler: There being seven members present we have a quorum and we will suspend the Pledge of Allegiance since we just did it a few minutes ago in a prior meeting.

<p><b>INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NOVIA HEALTH CARE CLINIC</b></p>
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President Shetler: The purpose of the meeting, again, is to discuss and take action on the Novia Health Care Clinic, it's an interlocal agreement that we have between the city and the county. The Commissioners took this up about, I think, a week and a half ago, and we are just following up on that. So I think everybody has a copy of it, does anybody have any questions? It's more or less a formality. Are we doing all three readings today or are we doing the final –

Jeff Ahlers: No, this is just an agreement, so we just need to pass the agreement.

President Shetler: Okay, we don't need to do –

Jeff Ahlers: No, it's not an ordinance, so you can have a motion, discussion and pass it and approve it.

President Shetler: Alright, there you go, pretty simple.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Shetler: We have a motion for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions? Comments? I'm looking forward to it. I think it will be a very good service that we're going to add to

the employees' line here of perks that we offer, and personally, I'm looking forward to it. I think it will work out well. So 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: I guess I should ask for public comment. Does anybody want to speak to it? Okay, the two employees that we have here outside of us, they don't want to speak to it, so that's fine. A motion then, I guess, would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, motion carries and I'll see everybody next Wednesday. We are having a job study meeting here in about seven or eight more minutes, so if anybody wishes to stay for it, if you're on the – well, it's in the other room.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: In the other room, 307.

President Shetler: 307, okay, it's in that room, so if anybody wants to stay for that, you're welcome.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 5, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of February in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler, Jr.

President Shetler: Good morning and thank you to all that have braved the weather, appreciate that. Of course, Pat did an outstanding job of getting those roads cleared off for us to make it easier and stretching the salt out, and we appreciate that, too. At this time, I'd like to ask the Clerk to call the roll please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel		<b>X*</b>
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

\*Arrived shortly after roll call

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

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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President Shetler: Thank you. The first item is the approval of the minutes of the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUEST</b>
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**ELECTION OFFICE**

President Shetler: Next is the appropriation ordinance, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. We've got a very short agenda this morning. Our first request for appropriation will be for the Election Office for Assistants with the upcoming primary. The request is for \$21,530. Is there any questions?

Debbie Stucki: Good morning. I hope you received my handouts. I was just trying to explain that line item is not for one person. It is for all part-time help in the Election Office, early voting at the library and travel board. And I tried to show you how many people were needed and how many it paid for the primary. And I know the state budget hasn't been approved yet, so I wasn't asking for everything right now. I'm hoping that's enough to get through the primary and then come back again later and see what we need for the fall.

President Shetler: Is it possible that – you said it's for people also to be staffing the Election Office. Is it possible that the Voters Registration folks can assist in that vote or is that not permitted?

Debbie Stucki: Commissioner Abell did some checking on that with the state and I was told they have their duties and we have ours and it's my understanding they are not – I can't count on them working in the Election Office. That they could help with filing or something like that, but not most of the duties in the office. They could help if they weren't busy and there are only certain things possibly that they could do.

Councilmember Raben: And I guess some of this is off premises. I mean, we're talking about staffing the libraries and –

Debbie Stucki: Yes, the libraries and the travel boards besides just in the office, yes.

President Shetler: But there's nothing legally that prohibits, say, employees of the Voters Registration Office to actually assist in the office for voting purposes at the counter or anything of that nature?

Debbie Stucki: I'm not sure who she talked to at the state, but we had a meeting with Voters Registration, and the party chairs, and with Commissioner Abell, and it was discussed that they had their duties and that they would not be assisting. She didn't give all the reasons, but that they would not be helping in the election.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: Do you have some of the same people that have worked in past years that are going to be coming back?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, we do have at least two that I know of that –

Councilmember Swaim: So we have a little continuity.

Debbie Stucki: Experienced, sure.

Councilmember Raben: I guess we need a motion on the floor.

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. I'd also like the record to reflect that we have everyone in attendance for our Council meeting. Do I have any other questions about the motion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-121112	Election Assistant	20,000	20,000
1210-190000	FICA	1,530	1,530
Total		21,530	21,530

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Raben: Debbie, real quick, I mean, Tom's idea with using those other folks where we can, we really do need to look at.

Debbie Stucki: And I can get some more information on the –

Councilmember Raben: And this will get us through the primary or allow us enough time to hopefully have that worked out by the general.

Debbie Stucki: I will find out for you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

<b>GENERAL FUND REPEAL</b>
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**LEGAL AID**

Councilmember Raben: Next under Legal Aid, we've got a request for \$5,855 that's meant for the Staff Attorney. Are there any questions?

Kevin Gibson: Actually, it's a repeal. I'm giving you money.

Councilmember Raben: Or a repeal, yes. Pardon me.

Kevin Gibson: Yeah, I think what happened, after the salary ordinance came out, we noticed when I was double checking the numbers that one of the attorneys was given a step increase when they're not due until next year, so we double checked with the Auditor's office, found out that was correct and so we filed the repeal to

correct that, and give you the money back.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Everybody wants to second that one. Okay, 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.

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1000-1460-146117 1460-1170	Staff Attorney	4,926	4,926
1000-1460-190000 1460-1900	FICA	377	377
1000-1460-191000 1460-1910	PERF	552	552
Total		5,855	5,855

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**ASSESSOR  
SURVEYOR (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we'll move into transfers. We have under County Assessor, we've got three transfers from Real Estate Deputy, Deputy Assessor/Deeds and NBHD Analysis into Real Estate Deputy, First Deputy and First Deputy, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the transfer? Do you want to add that late transfer in there?

Councilmember Raben: I can. I'll amend my motion to also include the Surveyor for Accrued Payments in the amount of \$9,731.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have an amended motion to include all transfers in one motion. Do I have any questions about that? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

<b>ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1000-1090-109167 1090-1670	Real Estate Deputy	4,300	4,300
1000-1090-109166 1090-1660	Dep.Assessor/Deeds	7,500	7,500
1000-1090-109114 1090-1140	NBHD Analysis	10,900	10,900
To: 1000-1090-109135 1090-1350	Real Estate Dep.	4,300	4,300
1000-1090-109151 1090-1510	First Deputy	7,500	7,500
1000-1090-109160 1090-1600	First Deputy	10,900	10,900

<b>SURVEYOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1000-1060-106113 1060-1130	Party Chief	9,731	9,731
To: 1000-1060-197100 1060-1971	Accrued Payments	9,731	9,731

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Raben: That concludes the transfers, appropriations, and repeals.

<b>ASSESSOR REQUEST TO INCREASE PART-TIME PAY RATE</b>
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President Shetler: Alright, underneath new business, Assessor request to increase part-time pay rate for retired employee. Bill?

Bill Fluty: Yes, this is in personal property and that's an area where I've reduced staff in the past and consolidated that with sales disclosures. But what I have is a little different this year. That employee has 26 years of experience, and I do have new people in personal property, but that supervisor who is there is going through some chemo and some things starting this season, which is the busiest season and will be out of the office. So even though this person is part-time, they are probably the senior person in that office with the most knowledge, so they will be doing a little more duties than I've asked her to do in the past. So with that said, I've asked to increase that rate, for your consideration.

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion to approve.



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

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Do I have some questions, then?

Bill Fluty: Just a reminder, I asked for \$5,000, and I won't be back to ask for any more part-time money or anything. This is just for this particular person.

President Shetler: Yes, Mike.

Councilmember Goebel: I think in view of what might be happening, I guess, a raise in minimum wage coming from the federal government if it does, in fact, get through, we're going to have this ripple effect any way and are we stepping too far here as far as the grant for increase? Because we're probably going to have other departments coming and asking for the same. Just a thought.

Bill Fluty: That's for you guys to decide. Just because of this unique circumstance and asking her to do a little more than what I would expect a part-time person to normally do, and she already has that experience. It's through the personal property season which starts, it could start as early as March depending on the circumstances of the senior employee, who is the supervisor, and may not be able to perform the duties, you know, intermittently. She's on FMLA right now, but as that progresses.

Councilmember Terry: So exactly how long? From March to when and –

Bill Fluty: If I have to bring her in earlier, it could be March to probably no farther than August.

Councilmember Terry: And she understands she would go back to the 8.50 after –

Bill Fluty: At that time, we would not need her. We wouldn't keep her past that time. I think we could manage after that. So it would just be for the busiest times, not for the whole year. And to remind you, I only have \$5,000, and when that would be used up, that would be used up, regardless.

President Shetler: You know, this is precisely, though, I think we do need to let officeholders have a certain amount of their own discretion on how to utilize their own budgets. I think particularly in the private sector, in the public sector you're starting to see more and more of a shift going to part time and utilizing talent that may have been out of the workforce for a period of time. I think paying them more per hour, taking care, still saves us a lot of money on the end because of not paying the benefits that we might pay a full-time –

Bill Fluty: Well, at one time this employee was making over \$20 an hour and was receiving benefits, so I think I'm getting a pretty good bang for my buck and asking her to do more than I think you'd ask most part-time people to do, take a little more, step up in her role for the circumstances I'm having this particular year.

President Shetler: Yeah, I think having the flexibility for the officeholder in circumstances like this makes good sense, so I'm in favor of that. James, did you have a question? Any other questions? All in favor – oh –

Councilmember Goebel: I just want to mention that when other officeholders come

before us, everyone will have a unique situation and we'll probably see more and more of this, so I don't know if we ought to come up with a policy in general. I'm not saying that you don't need it or certainly the employee is worth it, it's just consideration we've got to have down the road because I'm sure everyone is watching what's happening here. Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. 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.

President Shetler: Thank you.

<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next, Commissioners request to fill vacancy for the Superintendent of County Buildings.

Joe Kiefer: Good morning, Joe Kiefer, County Commissioner. I'm here to request to fill a part-time position of no more than 15 hours per week for the Old Courthouse. We had a gentleman that was working part-time, John Hoover, who quit and his main responsibilities were to unlock the building in the morning, get it opened up and with the way the labor agreement is, we have one employee over there and he can't be there both in the morning and in the evening to unlock the building. So this particular position is somewhat important to us because we need this person to unlock the building every morning. And he also does other work, you know, assist when there's events over there and other things, but it would not exceed 15 hours per week and we did have money allocated in the budget of up to \$8,000 for this position. So I'm requesting that we're allowed to fill that with a part-time employee.

President Shetler: So does this position do maintenance work as well?

Joe Kiefer: Anything that's needed up to 15 hours per week. I think mostly it's like cleaning the bathrooms, maybe doing some work when there's an event, you know, putting away chairs or helping set things up. Just strictly that kind of stuff, and I don't know about the mechanical type abilities that they may have that person do some of that stuff in the past and I'm not sure what his or her abilities are in that regard.

President Shetler: Just thinking, I mean, it's not a big deal, 15 hours a week, but if that maintenance couldn't, I mean, do we have other people in the area that are county employees that could do some of that kind of maintenance work on a routine basis? Have we explored that possibility because my big concern is, we're still, that building is still a drain on the county budget, and if there was the ability to kind of make it more efficient. If, for example, we have some county offices that are located there, presently, and if maybe, you know, that would be part of their responsibility if

it's opening, to take care of that part and then having people that come in there that are part of our regular maintenance crews that could actually take care of –

Joe Kiefer: I mean, I'd be glad to check with, I mean, since this is just a part-time job, if we could fill the position and then I'll go back and check with Dave Rector to see if we could do something like that, and then if we can work something out, you know, we can always release that person. It's just, right now, I'm having Kristin drive over there in the mornings prior to coming in here to the office to unlock doors and then that makes it a little bit more difficult for being here first thing in the morning, so, I mean, we're managing it but it's just not an ideal situation, but I'm glad to check with Dave Rector to see what ideas he has to come up with some other ideas.

Councilmember Swaim: What about somebody from The Centre? Excuse me, The Events Plaza. Would that be a possibility?

Joe Kiefer: I mean, right now, I mean, I know that they have one position that they're lacking, that they're hoping to fill for like an evening position and I've been told that they're hoping that with the new hotel coming in and other things, they may be able to do something short term, I just don't know if that's a long term solution. But I'm willing to look in other places any where you guys want me to look. I just, I think in the short term, we just need somebody to help us fill that gap until we get that in place.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So is this the only employee that we have over there?

Joe Kiefer: It's the only employee that we have other – no, no, no, we have a full-time employee over there but because of the way the agreement, the labor agreement is, I mean, he can't be there first thing in the morning and then also in the evening to lock and unlock. And then also, some times they just need two hands because when there's events or something going on, a wedding or whatever, they need more than one hand to carry tables or do other things, so they really need a second set of hands over there.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So it's just the two positions. One full time and then this part-time, and we're missing the part-time.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, we're missing the part-time, so we're just requesting that we fill this part-time because John Hoover just quit recently and so he had been working there and we were just hoping to fill that gap there.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Well, let's vote on this first.

President Shetler: Yeah, we need a motion.

Councilmember Raben: 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.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Raben: Joe, hold on. I wasn't prepared to even bring this up but this is a topic that's been on my mind for quite some time. As we look at the Old Courthouse and we look at the beautiful building across the street, the Coliseum, and we still have the space over here that we have no idea what we're going to do with, but with this one aside, I don't think it would be a bad idea to establish a committee, and maybe not with people from this Council or Commissioners, but a group of individuals and really look at what is the future. What are the possibilities for those facilities, because they continue to deteriorate. You know, we don't have the funding or, maybe some day we will, but we don't have the planning in place to rehab any of those. Really do a needs assessment, basically. You know, what is the possibility, and there's a lot of different approaches you could take. I mean, when I look at the Coliseum, I think our universities would probably have a need for that for future lecture halls or whatever. I would invite all three universities, somebody from the EVSC, the catholic diocese, people from our entertainment venues, but establish –

Joe Kiefer: I'm all in favor of doing something like that, I think it's a great idea, Jim, and I'm all in favor of doing that. I do know that we did up the rental rates because we've been having a lot more success renting space in the Old Courthouse. We're getting \$8 per square foot now, which has been an increase and we're not approving anything else unless there's rate increases or have inflationary rate increases in them as well, so I think the leasing agent over there has been bringing a lot more. So we're having a lot more success leasing space and perhaps once IU School of Medicine locates downtown, that might open up some opportunities as well. But I'm all in favor of what you're saying, and I think it's a great idea, and I'm glad to try to initiate something in that regard.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I appreciate that. Thank you.

President Shetler: Anything else?

Joe Kiefer: No, unless you have some questions about the travel request coming down later.

President Shetler: Anybody have any questions about the travel request for the Commissioners? Hearing none, it looks like you get an early dismissal.

Joe Kiefer: Appreciate it, Mr. President. Thank you very much, Council.

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Next is the Health Department, request to fill some vacancies for the Public Health Nurse and a part-time WIC RN.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, I'll be happy to answer any questions. We need these positions.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: 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 7-0)**

Gary Heck: Thank you.

<b>TRAVEL REQUESTS</b>
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President Shetler: Now we have several travel requests. Commissioners, we've dealt with, Engineer's Office, Highway Department, and Health Department. Do I have any questions about any of those travel requests?

Councilmember Raben: No, I guess, well, he's already gone. I would have had one that I overlooked for the Commissioners. Is anybody familiar with the request, the \$4,000 request? Can we – Sarah, would you mind calling Joe back in? Let's move on.

<b>ORDINANCE ALLOWING COUNTY TAXPAYERS TO PAY COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES BY WAY OF A MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN</b>
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President Shetler: Why don't we go on to the taxpayer ordinance there on the property taxes and let's deal with that and then we'll come back.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Shetler: And we're going to need to do a couple readings on this ordinance but Susie is here if anybody has any questions dealing with the ordinance.

Susan Kirk: Do you want to do that first or there's just a couple of comments I want to make about this.

President Shetler: Okay, sure.

Susan Kirk: We really, most of the Treasurer's and especially the larger counties in Indiana are not in favor of this. Right now, you can come pay your tax whenever you want to. You can set yourself up on your own payment plan. By people going to a payment plan, it's going to cost the taxpayers more money because we're going to have to be sending out notices. If they don't pay it, we have to redo the tax bill every month and it's just going to cost the taxpayers a little bit more money. So as it is

now, I just want to tell anybody that's watching, if you want to pay, make your own payment plan. If you want to pay \$10 this month, \$100 next month, you can do whatever, rather than get locked into a payment plan, that if you miss your payments, then you can never get into a payment plan anymore. We never refuse tax money. We take it. Any time anybody comes. So we are really not – we really don't want to push this, say oh yeah, everybody get on a payment plan. You can get on your own payment plan and it's going to save us money by not having to do this. So we have to pass it. I mean, we have to have the payment plan, that's by law. But I'm just encouraging taxpayers not to use the official payment plan, but just come pay when – just pay whenever you can. That would be the best thing for our taxpayers. Maybe some of the counties don't take payments, we don't ever refuse it. We take it every time. And one last thing I do want to say, our envelopes that we send out with the tax bills has verbiage on it and it says about the payment plan, but our printer misspelled it, and he put *playment* plan. So instead of payment plan, it's *playment*. But I'm not going to order a bunch of new envelopes just because of that.

Councilmember Goebel: Would your printer not have to eat that?

Susan Kirk: You know, would we really want to go through all that just for an L, like anybody actually reads this stuff?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, I think people do read that. If it's on the front of the envelope, I'd think they would –

Susan Kirk: Well, most don't. I mean, and if anything, they'll call and say hey, what's the playment plan, and that's fine. That's hard to say actually.

Councilmember Goebel: No, I just think it's a bad reflection, that's all.

Susan Kirk: Well, I'll check with the printer, but, you know, it's just one of those things to where, like I said, if they want to call and ask what that is, we can certainly answer their questions. I just hate to tear down a bunch more trees just because of an L is in there. So anyway, we have to pass the plan, but I want the taxpayers to know, don't use it, just pay whenever, don't get yourself locked into something that may come back and bite you, plus it costs the taxpayers more money, unless you want to pay more taxes. So, is that okay?

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Concerning the payment plans, do we have a lot of taxpayers that do already make partial payments from time to time or is it just when they get their notices?

Susan Kirk: When you say a lot, we have several people, I mean, we have people come in every day that pay taxes. There isn't a day that goes by that we don't have someone coming into the office, some one, people, whatever how many. It's not like we're busy, but yes, I mean, I think a lot of people already realize that we don't turn you down. So they can come in and pay.

Councilmember Goebel: Perhaps you could put a slip or just a piece of information sheet inside the tax bill, just a small, you can pay whenever you want, you don't have to go to a strict payment plan. Something like that, because I was not aware that you could pay at different times, myself.

Susan Kirk: You can. I mean, obviously, you want to – you know, if you wanted to

start in January or even December, whatever, to start paying on your May taxes, now you have to pay, obviously, at least your May taxes in May. If you don't you're going to get that five percent penalty on you. But you can, like I said, we never, we don't turn down money, we take it.

Councilmember Goebel: I just think some people live on such tight programs that they have to plan a little bit and if the payment plan is in place, and doesn't cost them any more, I think of a lot of people would opt for that. But if you could explain somehow that they could pay whenever they can, that you take the money and they're not then required to make payments monthly, that may be a benefit, too. As far as the envelope, Susie, I think you ought to send it back. That's just my feeling about it because it's official business.

Councilmember Swaim: So while this is a formalization of what's been going on already, in effect, it ends up costing your office and the county money by formalizing this, right?

Susan Kirk: Yes.

Councilmember Swaim: So for people who can't put aside the money every six months to do that either in a separate bank account or at their bank or credit union, whatever, and this is just a formal process for them to do that, and again, it's more expensive for them to do that, and again, it's more expensive and it costs us money and in your office, too, out of the budget.

Susan Kirk: It is, and, you know, when you get on a payment plan, okay, so you owe a hundred dollars a month, okay, this month, you can pay it. Well, but, you know, next month you get your gas and electric bill and you're like, good gosh, I don't have the money to pay it. Well, you're stuck on a payment plan. And when you don't pay, then you can never be on a payment plan again. It's just – but if you do your own thing, you pay your hundred dollars this month, well, next month, gosh, your gas and electric bill is high, I can only pay \$20. Fine, come pay us \$20, as long as you get your May taxes paid on time and then your November tax, you're good.

President Shetler: I guess I'm slightly confused by it only because I thought that this was a proposal that came from you, from your office.

Susan Kirk: No, this is from the state, this is mandatory that every county has to have an option for taxpayers for a payment plan. This is nothing we came up with. This is a state law, right, Jeff? You've got the statutes and stuff?

Jeff Ahlers: We don't have to. Well, the statute is there for us to pass it. There's nothing that mandates Council to pass it.

Susan Kirk: We're supposed to pass it, yes. Talk to Joe Harrison.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, Joe and I have talked. I've read the statute. The statute is there for Council, if it was a state mandate, the statute would just say that's the fact, but instead, it gives the Council the option to pass it. My understanding from talking to Joe was that you proposed this ordinance, and it was prepared, and you wanted this. And the indication that I had gotten from you was that you wanted this passed, but so –

Susan Kirk: No, it's not wanted, it's by state, it needs to be passed. Otherwise, I would have never even come up with it.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, the statute is there saying Council *may* do this, so –

Susan Kirk: And see, there's a big deal on *may* and *shall*, too. Some judges say *may* means *shall* and some do, some don't, whatever. But according to the Treasurer's Association and the meetings that we went to, each county is supposed to pass –

Jeff Ahlers: My understanding –

Susan Kirk: We are supposed to adopt this payment plan.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, if you're taking, if you're actually doing a payment plan, it's obviously helpful to have Council approving it, but I don't know that there's anything that says that you have to pass this. I mean, that's why it's there to say Council *may* do this, just like we *may* change the fees on copies or whatever. We can do that, but I don't know that we have to.

Susan Kirk: Well, I want to go on record as, per the state, we're supposed to pass it and you guys make up your mind what you want to do.

Councilmember Swaim: Can we get an exact copy from Legislative Services as to whether or not it came through as a *may* or a *shall* bill?

Jeff Ahlers: I mean, I've got the statute and I can look at it again. This is just a first reading, so if you guys decide –

Susan Kirk: Actually, it was supposed to be done in January, but --

Jeff Ahlers: -- you don't want to pass it next month, you can not pass it. That's why it's set for two readings to discuss what you want to do with this.

President Shetler: Okay, --

Councilmember Terry: Susie, did you say that we had to provide an option or a monthly payment plan?

Susan Kirk: According to what the Treasurer's Association, the meetings and things like that, every county is to adopt a payment plan that would be available to taxpayers.

Councilmember Terry: And not an alternate –

Susan Kirk: That's the way I understood it, and when I had talked to Joe, which has been probably a month ago, he agreed with that also because I told him I didn't really want the payment plan, not for Vanderburgh County. We're doing fine the way we are. But that's, you know...

Jeff Ahlers: I can read from it right here.

President Shetler: If we, I guess if we have the, according to what you're saying then, if we have the option to adopt, our choices are that we need to adopt some kind of payment plan. So if that would be the case, could we not adopt the plan that you're recommending, which would be something that is flexible and could be five dollars one month and five hundred dollars the next month, if one would choose to do that?



Susan Kirk: Well, the thing of it is, we're already doing it and we can do it. It's not against the law, --

President Shetler: It's always good to codify something, so that everybody knows what the program is.

Susan Kirk: It is. But remember, once you adopt a plan to where it's regulated to where, I mean, to have a plan to say well, you can pay five dollars this month, five dollars, that's really not particularly a plan, but any time you have something like this where it's, like I said, an ordinance that you can pay five dollars this month, ten dollars, you have to set it up. A payment plan isn't normally, you can pay five dollars this month and twenty dollars next month, and, you know, pay when you want to. Normally, you don't set that up on a payment plan. And if we do anything, I mean, this is what we're supposed to do. But if anybody decides to use the payment plan, that's when it starts costing the taxpayers more money because we have to send, you know, these things out, monthly statements, we have to redo --

President Shetler: You've got a bookkeeping issue that you have to deal with and you --

Susan Kirk: It is, it's going to cost paper, envelopes, and as far as now, we don't have to do that. You come in and pay, we make the adjustment, we give you a receipt and you walk out the door.

President Shetler: Right. I think Counsel has kind of at least skimmed over a few things here and has some points that --

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I'm looking at Indiana Code 6-1.1-22-9.7, subsection F, and what it says is the county fiscal body may at -- *may* at any time, adopt an ordinance to allow all county taxpayers to pay one or more installments of property taxes by making payments under a monthly payment plan during a designated payment period. *If* a county fiscal body does *not* adopt an ordinance under this section, the County Treasurer shall develop and implement a plan to accept partial payments of property taxes. And then it goes on to say what needs to be included in that, which a lot of that is included in this ordinance. So by statute, Council does not *have* to pass this; our understanding was that you wanted us to.

Susan Kirk: No. We didn't like it. No, none of us like it at all. Well, I shouldn't say none, there was probably the majority of the Treasurers do not like this payment plan. Well, it's up to you guys.

Councilmember Swaim: Susie, I guess our question, my question to you now would be, what is the most advantageous of those two options for you? Which works better, which would be less expensive to do? For us not to formally adopt and you just do what you have been or what you can do according to this new statute?

Susan Kirk: Less expensive is the way we do it now. You just come in and pay whenever you can, the amount that you can. As long as you, like I said, get your spring taxes paid on time and your fall taxes paid on time. That's the cheapest thing. Once you adopt a plan, even if it's, like I said, five dollars this month, ten, that's when you get the cost, when it becomes an official payment plan. I'm just saying that I would prefer the taxpayers not opt to take the official payment plan. Just pay us when you can.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: So let's say I have a six month assessment of \$500, and I write, just send a check into the Treasurer's Office for \$250. Then you will mail back to me a receipt or do you have more bookkeeping in that regard, but it's just the people that take advantage of it, is that correct?

Susan Kirk: It would just be the people that sign up for the official payment plan. That's, like I said, that's when you're going to be having more postage, envelopes, paper –

Councilmember Goebel: Well, how would I do it now, because I'm not aware I can?

Susan Kirk: Okay, if you want to do it your way, just stop in any time you want to.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay that person physically has to stop at the Treasurer's Office –

Susan Kirk: That's right, and we can just give you a receipt –

Councilmember Goebel: On the spot.

President Shetler: It sounds as if we could draft the ordinance that way.

Councilmember Goebel: No, I think we leave it as is, and keep it at the Treasurer's discretion. But I do think that maybe a little note to the taxpayers so they can make advance payments from your office might be good, it might bring on more work for you, but that might be a relief for some.

Susan Kirk: That's fine, like I said, we never turn it down. I can notify the news media and maybe, you know, because people really, you'll be amazed how many people do not read this stuff. But I will try to get it out that we would prefer to do it that way.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: I think Stephanie is next and then Angela.

Councilmember Terry: So there's no written agreement between the individual that comes in and says I'm going to pay five dollars every week leading up until my bill is due?

Susan Kirk: No, like I said, we take it whenever we can get it.

President Shetler: Okay, Angela?

Susan Kirk: We never turn, we never turn the tax dollars down. And we have people that come in daily and pay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Well, hopefully we're doing a lot today that's getting that word out that people can do that, we want them to pay and we'll work with them. I'm looking in this second paragraph here that talks about the envelope having the notification that we can accept the plans and I heard you say we do have that, albeit misspelled, so we've met that part of the code and you're currently accepting plans. It sounds to me like we don't need to pass any more legislation, that we're already doing what the state has asked us to do maybe.

Susan Kirk: Well, I can double check with them and see.

President Shetler: Yeah, we'll do our research on that as well, and I'd like to just echo then what Councilman Goebel, and I think coming from a teacher, you know, pretty sensitive to at least spelling and typo mistakes and stuff. I know, and my position has always been, and you have that happen, and there's been a few times that perhaps I've maybe negotiated or I've got consideration for errors that were made in printing. Maybe they did it free, maybe they knocked off half the price, did something, but definitely think that – first, I'd like to see a good clean one that is correct being mailed out. I mean, it reflects on all of us. But secondly, and that should not be the obligation of the county in any way, shape or form. The printer is obligated to make sure that their information they send out is correct. But at the very least, I think that the county taxpayers ought to get some consideration for those errors that are made, and if we accept those envelopes as is, then we ought to get it at a much reduced price. So that's at least my feeling there, so.

Susan Kirk: Okay. I thought it was kind of cute. Playment.

Councilmember Terry: I think we ought to be mindful that if it is our error, many times you send the content that you want printed, they don't create that for you many times, so hopefully that's not – it's not on us.

Susan Kirk: Yeah, we checked it, and it was just – I don't know, I think, I forget which one of them found it in the office. We actually thought it was kind of cute. Playment. At least it's not a bad word or anything. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Approve the ordinance?

President Shetler: I think we just kind of – myself, I'm kind of, of the feeling of tabling it at the moment. I mean, I see no rush.

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion to table approval or passage of the amendment for our March meeting.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Shetler: Alright. Thank you.

Susan Kirk: On behalf of the Voter Registration office, earlier we were discussing them helping, you have to remember, Voter Registration, that is their busy time, too. So even if they were able to do a few things, which we have helped each other before on minor things, but that is their busy time also, so they probably wouldn't have time to help in the Election Office because if they don't get their work done, the

Election Office can't get their work done.

President Shetler: And Susie, you've been in both places, so you probably understand better than most.

Susan Kirk: It is. I mean, normally it's after hours when we help each other. We work real good with each other, but just to let you know. Thank you very much.

Councilmember Swaim: Mrs. Kirk? Could you meet briefly with Commissioner Kiefer and myself over here in the conference room right now for just a couple of minutes?

Susan Kirk: Sure.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

<b>TRAVEL REQUESTS</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Can we go over the travel requests?

President Shetler: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: We'll go back in again. Looking at this, I somehow overlooked the request for Soil & Water.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, and I also want to note that I pulled my travel request because I didn't go and so that is not needed for me, on me in particular. There was one in there –

Councilmember Raben: Are you familiar with the two requests for Soil & Water?

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, that, I admit, I am not familiar with it. This is the first time I had seen this, so whatever the wish of the Council is, I'm glad to go back to Mark Abell and ask him to clarify this because it does appear that he's asking for a whole year's worth of travel requests, because normally he doesn't know when he travels or particular times, so I can bring them back however you would prefer to have them.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I would like to pull the request for Soil & Water. So I'd like to make a motion to reopen travel.

President Shetler: Okay.

**(Unidentified)**

President Shetler: No, we pushed it off to the side for the moment.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we did not vote yet.

President Shetler: No, we started to and then –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So then should the motion reflect that the \$400 is not going to be needed for the legislative conference?

Joe Kiefer: No, I'm not going to that conference.

President Shetler: We have not made a motion at all on it, so we can do a motion and exclude that if we want to approve the rest of it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Let's go ahead and get it out of the way, then. I'll make a motion to approve all travel requests with the exception of the AIC Legislative Conference for \$400, and the two requests for Soil & Water for Mark Abell and Erin Shoup, all others as listed.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the motion? Everybody understand? 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)**

Joe Kiefer: Thank you, and I'll get back with Vanderburgh County Soil & Water District and let them know that they need to submit those as they see them coming up and so that way you understand what they're doing and where they're traveling to.

Councilmember Raben: It's a total of \$8,000 in requests.

Joe Kiefer: Right. So I'll look into that and check on that.

Councilmember Goebel: They'll just come with each occurrence individually.

Joe Kiefer: Right. That's what I'm going to request them to do.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Joe Kiefer: Thanks. Thank you.

<b>BOARD APPOINTMENTS</b>
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President Shetler: The next item then is the amended appointment to Economic Development Commission.

**(Inaudible)**

President Shetler: Okay, apparently, one appointment we had on there is really not an appointment, it should be as a recommendation and that's on Wayne Ellis, and that is for a one year recommendation we're making on that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do you need a motion?

President Shetler: We need, I guess, a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a –

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: Motion carried.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Shetler: Next we have the amendments to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. We have, Sandie, have you passed out the original document yet? First, while we have the Prosecutor here, one of the amendments today is for the Prosecutor, which is creating or moving a part-time position into a full-time position. That has been approved by the Job Study recommendation committee. Are there any questions while the Prosecutor is here on that one? None? Okay. We'll have, along with the two page document that Sarah is passing around, we also have a late request for an amendment and that's from the Sheriff's Office, it's for a vacant case manager position that he wanted to fill with a confinement officer, so I would like to make a motion and ask that this document be entered into the minutes along with the late request from the Sheriff's Office and I'll read that one into the minutes. It says that we are requesting to fill line item 136Y 1110, and then in parentheses, 9105 0000 910511, with a confinement officer supervisor. This position is actually a promotion within the Sheriff's Office. And then part two of that is we are requesting to change line item 136Y 1110, 9105 0000 910511 from Supervisor to Confinement Officer Supervisor. So I'd like to make that in the form of a motion along with the documents be entered into the minutes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion then, 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 6-0)**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Shetler: Public comments?

Councilmember Terry: I just had a question on the agenda. We had the appointments for Willard Library and the M/WBE.

President Shetler: Still under consideration or still reviewing and looking at a couple of those yet. So didn't have those, sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I do know from speaking with our Auditor, a lot of our budget information is starting to come in but by the time he reconciles everything and we can actually put a stamp on it, we're probably looking at the middle of March yet before we really have a real true picture financially where we're at, but I want to get out there early and say if things look bright, I think we're going to have to look at – my hope would be, and I don't know, Joe honestly doesn't know if it's going to be doom or if the situation is going to look much better than it has in the last few years, but I think we're going to want to look at somehow setting aside some additional funds for paving. It's been an extremely tough winter on our roads, and roads are deteriorating everywhere. You know, during good times, we were always able to set aside a million dollars of COIT just for paving, and while we may not be able to get to that figure this year, whatever it is, whatever extra funds we have, I think we're going to have to address our road situation. Just wanted to get that out there.

President Shetler: I agree.

Councilmember Goebel: I think we'll probably have to replenish our salt supply as well, I would think. I was wondering if this group or if the Commissioners have been proactive, I know Mayor Winnecke has met with the Governor and with state legislators with the new proposals for basically revenue cuts for local government. I know the promise has been that for any cut in our funds, there will be a new fund implemented so it will be cost neutral or revenue neutral, but so far, what has come down is, I think, just cuts, more cuts to local government. And anybody that drives around the city or our county right now can see we desperately need every penny we can get. Would we be advised to draft a letter to those groups before the vote is taken or is that not the consensus? It might not even be, but I think local government has taken a big hit already and it looks like we're going to take another big hit.

President Shetler: Well, I guess my feeling is, that as long as the alternatives address people from outside our county and state, particularly our state, and that would be Innkeeper's type taxes, and I'm not advocating an increase in sales tax, but anything else that kind of gets money from the outside and collects money from other people and other folks to help our coffers, I'd be more supportive of that than I would be as an alternative to increase our income taxes, for example, to replace other streams of revenue.

Councilmember Goebel: But I think that's the major consideration right now, to replace the tax loss with more tax burden on county employees or employees period, to increase county income tax. I don't know how that's going to go over. I don't favor it.

President Shetler: Yeah. No, I don't think that's a good alternative. We could – how long is the legislature? I know this is a short session. Does it go until March 15? March 11? Okay, we could – I think we could probably draft something, maybe just

do it in a letter form coming from this body and then pass it around and –

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, and perhaps the Commissioners as well. I don't know if anyone from Vanderburgh County has been involved in the negotiations, but I know the Senate and the House each have their own version of this bill, so maybe it won't go anywhere anyway, but it looks like something is going to happen. And I think that might be detrimental more so to us.

Jeff Ahlers: **(Inaudible)**

President Shetler: Jeff's suggestion is to maybe get with the Mayor and try to piggyback on some of the comments and some of the, you know, his pathway of going to try to achieve what he's trying to achieve there.

Councilmember Goebel: That's a great idea.

President Shetler: So we can do that and then if need be that I need to sign – is anybody opposed to that? Let me just ask you that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'm in favor of that.

President Shetler: Okay, then I could just sign on, you know, representing this body and then ask the Commissioners to do the same. So we'll carry that on.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Good point, Mike. Anything else? Anybody have any comments? If not, motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to adjourn.

President Shetler: Motion for adjournment, then we'll see you all at the end of the month for Personnel & Finance. 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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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MARCH 5, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of March in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler, Jr.

President Shetler: Good morning. Welcome to the March 5<sup>th</sup> County Council meeting. I'd like at this time for the clerk to call the roll please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey		<b>X*</b>
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben		<b>X</b>
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

\*Arrived shortly after roll call

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

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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President Shetler: Thank you, and let the record please show that Councilman Koehler Lindsey has joined us as well. So that makes six present, one absent. And at this time, I need a motion for approval of the minutes of the special meeting of January 29<sup>th</sup> and the regular meeting which was February the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

President Shetler: I have a motion to approve.

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 6-0)**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**PROSECUTOR**

President Shetler: Next is the appropriation ordinance, and in Councilman Raben’s absence, I will pitch in for that one. First we have a request from the Prosecutor’s Office of \$12,233. I would, well, I won’t put it in the form of a motion, but entertain the idea if someone would put that in the form of a motion for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and then a second. Do I have any questions? And the Prosecutor is here if anybody has any questions of him. 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.

<b>PROSECUTOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1000-1080-108105 1080-1050	Deputy	10,292	10,292
1000-1080-190000	FICA	788	788
1000-1080-191000	PERF	1,153	1,153
Total		12,233	12,233

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

President Shetler: Next is the Public Defender’s office where there is a request for \$100,000, 75,000 coming from the Pauper Expense and 25,000 from Contractual Services. I apologize again that I wasn’t here at the last meeting because I was ill, but I know there were questions that did come up and I think they may be prepared for more answers and more questions. Okay, does anybody have any questions of the Public Defender’s office? Okay, I’ll start the ball rolling. My question would be, is there any way that we could minimize this and just get the things that are absolutely necessary to cover, and I understand some of this was past due. But is there any way that we could minimize this number somewhat?

David Bunner: Well, the 75,000 would pay the special public defenders and the appellate costs and that would be out of the Pauper Expense line. That would pay that to January 14<sup>th</sup>. So we would still be 45 days, roughly, behind on payments in that account. The Contractual Services, we had actually two unusual expenditures from this year. We were budgeted 25,000 for this year in that account and we got a bill for the appellate attorney’s fees in the Weisheit case of \$10,000. The death penalty account didn’t have any funds in it. And we also received about a \$5,000

court reporter bill from that case, so we went ahead and paid that out of the Contractual Services. So that has used about 64% of that account. We've still got \$10,000, I think, in that account right now. In regard to the special public defenders, we did, and this was a very unusual January. We received, I don't know what it was, \$79,000 worth of bills in January. That is, I'm going to say that our norm is 30 to 35,000 a month, and we don't control when the attorneys finish their cases and submit their bills, of course. But for some of the attorneys, most of them have had these cases for anywhere from 90 days to over six months without any payments before they finish the case and submit the bill. We don't do partial payments during the course of a case.

President Shetler: I don't have that information in front of me, but perhaps you might be able to refresh my memory a little bit. Going back to August or September of last year when budgets were being worked on, how much did you all submit or what was your request for the Pauper Expense?

David Bunner: I actually -- Steve might have to answer that. I can't answer that.

Steve Owens: I don't have the budget in front of me, but I believe it was 75,000.

President Shetler: And we cut that by 28?

Councilmember Goebel: 25.

President Shetler: 25,000, so you ended up with 50, so --

Steve Owens: No, we ended up with 12 or 15,000.

David Bunner: The 12,000 has been the appropriation, I think, for that line item for the last couple of years.

President Shetler: Okay, but in the fall and early winter months, there somewhere November - December, did we not anticipate that we had several cases going on and that there would be a possibility for 2013 that we would have some carry over bills that we would --

David Bunner: We did, and we asked for additional appropriations. In September we had asked for 30,000 to Pauper Expense and 15 was approved. And then that was all of the additional appropriations. In 2012, near the end of the year, and it seems, obviously, that we were near the end of the year when we're shorter on funds, but in October of '12 we were given an additional 98,000. And we pay the majority of the Pauper Expenses out of the bond account.

President Shetler: Is there, it just seems that maybe we're not, and maybe there's no way of knowing or anticipating what those expenses might be until after they happen, and we're kind of getting behind every time. Is there a way that we can manage those expenses somewhat?

Steve Owens: Let me try to answer that. Back in 2006, this body cut that line item to zero. It went from 60,000 to nothing, that was in '06. Since '06 and prior to '06, I had been telling you that these caseloads keep going up. We don't have sufficient monies, we've been increasing the bond forfeiture account money that we're trying to take in. We have proposed two or three times different alternatives to try to take care of these additional cases without being more of a burden upon the general fund. In 2007, I suggested that you take the reimbursement that you get from the

bond forfeiture accounts –

President Shetler: Well, excuse me, I don't mean to interrupt, but that's kind of on the revenue side of trying to take care of it. My question really dealt with more of managing the expense itself and anticipating what those expenses might be so that we could control that a little bit better.

Steve Owens: The difficult problem with managing – I don't know how you want us to control it. We don't control what's filed, we don't control what's appointed.

President Shetler: And that's really my question, whether or not you have any control over it, and if you do, what can we do to –

David Bunner: With the billing that we received in January this year, being again, our normal cost each month is roughly, I think, 30 - 35,000. This year, in January, 79,000. That came from – or 64% of that was from three attorneys. We did talk with them and one of them indicated that he thought his paralegal had been billing us and apparently his paralegal hadn't, and he caught it over the holidays, I guess, and sent us the bill in January. We did receive bills also in, and part of the 79,000 was for, I think it was eight, no, ten appeals. That was a very high amount, and again, we don't, we know when the attorneys get appointed; we don't control when they submit their final briefs to the court of appeals, and then their case is concluded, and they send the bill. But normally, like in February, we received appellate bills for four cases and so what I'm trying to tell you, it's obviously, January was an exceptionally unusually high month. I think we have been every year running about 100 - 120,000 in arrears. And like in '12 when we came in, we got about 100,000 and that caught us up. And we had 326 cases that the salaried part-time and full-time attorneys could not handle, 306 of those were over the limit cases and that is about the normal number because we can handle about 1,550 with our salaried staff. Last year, we received 1,881 appointments not including appeals, but appointments to cases. And that was down last year. The year before it was 2,100, I think. But one way to resolve that, 300 cases could be handled by two additional full-time attorneys who would not cost. Our average cost per case is about \$770. Three hundred cases of 210,000, we could hire two full-time attorneys for less.

President Shetler: So who determines that caseload, that, you know, capacity that you have for part-time versus a full-time?

David Bunner: The State Public Defender Commission –

President Shetler: And the State Public Defender Commission, who does that consist of? What's the membership of that?

David Bunner: Fifteen?

Steve Owens: There are a number of people appointed by the legislature. They are people appointed by the Supreme Court Justice. I can't tell you what the total composition is. I think there's about 12 or 13 members. One of them is from the Public Defender Council, he is a member. They used to have somebody from the State PD's office was a member. There are a variety of legislators, judges and other officeholders that are on the commission.

David Bunner: And those guidelines were established even before our office opened, I think, and they haven't changed in the past 15 years.

President Shetler: Are there any county public defenders that are on that commission?

Steve Owens: No, there are no county chief public defenders that are on the commission. Presumably, the representative from the public defender council speaks for the chief defenders and so they've never elected a chief PD to that commission.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. Anybody else? Yes, Ed?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I know they're doing all they can to cut the cost and all that, and, of course, you know, I've been against it all along, but I think we need to pay our bills, so I'm going to make a motion we pay \$100,000 and get it behind us, and that's in the form of a motion.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion, do I have a second? Okay, I'm not hearing a second. As I understood, perhaps I wasn't hearing quite clearly, David, but you indicated that perhaps this could be cut by at least 10 or \$15,000, this request?

David Bunner: The Contractual Services account has – well, we were budgeted 25, we've spent 15. And the primary cost out of the contractual is for our secondary, we have one full-time investigator in-house and on conflict cases, we cannot use the same investigator, of course, so we have to contract that out. We will have more than 10,000 in expenses if you –

President Shetler: But this would give you a balance of 35 and you originally started with 25.

David Bunner: It did, yes.

President Shetler: So, you have room to –

David Bunner: You could do that to some extent, and we, obviously, might have to come back subsequently, but we could do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Bunner, what's your number then?

David Bunner: Pardon?

Councilmember Bassemier: What's your number? What can you get by with?

David Bunner: Oh, --

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm just trying to get this on the floor.

David Bunner: Well, I could use some to buy lottery tickets, but if you gave us 10,000 in the Contractual Service, bringing us back up because actually both of those were the death penalty case fees, and you will get reimbursed 50 percent on that, not 40.

Councilmember Bassemier: And the Paupers Expense?

David Bunner: Yes, oh, well, that's in Contractual. The Pauper Expense, we need the 75, if you gave us 10 - 15 in Contractual, that would set us good for –

President Shetler: Ten is better than 15, but yes, Angela?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Just to make sure that I'm understanding this, and thank you very much for getting the information requested, I do appreciate that. But I made a note here that the 75,000 Pauper Expense pays the bills through January 14<sup>th</sup>, is that correct?

David Bunner: It does.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and that covers – does that cover all that death penalty case?

David Bunner: No, these have nothing to do with the death penalty, no.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Alright, is that in Contractual Services, then or these are just the other cases that are in the office?

David Bunner: The death penalty case was unusual in that we didn't have these bills in the death penalty account. We would not normally pay those out of Contractual, but we had a court order and the appellate fee had to be paid so that could proceed. So we basically had to pay it out of the Contractual line item.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Alright, I think I understand it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Now 75,000 -- now what can you do with – make do with that? I mean, what can you cut on that? I know it pays up to January 14<sup>th</sup>, but –

David Bunner: When I was here last week, we had 133,000 pending in the special public defender account, so that would leave us with 55 or close to 60,000 unpaid.

Councilmember Bassemier: So 55,000 is kind of what we're talking about right now that we can kind of make do with that, is that what we're –

President Shetler: No, he's saying that he actually would need another 55.

David Bunner: Yes. Now we did just receive the bond account money for the last month and that was...

Steve Owens: That was approximately 20,000 so to answer your question, 75,000 in the Pauper Expense account gets us through January or mid- January. We got another 20,000 that just came in from the bond forfeiture account. We apply that to those bills, and we still have outstanding as of today, probably another 30,000 worth of bills.

President Shetler: If we could use the mic.

Councilmember Bassemier: So you're talking, you really need the whole 75,000 today?

Steve Owens: I think we'd need the whole 75 to get to the point where we need to be. You can hold people off for a certain period of time and we have been doing that, but we are beyond the point of being able to do that much longer. So 75, plus the additional 20 we got, we're about 95,000 roughly that we'll have to pay those bills. And the Contractual Services, and there's a bit of confusion about what we pay from the various line items. Contractual Services pays, we pay supplemental public defenders out of there sometimes. We pay mental health hearings out of there if we have to. We pay experts out of that. Contractual Services is sort of that catch all

thing, that if there is money in there and we have an outstanding bill that's due, we'll pay it. So we have Contractual Services, Pauper Expense items are sort of intermingled. We could have asked for an appropriation of \$100,000 in Pauper Expense, for example, and not asked for anything in Contractual Services, but it would have been the same point.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, Mr. Bunner, you said on that Contractual, \$10,000 would kind of help out a little bit.

David Bunner: Yes, it would.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I'm going to go with this, I'm going to go with, I'm going to make a motion that in the Pauper's Expense, to approve \$75,000 and in the Contractual Services \$10,000, make that in the form of a motion.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion on the floor. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. I think Mr. Goebel had a question or a point and then Angela.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I feel uncomfortable as far as allocating the funds because maybe we need to have a sit down, and David and Steve have talked about it before, but perhaps a group from this Council so we can get a better feel because we're talking about Contractual Services paying the same bills as Pauper Expenses. And the funds, it is pretty confusing and we're throwing out a lot of figures today. And if we could get by with a lesser amount today, have a sit down and really find out exactly so we have it clear as well. I mean, we don't have the grasp that you have working in the office for the funding. It just seems pretty shocking to us that this amount is due right now, that we were kind of caught off-guard as far as the amount. Yeah, come on up, David.

David Bunner: At some point, it is very difficult for us to hire special public defender attorneys when one, we cannot tell them when they will get paid. We will get 30, at least 30 special public defender cases before your next meeting. At some point, Mr. Owens has to determine how much debt he can allow to accumulate and be unpaid. And at what point that becomes more than problematic under the budgetary statutes. So we would ask, obviously, that the motion be approved and yes, we would love to sit down and meet with any of you that would like to talk about the situation. But sitting down and meeting without it going forward today means that we have another month with an additional 30,000 worth of bills unpaid.

Councilmember Goebel: But you understand our situation as well, 79,000 are due now and, you know, Pauper Expense, that's where its kind of confusing here, because 2010 we expended 12,000 out of that account. But obviously, these fees were paid from another account.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well yes, when we have \$300,000 worth of special public defender attorneys and appeals, and we are not budgeted, we had \$86,000 worth of appeals last year with no budget to pay appellate attorneys. There is zero in the budget for appeals.

Councilmember Goebel: And this is reimbursable? Most of it? Some of it?



David Bunner: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. In 2011, 62,000 out of Pauper Expense, 2012 expended 110,000 for the year, and we're asking for, if I'm not mistaken, 79,000 to cover us through mid-January. Is that –

David Bunner: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: So we've got the full year ahead of us, yeah, with a lot of cases. I know you can't control that, but...

David Bunner: We do not anticipate \$79,000 worth of bills coming in every month. That's why I was indicating that January was an extraordinary month and that our billings that come in are normally 30 to 35,000, not \$80,000. We got hit, if you will, in a perfect storm in January.

Councilmember Goebel: We've had a lot of those lately, I think. I was just thinking if we have a sit down, I don't know what amount we should put out today. I was hoping we could get by with a little bit less than what's been requested by Councilmember Bassemier.

David Bunner: Well, we could ask the judges to not appoint us to cases.

President Shetler: I know Angela is up next and then Pete, but real quickly, I do want to point out, we are fortunate today to have both you and Steve here, our esteemed Prosecutor is here as well, and two esteemed judges that sit on the bench. And I can't agree more with Mr. Goebel's comments here that really what we need to do is to have a powwow to talk about, and we kind of did this a few years ago when Steve had brought up on the income side of how that money was really, the revenue was actually generated through the forfeitures of the bond money and stuff. And that we seem to get a great deal of cooperation to make sure that more of that money was brought back to the table in your reserves as opposed to being forgiven, I guess.

David Bunner: Well, and actually, in 2000, the year before our office opened, Superior Court, for an example, received \$3,000 in bond money that they kept to pay bills out of for attorneys. This year, I expect that will be in the \$120,000 range. So they are doing very well.

President Shetler: So it has improved tremendously the last few years here.

David Bunner: Oh yes.

President Shetler: And I think it's a direct result of some of the things that, conversations that we had three or four years ago to get that on track. And I think we need to have some further discussions on maybe what's assigned, how it's assigned, all that kind of stuff. And then I have questions, really, with the Public Defender's office in that they have a capacity load of X cases and yet, we've got Prosecutors who are doing two and three times that and judges who have no limit on what they may handle. And so we also kind of have a protection there that perhaps, and I know that goes to the state, but –

David Bunner: Right, it generates \$900,000 right now for the general fund every year on the reimbursement.

President Shetler: After we pay out a considerable amount of money.

David Bunner: Well yes, but if the reimbursement wasn't there, you'd still have indigent people who need to be defended and judges that have to appoint attorneys to represent those people. And we would – I know Mr. Hermann has been here regularly indicating that he would have to hire ten additional attorneys –

President Shetler: I think 22 or 23.

David Bunner: Well, and I would here on the record indicate that we would, and we've run the numbers under our guidelines, and we would have to dispute that. And again, we could take that up at any meeting that could be arranged.

President Shetler: But I do think we need to have a powwow and sit down and talk about it, and see how we might be able to direct more things, and be able to manage it a little bit. I hate for economics to dictate justice, but it's the reality of the day.

David Bunner: It is, yes.

President Shetler: Angela?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Alright, and I'm on board with the powwow. I'd like, at this point, if the County Auditor could give us some insight on if we are to approve the motion as made with the 75,000 and the 10,000, where could we get the funds to do that, because our budget has not been approved yet, correct?

Joe Gries: The budget has been approved by the state, but we don't have all the information to provide a financial statement to the Council at this time. It probably will be available within the next week or two, we'll have it before the Personnel & Finance meeting for later this month. I would say, just looking at preliminary numbers, the motion on the floor is for \$85,000, I think you can probably have that money available, but again, any appropriation that you pass today in the general fund will limit other things down the line. So until we have all the information, it's impossible to provide that financial statement at this time.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I understand. Thank you, that's why I wanted to get some clarification to make sure we're not really digging a hole that we can't get out of.

President Shetler: Councilman Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Angela, I just had that same conversation with our Auditor to the tune of \$75,000 before Councilman Bassemier made his motion. So even with what he said notwithstanding, he thinks that we can do it, so I don't know if Ed would want to amend his motion to 75 and we vote on it now and still have a powwow, because obviously, their situation is not going to get any better. And I, as much as I hate to kick that financial can down the road, I mean, with the figures that they're presenting us with, what several hundred special prosecutor cases every month coming up, so it's not going to get any better. And later in the year its not going to get any better. But I would like to see them be able to get some of these bills paid at least up through January.

President Shetler: Okay, Councilman Goebel, anything further?

Councilmember Goebel: In the Public Defender's office defense, no pun intended,

they've been open to have a meeting and we have not had the time to schedule it with this new information, so if we can have a meeting ASAP –

David Bunner: And even preliminarily, if, Steve and I both checked our calendars, if any of you wanted to come down after your meeting today, we are available. We don't have court until this afternoon. And I don't know, obviously, if that can be done and it has to be a limited number, but we would be more than happy or to set up another date for a meeting.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I think you understand our dilemma here because I know there's other people in the audience that are going to be requesting some additional funds as well today, and we're kind of between a rock and a hard place. But can we get by with a little bit less, is what I'm asking.

David Bunner: Uh –

Councilmember Bassemier: I asked that question.

Councilmember Goebel: I mean, we've thrown around it seems like a lot of numbers today so it's kind of vague for us to know what you absolutely have to have.

David Bunner: Well, I don't know how – we have a lot of unpaid bills but we will use whatever amount of money you can give us, and we will then have to determine what we do if we are nearing the end of the quarter and we will likely be over our numbers again. And the judges and the Sheriff don't want us to leave people unrepresented and in jail until we can be assigned to cases.

Councilmember Goebel: That makes sense, that's good.

President Shetler: Okay, we do have a motion on the floor and I think, if I recall, it's \$75,000 for the Pauper Expenses and \$10,000 for the Contractual, total of \$85,000 appropriation. Is there to be a change on that motion at all?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, even if we have a meeting right after this meeting, it's still, the numbers are still there. They're not going to go away and it's just going to get worse, so I'll stick with my motion.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have a motion on the floor. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

Councilmember Bassemier: You might want to take a roll call.

President Shetler: Alright, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. So there being six ayes and no nays, we didn't, but that's fine, the motion carries, and so there we go. And again, they've offered, I guess in their offices afterwards. I know that I'm unable to make it today, but -- oh, we could, perhaps next door.

David Bunner: It might be better next door. We don't have a big conference room anymore.

President Shetler: I hate to put one of you guys on the spot here, but I don't know what your calendar is like immediately following, but if either one or if someone else downstairs is available, --

Steve Owens: We'll both be available immediately after, --

President Shetler: Uh yeah, these guys, on the judges.

**(Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)**

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Great, that's the first time, I've ever seen a meeting pulled together like that, that quickly. Good job.

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1420-394300	Pauper Expense	75,000	75,000
1420-348200	Contractual Services	25,000	10,000
Total		100,000	85,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

### **CCD/COMMISSIONERS**

President Shetler: Alright, Joe?

Joe Gries: The next appropriation I think you have there is the computer financial package that the Auditor's office purchased back in 2010. This request is to finish paying off the four year lease. This has been paid out of CCD funds the last three years. It was not included in the budget during budget time last year so we're just asking for that additional appropriation. It went through the Commissioner's meeting at the end of February.

President Shetler: Okay. You know, Joe, what we might do is, I think there might be a new plan on the -- is Marsha, are you going to address the new financial numbers on the whole computer thing, because it really ought to be taken perhaps as a package?

Joe Gries: And this is kind of separate from that, because this is for a lease that's already in place. It was paid for the last three years, it just wasn't budgeted during budget time last year.

President Shetler: So is that only on the very first one, 1130 –

Joe Gries: That's correct.

President Shetler: Okay, on the computer financial, which is the 90,000.

Joe Gries: That's correct.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, we'll take that separate then, I'm sorry. Do I have any questions about that? All in favor, signify by saying aye. Oh, I'm sorry, we need a motion first.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Alright now, 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. There you go.

<b>CCD/COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1138-1300-419800	Computer Financial Package Software	90,000	90,000
Total		90,000	90,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**CCD/COMMISSIONERS  
INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD DEDUCTION  
JAIL PROJECT**

President Shetler: The next then, we're going to take the – I think we'll just take the appropriation, and it's all divided up here a little bit, but take it together here if that's okay, and I think Marsha, I know she was meeting yesterday evening on this and had some concerns and worked very hard to get the price right.

Marsha Abell: Good morning. Marsha Abell, Vanderburgh County Commissioner. I'm here with Judge Richard D'Amour. I think I have the numbers correct. We started out at \$483,000, we've reduced it to 320, is that correct?

Richard D'Amour: 320,000.

Marsha Abell: 215,000 of that is for the licenses that are required; about half of those are in the courts and the other half are in the county offices. There's \$25,000 for

equipment, which is the digital recording equipment in the courts and 80,000 is from Contractual, 13,000 of that goes to Advance Technology, you know it as Mark Rolley's company, MRC. And 80,000 or 67,000 of that is for the courts technology upgrade, which will be done by Tim VanCleave, correct?

Richard D'Amour: Correct.

Marsha Abell: I think we've got – we had many, many numbers on the table last night. I think that's the final one we came up with. Joe Gries is shaking his head yes, so I guess that's right.

Richard D'Amour: We've cut it down over \$160,000 over the appropriation request.

Marsha Abell: And I will tell you that the courts and the county agreed last evening to – actually, the agreement was between the judge and I, that we're going to, again, start our meetings to try to streamline the storage and the use of our servers so that we are not duplicating a lot of things. The courts have another issue that we should be able to cover with that, without additional expense which would be nice to take care of. So we are continuing to reduce these costs, however, if you're not compliant with your license, you're just not in compliance, that's out of our control and that's where we are, and that's why we're here today.

President Shetler: Alright, well, first of all, and I've been involved somewhat in those meetings, so I do understand and appreciate your leadership, Commissioner, because, without that, we were looking at a half million dollar price tag here and none of us really had the appetite, I think, for that, nor did the county have the money to write the check for it. So I appreciate your efforts and your leadership in getting that pared down by basically 35%, so we greatly appreciate that. I guess that's that experience of being a Councilman and knowing how to use that hatchet of getting the prices chopped down there, and so we appreciate that effort.

Marsha Abell: Well, and I would also point out that it's beneficial to us to have the judge who has, I'm going to say computer knowledge, maybe not very much, but at least a little, so we can work on those things and we're going to continue, we're going to revamp our regular meetings and try to get these computer costs under control.

President Shetler: And I might just say that, I don't know if it was providence, or if it was coincidence, or what it was, but this morning getting dressed, I did notice on the news that there was an article explaining about the ATM's around the country. I don't know how many hundreds of thousands, but bunches of them by various different banks that are all underneath the XP product, as are our systems, and they're up against the deadline, that April the 8<sup>th</sup>, by Microsoft as well. With all that being said, I don't think the financial system is going to collapse on it, they're not going to allow that to happen, so there is some talk that this may be pushed down just a little bit further again, but at some point in time it's got to be done, so its best to get this on its way and get it done today.

Richard D'Amour: Yeah, for those Councilmembers who haven't been part of the meetings that we've had, we are running into that Microsoft licensing deadline where they're not going to support the programs that the courts run and the county run after April 1<sup>st</sup> to April the 8<sup>th</sup>, which means that hackers will then be able to start hacking in to the system and Microsoft isn't going to patch those holes anymore. So it could be catastrophic for the courts, it sounds like it could have some impact on our financial market. So we're trying to avoid that. The good news is that we've used

this license so long that its now outdated and Microsoft is dropping it. So that's the good news, is we've not been back for a long time to get this license, but now its time, unfortunately, to pay the piper. So we are here requesting, its an enterprise agreement that will call for yearly lease payments so we're not asking for a large \$700,000 sum. We're breaking it down into manageable lease payments.

President Shetler: Okay, we have several others that are here as well, that could explain the IT side of it if anybody has any questions. So if you want to have them address any questions of any of these folks, you're welcome to do that. And if there are no questions, then I would ask someone to please make a motion in support.

Councilmember Terry: Actually, could you just clear up for me the amounts for each line item that we're talking about, because I think I have a total of \$553,015 for the total requested for all IT related matters.

President Shetler: Joe will give those details.

Joe Gries: I think I have those numbers and they're in two locations. The first one is on page one, it's under CCD/Commissioners, its line 1138-1300-419900, that's for \$100,000 for Computer License, and then on page two, under Jail Project, the three lines there, the first line for Contractual Computer would be for \$80,000, the Computer License would be the full \$115,000, and the Equipment line would be taken down to \$25,000, so the total there under that section of the appropriation would be \$320,000. I'm sorry, \$220,000. Then the 100,000 additional would be the \$320,000, which Commissioner Abell mentioned at the beginning.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Can you repeat the Jail Project numbers again, please?

Joe Gries: Sure, 80,000 for Contractual Computer, 115,000 for Computer License, and 25,000 for Equipment.

President Shetler: And there's no change to the CCD/Commissioners, the 100,000 on the license, and then the Kronos, is that something that's dealt with separate?

Joe Gries: That's a separate appropriation request that you can, I guess, include in this. It's coming out of the Auditor's Ineligible Homestead Fund. The Kronos upgrade, because all the county offices that use the timekeeping Kronos system, the current version that we have is on the XP and so we're using the money out of that Homestead Fund to pay for that upgrade. So that \$70,000 could be included if you...

President Shetler: Alright, does that help clear everything up? That was a good question, thanks, Councilman Terry.

Councilmember Swaim: I'll go ahead and make the motion, Mr. Chairman.

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

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Okay, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: I might have missed this part, but have we done an inventory on how many computers we have, and how many we have to license. And maybe we do not need two licenses, like individuals having two, perhaps three?

Richard D'Amour: Right, that was discussed last night and we have done some numbers and, Tim, do you want to come up here and perhaps answer Mr. Goebel's request on the number of licenses at least for the courts, that we have. That number here, it looks like we have –

Tim VanCleave: For the judiciary, we have 374 physical devices, we have 30 virtual devices, for a total of 404 devices. This does not include the vote centers, which there are 120 additional devices that are used at the vote centers. But presently, they do not require the level of licensing that the 404 that I just referenced because they connect to a state system. And the state, in essence, provides that licensing for the vote centers.

Councilmember Goebel: I guess we have to have those 120. Is there a way that we could use licensed computers for that small amount of time for the voting centers? They're used totally just once or twice a year on most years and that's it, two times?

Tim VanCleave: Two times three, out of three years. When Ms. Kirk, who was then Clerk, started the vote centers, we bought lesser computing power because they were just going to be using an internet browser to reach the state system. They would probably not meet most of the needs that other offices have and I don't know that the state certification process would allow them to be used elsewhere, but we can certainly pursue that with the Secretary of State.

Councilmember Goebel: Worth a try. It would be nice to be able to cut that cost because they're not used very often. We do have to license those individually?

Tim VanCleave: They came with the licenses that they need to meet the state certification. They were bought with – I don't want to say lesser quality. They are not the typical notebooks that are purchased or recommended for business use because they get carried around and knocked around. These are much more, better protected and, for lack of a better phrase, they are coddled. They are taken to the location, sat down and then retrieved, and not carried around on airplanes and trains and cars, and several other places.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, we don't want to compromise the voting efforts either.

President Shetler: Is it correct that that 374 number, you said the courts, and included in the courts is the Clerk's office, Prosecutor's office, Public Defender's office –

Tim VanCleave: And Probation.

President Shetler: Alright, so I didn't want anybody to think that its just, you know, a few offices this way, that it also included several other things that are related to the judiciary or the legal system, I guess, court system. So anybody else have any questions?

Marsha Abell: Well, I'd like to address the county one, we don't have our inventory done and we've asked Mr. Rolley to work on that for us, but I would like to point out that is the job of the chief information officer, who we have not replaced yet, with the city, and that is not Mr. Rolley's job. It's not in his contract, however, he has agreed to help us with that and we are slowly getting it done, but they're going to physically do those. But again, you know, we are operating at a real deficit with not having that chief information officer. We've been without one now for a year. I know that the committee that is interviewing those people is near looking at making a



recommendation to the County Commissioners and also to the Mayor’s office, but some things are just not getting done as quickly because we don’t have that person on staff yet.

President Shetler: Alright. Thank you. Alright, any other further questions? We have a motion on the floor, and this motion, I’m going to just reiterate here just a little bit, but I think that the motion included the request from the CCD/Commissioners of the Computer License for \$100,000, it includes the Ineligible Homestead Deductions there for the Kronos Upgrade of \$70,000, it includes the Jail Project Contractual Computer of \$80,000, Computer License of \$115,000, the Equipment for \$25,000, for a total of \$220,000 out of the Jail Project fund. And your motion included, I don’t remember who made the motion, but whoever did, that motion included all those things in one?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay, good. 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.

Richard D’Amour: Thank you very much for your help. We appreciate it.

President Shetler: Thank you for all your time and effort. I know it’s not a one-beer job, as they say, so, thank you.

<b>CCD/COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1138-1300-419900	Computer License	100,000	100,000
Total		100,000	100,000

<b>INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD DEDUCTIONS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1216-0000-419500	Kronos Upgrade	70,000	70,000
Total		70,000	70,000

<b>JAIL PROJECT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
4904-0000-386000	Contractual Computer	167,515	80,000
4904-0000-419900	Computer License	115,000	115,000
4904-0000-425000	Equipment	100,500	25,000
Total		383,015	220,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX/SUPERIOR COURT**

President Shetler: Alright, next is the County Option Income Tax fund request from Superior Court, \$70,000.

Bernie Faraone: Good morning, Bernie Faraone with Juvenile Court. What triggered our request was, I think at budget time, July - August last year, the Council penciled in a new figure of roughly \$1,450,000. The county had a contract in effect with our detention center for almost \$1,800,000. Through the Council's efforts near the end of the year, I think it had been ongoing but it was finalized in a December, renegotiated the contract for \$1,500,000, plus an extra \$20,000 for a clause for extra females during the course of the year. When I checked what was allocated in January for that line item, I saw it was shorted \$70,000, and I was just asking that the Council approve putting money back in there that they had already approved.

President Shetler: Okay, now let me, there was some money and I don't know if we got that in '13 or if that came in the early part of '14, but according to that contract, and it was about two years that we were not paid when other counties were utilizing some of those bed spaces. I don't know that it amounted to a great deal, but I want to say 29 - 38,000 something. Okay, that wouldn't go into this fund to help offset it, it would go into the general fund?

Joe Gries: That would be correct, yes.

President Shetler: So the impact of this 70 is actually, in reality could be like 35 or 40 depending on that refunded amount, because they were very clear about that, they wanted to make sure that they were whole with everything they had promised us.

Joe Gries: And they did that, yes.

President Shetler: Alright, kind of a side deal there. I just wanted to make sure, it was all part of it, related. So a motion would be in order.

Councilmember Terry: I'll move for approval.

Councilmember Goebel: 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.

Bernie Faraone: Thank you.

COIT/SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4998-1370-305200	YCC Operating Cost	70,000	70,000
Total		70,000	70,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

President Shetler: Alright, next we have some transfer requests, first from the Superintendent of County Buildings. Is that still on? Alright, let's hold off on that transfer request, the first one. Let's go to Cum Bridge because I think there's some questions about that one in Superintendent of County Buildings. Cum Bridge, Pat is here if anybody has any questions of him. It's no surprise what this is for, but if we want to make sure they clean our streets off next week, then I guess we'd better approve this one. I need a motion for approval on the transfer.

Councilmember Bassemier: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thank you.

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

<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1135-0000-200000	Materials	6,093	6,093
To: 1135-0000-185000	Union Overtime	5,000	5,000
1135-0000-190000	FICA	383	383
1135-0000-191000	PERF	710	710

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Shetler: Yeah, Pat, you want to come on up?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible)

Pat Seib: We ran out of salt probably about a month ago. We've been going with some treated sand that IMI is supplying. It's basically the sand that they dip in the calcium chloride, so its salt and sand combined and we've been putting that down and its been working okay. It's been melting through the stuff and gives a little bit of traction as well, so we've been getting by with it.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible)

Pat Seib: We will be looking later in the year at re-supplying our salt stocks.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions, comments? Thank you very much,

Pat.

Pat Seib: Thank you.

**ORDINANCE ALLOWING COUNTY TAXPAYERS TO PAY COUNTY  
PROPERTY TAXES BY WAY OF A MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN**

President Shetler: I'm going to hold off on the other until the Commissioner is able to get back here on that. No repeals. The County Treasurer had come before us asking us to approve a plan on setting up a monthly payment plan. She had indicated at the last meeting that she really wasn't advocating that and I think research has indicated that we don't have to pass anything. We could let it kind of die on the vine here, if you wish. They're indicating that they're doing that practice anyway without any kind of code for them to abide by. So does anybody have any feeling that they would like to pass this? Then we'll just let it remain on the table and just leave it that way.

**SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO HIRE A CASE MANAGER**

President Shetler: Then the next item is Superior Court, request to hire a case manager. Yes, Judge.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Council, the treatment courts are growing again. The request is to hire an additional case manager. The good news is we have the money through our user fees and this will have no fiscal impact on the county or any other local agency.

Councilmember Goebel: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: 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.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

President Shetler: Thank you, Judge. Sorry to keep you waiting so long.

Wayne Trockman: No problem. I left my telephone number with Steve Owens and he's going to call me if this meeting convenes, and I'll try to bring Judge Pigman with me if he's available. Judge Pigman and I handle all criminal matters in Superior Court so I think it would be good to have him here. Judge Kiely is in a murder trial. It would be good to have him at that meeting as well, but he'd be unavailable for the next couple of days. But if I can bring Judge Pigman with me, I'll round him up.

Councilmember Goebel: That would be great. Would it be prudent to have someone

from the Sheriff's office here as well, as far as the hold over and waiting period for trials? I don't know, I'm just asking.

Wayne Trockman: I know the Sheriff is here, I think?

Councilmember Terry: He's gone.

Councilmember Goebel: That's just a general question, we can talk about it later.

Wayne Trockman: We've got a pretty good idea of what those delays are.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, Judge, thank you very much. Appreciate your patience there.

<b>TRANSFER REQUEST (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18)</b>
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### **SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**

President Shetler: Next, Commissioner Abell is here and we'll go back to the transfer request for the Superintendent of County Buildings. Marsha, if you'll...

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell, County Commissioner. This request is to move some money we have left over in a couple of salary line items to the line item for our new employee that is going to work in the Commissioner's office. When we originally came before you, Marissa, who had been our assistant, was off on maternity leave. Before she finished her maternity leave, she came in and told us that she was quitting, so consequently, we are down a person. We have hired someone part-time and we are asking to move this money out of other salary items that we didn't use to put him on four weeks early. We are experiencing a lot of overtime with Kristin because she can't take off during the day because there's no one here to cover for her all of the time. Some of the time, there is, but not all of the time. She's here at – our meetings are at night, so she is drawing overtime every Tuesday that she sits here. She had been trying to work some of that off, we had asked her to, but she has not done it in the last few weeks, so we'd like to go ahead and get Tyler on board four weeks early so we can go back to operating the way that we were.

President Shetler: And you have money in the account because you've had an employee over there that left and you've had a vacancy –

Marsha Abell: We hired someone at a lesser salary and we hired somebody else part-time and we're using Bennie over at the Old Courthouse more instead of here because there wasn't as much for him to do here.

President Shetler: Alright. Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: When the Administrative Assistant covers your meetings after hours, is that overtime or is that comp time, or how do you work that out? Is it not overtime, every time?

Marsha Abell: Yes, it's overtime. She takes it in comp hours, but you know, you can't take it in comp hours if you can't get the time off. You know, that's the problem. We've been working – Marissa had quite a bit of it accumulated over the years that she's been here and we're trying to not do that in the future.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I guess that's my question. Regardless, is that not considered overtime for whomever works –

Marsha Abell: It is, but if we have two people in the office and she wants to take off on Thursday afternoon, she can work off her comp that she acquired Monday night on Thursday. But if he's not here on Thursday afternoon, she can't take off.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Yes, Pete?

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. President, I think because this is an unusual circumstance and because of the fact that she only has one full-time employee, I would make a motion to approve the transfer request.

Councilmember Bassemier: 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: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

<b>SUPT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1000-1310-131115 1310-1150	Buildings & Grounds Keeper	1,000	1,000
1000-1310-131114 1310-1140	Maintenance	2,000	2,000
1000-1310-221000	Fuel	52	52
To: 1000-1310-131111 1310-1110	Administrative Assistant III	3,000	3,000
1000-1310-191000	PERF	52	52

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

Marsha Abell: Thank you. Appreciate that help.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REQUEST TO HIRE TWO 4-H SUMMER ASSISTANTS</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next is Cooperative Extension request to hire two 4-H summer assistants. Anybody here for that? This is a usual request that we have typically every year and –

Randy Brown: Yeah, we have one person that's returning and so there will be two

additional that would be hired this year that will be new, just for the summer. They start right before Memorial Day and work through the first week of August.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions? Motion would be in order.

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next is Health Department, request to fill a WIC Intake Clerk vacancy.

Ray Nicholson: Dr. Nicholson, Health Officer. The position we want to fill has been occupied by a person who has been there for many, many years and has been moved up to another position and this is her replacement. We only had one clerk left in the (inaudible) and we're in dire need of another clerk. This is from funds from the WIC grant.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions of Dr. Nick?

Councilmember Goebel: It's all paid out, correct, and ready to go?

Ray Nicholson: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: How is this retirement thing going for you? It seems like you've been working awfully hard in the retirement area here. It's good to see you, Doctor.

Ray Nicholson: Thank you.

President Shetler: Anyway, we have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Those opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thank you, Dr. Nick.

Ray Nicholson: Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Alright, next is the Clerk, request to fill Juvenile Clerk and Circuit/Superior Counter Clerk vacancies.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning, Debbie Stucki, County Clerk. First I'd like to amend my request, line item 1390, I'm sorry, has an employee. I put the wrong number. I'm asking to fill 1650, Small Claims Service Clerk, that one has been vacant since November 2013. Sorry, I put the wrong number on that one.

President Shetler: 5-0?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, 1-6-5-0.

Councilmember Goebel: And what's the title of the job?

Debbie Stucki: Small Claims Service Clerk.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do we need a motion?

President Shetler: Yeah, we'd need a motion for approval on both the positions –

Debbie Stucki: Yes, both. I just needed to correct that one line item.

President Shetler: She's correcting that one and then we need a motion for approval on both of them.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

Councilmember Goebel: And these are both paid out, correct?

President Shetler: Sandie?

Councilmember Goebel: I mean, they're free to go right now?

Debbie Stucki: Yes. One employee left to go to the Judge's office, so it was a transfer and we didn't have to pay out anything there. The other one has been vacant since November.

Councilmember Goebel: Does that make a difference for us as far as the change in job description and approval today?

President Shetler: I don't – no. No, I think there was just an error on reporting which line was actually vacant, so it's not a job description being changed. But we have



a motion and a second, all in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anybody opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

<b>PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next is the Prosecutor, request to fill Legal Secretary vacancy.

Nick Hermann: Good morning. I didn't realize the Council would be this benevolent this month. I'd like to ask for a couple hundred thousand in unappropriated funds –

Councilmember Swaim: You have to tell us who it is first, at the microphone, Mr. Prosecutor.

Nick Hermann: No, this request is to fill a vacancy that we have in the legal secretary position.

President Shetler: And there's money available and all that?

Nick Hermann: What's that?

President Shetler: The money is available and all that?

Nick Hermann: Yes, there's no buy-out. The position is open and we're just asking to fill it.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

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.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

Nick Hermann: Thank you.

## TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: Next is the travel requests and we have several. I'm going to take them all at one time. I'd like to have one motion for it unless there is anything you want me to subtract from that, and we can take it separate. But we have requests from the Clerk, Auditor, Veterans Services, Commissioners, that Soil & Water Conservation District and DADS, there's four of those, and Health Department, four of those as well.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve those jointly.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, got a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about any of them? 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. Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

## WILLARD LIBRARY APPOINTMENT

President Shetler: Next is Willard Library appointment and I wish to appoint Vivek Sheel. He is a gentleman who had been with Mead Johnson/Bristol Myers for 10 - 12 years and has switched to Berry Plastics about two years ago. I feel like that's going to be a good fit being that Berry has contributed fairly nice sums of money to help progress in that area over there, being their neighbor, and they've been a good neighbor, and having someone representing their company there with management of that, would help out greatly. So that appointment expires July 1 of 2017. Do we need a – let's just do a motion to be on the safe side.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, 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)**

**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Shetler: Sarah is passing out the amendments to the salary ordinance. Everybody has received a copy of the salary ordinance amendments. Motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

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: Opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Shetler: Public comment? Anybody wish to speak before the Council? Seeing none, hearing none, motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: Unless there is something else? We have a motion for adjournment and we'll see everybody later on this month. What is that, about the 26<sup>th</sup>, I think, that we'll meet here?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: No, --

President Shetler: No, that's right, we're not. The 19<sup>th</sup>, I apologize. It's before spring break.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: It will be the 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00.

Councilmember Bassemier: The 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00.

President Shetler: That's Personnel & Finance, 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. Alright, thank you.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
APRIL 9, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 9th day of April in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler, Jr.

President Shetler: Good morning and welcome to the County Council meeting this April the 9<sup>th</sup>. First I'd like to have the clerk please call the roll.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey		<b>X*</b>
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

\*Arrived shortly after roll call

President Shetler: There being six members present and one member absent, we have a quorum, and I'd like at this time to ask Councilman Swaim to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance please.

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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President Shetler: Thank you, Pete. Next I need a motion for approval of the minutes on March the 5<sup>th</sup>, the Township Trustees September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Civil Taxing Units September the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: And that's for all three. Do I have a second to that motion?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions about the minutes or 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.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

President Shetler: Next Appropriation Ordinance. Councilman Raben, Finance Chairman.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER (TWO REQUESTS)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. First on the agenda, under Public Defender’s Office, we have a request for \$50,000 for Pauper Transcripts. I will move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second on the Public Defender’s Office. 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.

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1420-394700	Pauper Transcripts	50,000	50,000
Total		50,000	50,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay next under Public Defender, this request is being withdrawn. This is the increase in salary and FICA and PERF for the Chief Public Defender. Its now been withdrawn pending Job Study approval. So I guess we really need to make a motion to set this in at zero for the sake of today’s meeting.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: Okay, motion to set it in at zero. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: We have a second. Do I have any questions about the 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.

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1420-142162 1303-1620-1303	Chief Public Defender	13,912	0
1420-190000	FICA	1,064	0
1420-191000	PERF	1,558	0
Total		16,534	0

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### **TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

President Shetler: I'd like to welcome Angela Koehler Lindsey to the meeting as well, so the next –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Tourism Capital Improvement, this is the \$200,000 commitment on the county's end for the new hotel. So I'll move approval in the amount of \$200,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. This is money that we had committed towards the new hotel and Bob Warren is here, the head of the Convention & Visitors Bureau, if anybody would have any questions. Anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: None, other than I would like to congratulate Bob and his staff and their board for their hard work and they finally made it to their groundbreaking ceremony yesterday.

Bob Warren: Thank you very much. Actually, it's thanks to this Council. Appreciate it.

President Shetler: Well, it truly is the leadership, though, that you provided and the board has provided and stuff, and the Council and Commissioners, and, I think, the Mayor, and it's been a very collaborative effort between a lot of bodies here that's been tried for a long time, five, six, seven years. But this is one of those investments that's a good thing because not one dime of this money is local tax money. You know, the guy from Peoria is paying for this, and when he comes to sleep in the beds at the hotels and stuff, that tax, and that's reinvesting that out of town money into bringing more out of town people here to give us more opportunities in the future. That's the way I like to see tax money used. So we appreciate that leadership.

Councilmember Raben: And one last comment, you can tell Donna Leader, one of their board members, Donna Leader, that their recent meeting that I attended, their Convention & Visitors Bureau board meeting, I was asked that everybody be given a copy of their new handout or brochure. So please let her know that I put it on everyone's desk.

President Shetler: Okay, we have the motion and the second. Anything else? 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. Thank you.

<b>TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1183-0000-407400	New Hotel Construction	200,000	200,000
Total		200,000	200,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**COUNTY HIGHWAY  
CORONER**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last we have two transfers: one for the County Highway and we are transferring funds from Other Insurance and Materials into Union Overtime, FICA and PERF. You know, the Overtime is paying out the expense for the long nights and weekends from the bad weather we had. So I'm going to make a motion to approve that and also the late transfer for the Coroner in the amount of \$800, for Maintenance and Repair.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second for the transfers there. Anybody have any questions about that? All in favor signify by saying – did you have a question, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: No.

President Shetler: Alright, signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

<b>HIGHWAY</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1176-0000-300000	Other Insurance	3,000	3,000
1176-0000-200000	Materials	15,278	15,278
To: 1176-0000-185000 2010-1850	Union Overtime	15,000	15,000
1176-0000-191000	PERF	2,130	2,130
1176-0000-190000	FICA	1,148	1,148

**CORONER**

**REQUESTED APPROVED**



From: 1070-260000	Supplies	800	800
To: 1070-352000	Maintenance & Repair	800	800

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>FUNDING REQUEST FOR ROAD REPAIR</b>
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President Shetler: Anything under repeals? Old Business? If not, I'd like to, it's under new business, and I'm going to put County Commissioner Marsha Abell first there. She has a request to make to Council here.

Marsha Abell: Thank you, President Shetler. I hope this doesn't cause you a lot of pain to have to listen to me this morning. This is about as loud as I can talk. My husband is very happy about that. I wanted to propose to you that you look at your reserve and consider the possibility of transferring \$500,000 from the reserve account into Roads & Streets for the Highway Department. We will have a road hearing two weeks from last night. We are anticipating a tremendous number of people coming. We've gotten a lot of phone calls and emails about the conditions of the roads. I'm sure Pat could talk better to this, but we closed a road last night and also temporarily closed a portion of Nurrenbern Road last night. We have a road out by the Scott Township Fire Department that's got to be repaired. We have some very serious roads (inaudible), we will not have enough money to handle all this. We have a little less than \$500,000 in Mr. Stoll's account and Mr. Seib's account for road repair. If we add another \$500,000 to that, I think we could be able to fix a lot of the roads that have just deteriorated this winter. Do you have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: I know, and thanks for coming in. Man, you do sound horrible. But I know these meetings are televised so for those that didn't totally understand the request, what Commissioner Abell is requesting is that we take funds out of our CCD and our reserve funds and add an additional half million dollars towards paving and repair. And the roads are, I mean, when she approached me on this, she's exactly right, the roads are in deplorable condition and if we don't nip it in the bud this year, at least get a heck of a start on making these repairs, a lot of them won't be repairable a year from now. So, and we'll discuss more of this when Patrick comes up to discuss salt and –

Marsha Abell: And we'll be, if the Council feels like they're going to be agreeable to this, we'll be happy to prepare the paperwork, I just wanted to give you the heads up so that we could go ahead and you could start looking at – well, I've talked to Joe Gries, but I know you'll want to check to make sure you've got enough money to do this, so I wanted to give you the heads up today that we are – we feel like this is a good use of that extra money.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I'm okay with it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, what will happen, we'll actually have to handle this at our next meeting, but I think the intent is to approach us before the road hearings so they really knew how much leverage they had and what to do, so –

Marsha Abell: I didn't want to surprise you with a piece of paper coming across for half a million dollars. That might give you a heart attack or something.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Gries, what did you find out or have you had

a chance to look at the accounts yet?

Joe Gries: Yeah, the financial statement was provided to Council, I believe prior to the Personnel & Finance meeting a couple of weeks ago. And the reserve fund has over 1.5 million dollars unappropriated. The CCD fund is fairly healthy, too, nearly \$500,000 there, so I think you definitely have funds available to accomplish this.

Councilmember Raben: And this coupled with, correct me if I'm wrong, but this coupled with the monies they already have in place between Local Roads & Streets and the County Garage will put them at close to a million dollars for paving, which still isn't going to get it, am I correct? But it's going to, at least we're going to get somewhere this summer making repairs.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, it's kind of foolish to just patch something that isn't going to hold when for a little bit more money, we can go ahead and fix it correctly. So that's what we're going to try to do this year.

President Shetler: So this is intended to be used for more of the hot patch, which is more permanent than the cold patch that worked temporarily, at the moment, and stuff.

Marsha Abell: Well, I'm not an engineer, but when the pothole is big enough to swallow the entire car, we probably need to fix our roads.

President Shetler: That's for sure. Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Marsha, will these funds be used for a prioritized list all around the county or is there a specific project –

Marsha Abell: We do not have a specific project. That's what the road hearing will do next week, is we will prioritize these.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President? Marsha, can you repeat when that road hearing is again so that people can be aware and show up? We'll just crowd the place, I'm sure.

Marsha Abell: It's immediately following the County Commissioners 5:00 meeting next Tuesday – on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. April 22, probably start around 5:30. We've kind of cut our agenda down so we can spend a lot of time on this.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Well, I don't know about everybody else, but I can't go anywhere without someone telling me about the roads. Someone told me yesterday, you've got to get Seib Road and Kansas Road fixed, and I said, well, I'm sure that there's a lot of roads, so –

Marsha Abell: The weather has been a big deterrent to even starting.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

President Shetler: And that meeting will be here?

Marsha Abell: It will be right here.

President Shetler: Okay. So 4/22 after – or April 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 5:30 Commissioner's meeting? Start 6 or 6:15 –

Marsha Abel: No, it will start about 5:30. We start at 5:00.

President Shetler: And then that will be in this room, right here in the Civic Center.

Marsha Abell: Correct.

President Shetler: Okay. Yes, Pete?

Councilmember Swaim: Commissioner, Joe and I were just talking before the meeting, if there's one thing the taxpayer's remember, it's roads and streets because it affects every one of them every day. So what we do here, they remember. If they don't remember anything else, they remember roads and streets.

Marsha Abell: Well, some of ours are so bad that the fire trucks and ambulances and police cars, it's hard to get across them, and that's our big concern is our public safety.

President Shetler: Alright, well, I think hearing the comments made here, that I don't see any objection. If anybody is objecting, their mic is off anyway. So I'm not hearing it. So anyway, I appreciate you bringing that up and I think there is solid support behind this.

Marsha Abell: Any of you are welcome to come to the road hearing also, if you'd like to do that. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

<b>SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next is Superior Court request to fill Bailiff vacancy.

Krista Weiberg: Good morning. I'm Krista Weiberg, Vanderburgh Superior Court and this is Lauren Kincaid, and we are just asking permission to fill a Bailiff vacancy left in Judge Tornatta's court.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: Okay, we've got a motion for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Shetler: Thank you. That was pretty easy.

<b>DRUG &amp; ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Okay, the next one is DADS request to fill vacancies for a Secretary, Receptionist and Director.

Deborah Greenwell: Good morning. We do have a request to fill two job vacancies. We have a very small staff of six people. We're just wanting assurance that those positions can be filled so we can work through the transitions that we need to make.

President Shetler: Okay. I read that kind of like there were three people and that Secretary/Receptionist is one, so I apologize for that. But do I have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Just one. The one is to fill a vacancy for a retirement coming up this month.

Deborah Greenwell: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: The proposed salary, is that – how was this factored or, Sandie, do you know? This, I mean –

Deborah Greenwell: That's for a new hire.

Councilmember Raben: That's for a new hire? Okay.

Deborah Greenwell: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I have no other questions.

President Shetler: Okay, we – do we have a motion?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: Motion and then a second?

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Deborah Greenwell: And I just wanted to say, as being one of the positions that is being vacated, I wanted to thank you all for your support. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Can I go back to that just one moment?

President Shetler: The DADS?

Councilmember Raben: When you look at the rationale, the letter that was submitted, it's, the proposed salary for 2014 would be \$58,000, but when I look at our amendments, it would be \$41,393 for the first six months.

Sandie Deig: That is the current Director's salary is 58 –

President Shetler: With steps and all that stuff in there.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah. Okay.

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

<b>CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Alright, next is the Clerk, request to fill a position. Good morning, Debbie.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning. Debbie Stucki, County Clerk. I am asking to fill two positions and there are no buyouts. The employee transferred to another county office.

President Shetler: Okay. And the position is a Cashier in misdemeanor?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, well, that's what it's titled. That's not actually what the employee does. That's something I hope to work on this year. Not everybody's line item actually describes the position they're working in because we don't have cashiers in misdemeanor any longer. The cashiers are just in the main Clerk's office, in room 216.

President Shetler: You know, a couple of years ago we started with reviewing different offices and doing a study to make sure that the titles were appropriate for the work that they were doing and also that the pay level was appropriate, that there was the appropriate amount of people working in the office for the amount of workload that was there. Would you be amenable to having the Clerk's office reviewed and studied by an outside group?

Debbie Stucki: Not at all. I mean, they're all pretty much COMOT IV's, so no matter what their title says, they're all pretty much COMOT IV's except for the senior deputies and the supervisor.

President Shetler: We may want to revisit that as an option. We have found in a few areas that that has been a lot more efficient to go through that kind of a study and look at the operation and it's a good way to help in your position and stuff, elected officeholder, director or whatever, to be able to find ways of looking at something in a whole new light that could save quite a bit of dollars in operation and stuff. So, okay, do I have any questions specifically about the position?

Councilmember Swaim: Debbie, those other ones, extra help positions, are those for election people?

Debbie Stucki: No, its part-time filing in the office.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, motion for approval would be in order if –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

<b>SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Next is a request from the Sheriff for filling a couple of Deputies and Jail EMT, six Confinement Officers, Community Corrections.

Eric Williams: Good morning, Sheriff Eric Williams. You've got my request, it's fairly standard, they're all Jail positions other than the two Deputy Sheriffs. I've listed the dates from when the funding is available.

Councilmember Goebel: Move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Raben: I'll 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.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Eric Williams: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Eric.

**COMMISSIONERS REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY**

President Shetler: Next, Commissioners to fill – we already did that one, didn't we?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Shetler: Didn't we do that – did we do that one a month ago or was that... that was the one for – okay, this is actually to fill it. The other one was just to allow for the buyout to go earlier. Okay, Commissioners request to fill Administrative Assistant vacancy.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

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)**

President Shetler: Next is The Centre, request to fill Custodian vacancy. No one here from The Centre? We'll go on in case he gets a chance to get here.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS**

President Shetler: Travel requests and we have a couple here: Burdette Park and the Health Department has three. Do I have any questions about the travel requests?

Councilmember Raben: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Raben: Let's go back to The Centre, because that one is tricky. They have very few Laborers there and setting up between shows and what have you, it's going to cost us a lot in overtime if we don't grant this position.

President Shetler: Actually, what I was thinking about doing, James, is maybe waiting until the end in case, if they show up.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Shetler: So that's kind of what I did here. Alright, so if that's alright, I'll try to get back to that at the end here in case they happen to be running late.

<b>COUNTY HIGHWAY SALT BID</b>
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President Shetler: County Highway department, salt. Imagine that. I don't think we need any more, though. I hope not. Patrick?

Councilmember Raben: Before we get into the discussion on salt, can we circle back to the roads and then we'll get into salt?

Pat Seib: Patrick Seib, County Highway Superintendent.

Councilmember Raben: To Commissioner Abell's point, you know, the roads are in really, really bad condition and living out in the county, I have the privilege of traveling a lot of county roads and there's areas that are literally crumbling apart. But one of the things that, the conditions after the freezes this year are so bad, you know, I understand we're not going to be able to re-pave every road, probably not be able to saw out and cut out every pothole, but where there are of any size, I think its important that we go to that extent that we don't shovel asphalt in, pack it down. And the other question I had for you, as far as crack sealing, I think that's probably the best fix long term for a lot of the roads that may not be in total disarray yet, but one more winter, you know, all the rains from the spring and what have you that settles in under the surface, how many crews can we put out simply doing crack sealing to preserve the roads that don't have to be repaired right now?

Pat Seib: To do crack, and which, like I said, I'm a big advocate of preventative maintenance, I think we need to do a mix. We need to be strategic this year in the roads and the areas of roads that we completely repair and the stuff that we go out and treat because we can go out and we can look at some of the roads and see yes, this hasn't failed right now, but it's giving all the signs that it's going to fail in the future and there are some things that we can do to it to at least buy us some time, a couple of years, before we have to come back in and spend more money on it and, like you said, crack sealing is a good way to do some of that because that will keep the moisture out of the pavement, and the moisture is what gives you your biggest problems. It gets down in there and, of course, over the winter it freezes and cracks, expands, and blows out. Right now, we have one crack sealing machine, so we can put one crew out there at a time to do that.

Councilmember Raben: Under normal conditions, I mean, how many miles or feet can one crew get done in a day's time?

Pat Seib: Well, I haven't been out there to witness those operations yet. I know that a couple years ago when I was in the Engineering department, we did a project in



I think it was Evergreen Acres, where the County Highway had come through and done some crack sealing in advance of us coming through the project, and I think they got through the majority of those streets in a day or two. So when they have, you know, the road line out ahead of them, with our traffic control set out, they can make pretty good time.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, because, you know, just as an example, North Red Bank Road, between the lanes, I guess, you know, when you're out there with a paver, you know, you're making two swatches at it. Well, down the center of the road, the crack is that wide in a lot of areas. You know, that would preserve that road probably for another couple of years if we can get out there right away. So I would encourage you to do that as soon as you can get a crew out crack sealing. You know, that's things I don't think we need to wait on and I would encourage you to do that right away with hopes that we can get several, several miles done before the end of the season.

Pat Seib: Yeah, that's stuff we're looking at right now and setting out game plans for how to attack that this year. So yeah.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions or comments? Yes, Ed?

Councilmember Bassemier: Is there a chance you can rent another machine and getting another crew out there?

Pat Seib: We can certainly look at that. I think there are a couple areas around here that we could possibly rent from. Of course, then it becomes a balance of the manpower on having several crews out crack sealing versus having the crews out doing patching and other stuff. But yeah, that's definitely something that we can look at.

Councilmember Bassemier: You're getting ready to go to ten hour days.

Pat Seib: Yeah, we'll be starting the ten hour, the four day/ten hour shift starting next week.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim made a good point, if you had two crews working out there (inaudible – microphone not turned on) there's a lot of cracks out there.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I guess, too, I don't know how we've done it in the past and maybe there is a plan, maybe there isn't, but even though we have the road hearing coming up, we might need to put a force out there and just document what we see if we're not already doing that, but have people driving every road documenting areas, even marking them with paint or something, that immediate repairs need to take place as soon as possible. And maybe we don't need to wait on necessarily the road hearing to identify the obvious.

Pat Seib: You're exactly right, and that's what we have been doing. I've been out driving roads, I've had my foremen out driving roads in between when they're monitoring their crews. And yeah, we've got our own list of stuff that we know that needs repairs and we'll present that to the Commissioners and open it up to anybody else, because there are a whole lot more eyes out in the public than what we have on our own staff. But yes, we have been generating our own list of stuff to get done.

Councilmember Swaim: Pat, from your previous background, do you have people from the County Engineer's office that also give you guys feedback to help with this

triage of things that need to be repaired more quickly?

Pat Seib: They have been very good at doing that, too. John's staff has been out. Whenever they come across something, they'll bring it to our attention so we do have good communication between the two departments.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

President Shetler: Pat, two points: one, I assume that by that line of communication, your communication with the Sheriff's department, because again, what Marsha had said earlier, you know, safety is of the utmost importance on trying to direct this but, you know, those guys are traveling all the miles every single day and these guys have a pretty good feel for that. I mean, I know that's not their direct responsibility to check on the road conditions, but at least reporting that in to you guys and stuff, getting word on that and stuff.

Pat Seib: I can't speak for the Sheriff's experience on the communication, but from our end, yeah, we've had good communication with the Sheriff's Deputies as well.

President Shetler: Alright, the second thing, I mentioned to Marsha earlier asking her the question about the – I'm hoping that that half a million dollars that we're adding to the pot will be used more for permanent repair as opposed to a temporary fix with like cold patch, but now they're getting into the hot mix anyway, so I assume that's what's available to you guys and you'll be using that and getting this thing prepared so its more of a permanent fix to the problem.

Pat Seib: Once we got into warmer weather, the cold patch is what we use in the winter time when its too cold for the asphalt plants to be running. But yeah, once they started production this year, we've been using all hot mix for that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question? When they do the road hearing or when you get a complaint about a road, do you all go out and look at every one of those or do they just automatically get on the list? What's the procedure for that?

Pat Seib: We go out and take a look at them. Not that we don't believe anybody, but sometimes we can get out there and see, you know, when it comes to our prioritizing that, yes, and sometimes it turns out that yeah, there's a little bit more going on there than what even the caller realizes. So yeah, we go out and look at everything that comes in.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That's great, and you know, we have to do that, I'm sure the public understands there's a limited amount of funds and we have to prioritize and get the best bang for the buck, so to speak. So great, thanks.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know, Mr. Seib, there's three times I've called you this year with the snow, people, about the hills and stuff, and you guys got out there right away. And those people called me back and said they really appreciated the County Garage for getting out there right away. You do a good job. As soon as you get a call, it wasn't an hour later, you guys were out there. So appreciate that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright. Thank you, Pat. Okay, I guess back to the salt.

Pat Seib: I guess the good news is, it appears as though we made it through the

winter. The bad news is, is we're out of salt. I know after, during the February storm when we were running low, we started mixing our salt with the treated sand to try and make the salt go farther. By the time the March storm came around, we were out of salt completely except for the stuff that we'd held in reserves to make the brine for our pre-treatment, and we went straight to treated salt. I had sent a couple emails out over the last couple days, but just to recap, we went through approximately 3500 tons of salt this winter and an additional 13 to 1400 tons of the treated sand. So in all, we put about 4800 tons of material on our roads. In talking to some of my foremen they said yeah, in average winters, we can expect to put down about 3500 tons. Looking through, it looks like the past couple of winters when it was mild, it was closer to 2,000. And one of the things that they told me, every year, on Friday, two days from now, is when the state bid comes due. We have to have our numbers into the state to get our salt for this coming winter. And my staff has told me that in years past to come up with that number, they've looked at how much salt do we have in storage, and subtract that from 4,000 tons, which I guess 4,000 is the magic number that they like to have available, and then that would be what we submit to the state to try and have available through the state bid. Of course the bad news is, right now, we have no salt in storage.

President Shetler: Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Patrick, according to the emails you sent, you're starting now probably a more accurate system of determining how much salt you have on hand and how much you're using each winter, is that correct?

Pat Seib: Yeah, we're looking at tracking all that usage, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: I think that's a great idea so it gives everyone a better feel for what the needs are. When you ask for the salt, you're probably looking at 4,000, right, is the magic number right now?

Pat Seib: Yeah, that's what we've tried to use in the past and I know the other – there's two big variables involved with this. One is, we can't predict what we're going to have coming nine months ahead of time, what the weather is going to be. The other fun part is, we're not going to know how much that salt is going to cost until the first week of July. That's when the Indiana Department of Administration, they go through all their contracts up there and they tell us how much it's going to cost. So right now, we don't have an accurate feel on what kind of hit we're going to have in the budget.

Councilmember Goebel: But you turn your order in this week?

Pat Seib: We haven't turned a number in yet. The number is due by Friday of this week.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, well, it's pretty obvious you've got to get on to this. My question is about, maybe not about the salt so much as the other ingredients that you need for pre-treated and the salt mix and things like that. Will that be included in this bid?

Pat Seib: We use, in our salt brine, we basically just take the salt that we have and mix that with water to make that, so we don't purchase the brine, we make it ourselves. The only additional ingredient that we get is the geomelt 55, otherwise known as the beet juice. No, that's not included in with this.

Councilmember Goebel: What is our supply of beet juice?

Pat Seib: I haven't checked the tanks, but usually we don't have much of a problem with that. It's usually around a dollar-thirty, dollar-forty something a gallon. We might spend maybe a little less than \$10,000 a winter on beet juice.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. Well, that and you do the pre-treatment before even sometimes when you know it's going to rain and then we get the bad weather after that, but we go ahead and calculate the chance that it won't rain, or how do we determine when you put the beet juice down?

Pat Seib: There again, we just have to look at the weather and make our best guess as far as what's coming in. I know this winter was really tricky because it seemed like a lot of the storms that we got came in as rain. A couple of times when we were out pre-treating when we thought the forecast called for it as all coming in as frozen precipitation, it came in as rain anyway.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I like the idea of you keeping better statistics, that's a real good improvement you're making and maybe you could keep a statistic as to the hit and miss with the beet juice, when you put it down and rain washes it away as opposed to when it actually helps, so perhaps we could save some money then, I think, if it's definitely going to rain. That's just a layman's opinion, I think we're wasting money and time to put it down if it's going to wash away. You probably, I mean, you probably have a different opinion and you are the expert in the case.

Pat Seib: If we know that it's going to come in as rain, then yeah, we don't send the trucks out. But if there is a better chance that it's coming in as snow or as ice, you know, we'll get out there and treat as soon as possible because that treatment does help a lot especially on that first round when the plows go out, it makes it a lot easier for that stuff to come up.

Councilmember Goebel: And when we get snow, you have to go out no matter what. If it's one inch, or ten inches, correct?

Pat Seib: Exactly.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Pat, is there any kind of spoilage or, you know, on the salt, storing it? Do we lose a certain amount of it during the time its being stored if it gets wet or moisture or does anything like that have an effect on it?

Pat Seib: The only thing, our barns are covered. We have one barn that's covered, we have one barn that's exposed to the north. The only thing as far as that goes is, when it gets moisture, it crusts over a little bit but our front end loaders just come in and dig right through it, so no, we don't have any.

President Shetler: But we don't actually – it doesn't actually melt, you know, a certain percentage melt away sitting around in storage like that, that's not, it has no impact on it?

Pat Seib: No.

President Shetler: Based on the previous years' experience, what have we traditionally been paying a ton for salt?

Pat Seib: The numbers that I have going back, it looks like its hovering around \$60 a ton. It's gone up as high as \$64.25. Just knowing this last winter how much of the country needed salt, how much salt was in short supply, I wouldn't be surprised if a lot of the suppliers are trying to make up some money that they may have lost this winter. I use \$70 a ton in my own estimations. I checked with IDOA and they mentioned that INDOT is figuring on a 20 percent increase, up to a 20 percent increase on their own budget estimations. Which 20 percent over what we have now would be about 73 - 74 dollars a ton. So yeah, I would not be surprised at all to see the price go up. But then again, we won't know anything until the first week of July.

Councilmember Swaim: When you make a large buy or half a year through if you have to go back and re-buy, and if both barns are filled, do you guys still have an agreement with Mulzer that they'll store some of it for you down in Mt. Vernon? Is that still in effect?

Pat Seib: I believe the way it works is that we have to take possession of it before the next winter comes around. I know in years past, Mike Duckworth told me that when they were in a pinch to store more salt, I think they had an agreement worked out with the EVSC and some of their old buildings to store it. I know that they've stockpiled it before and placed tarps over it but, of course, once winter hits and they start putting it out, it's no trouble at all to get that all back into the barns.

President Shetler: Alright.

Councilmember Goebel: Obviously, the price I would think would go up because if you watch anything around the country, the news throughout this section of the world, everyone was crying for salt, so that's going to drive the price up. Now when supplies get satisfied, the price will probably come back down? Is there a way that we could get less now or do you have to make the total order for salt?

Pat Seib: We would be locked into the price, whatever it comes out in July. We would be locked in for at least 80 percent of the number that we give them by Friday, so have to commit to buying at least 80 percent of that much salt, at that given price.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, because a few years ago we had, I don't know, some issues with salt mines and supply and the price went up to about 120 a ton as opposed to the 60 or 70 now. You don't foresee that kind of price increase and we didn't buy much back then, but I think, obviously, we have to replenish right now.

Pat Seib: I would hope that that situation doesn't come back and I think that that event that you're talking about, I think that spurred the state to get on the statewide bid system to help the locals out and try and avoid that.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Yes, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: It's kind of strange, prior to this we're talking about how can we repair the roads and now we're talking about how do we load our buildings back up with the thing that destroys them the most and that's the salt and the calcium chloride and what have you. You know, I'm kind of with Mr. Goebel on this. I think once the demand is filled initially, you know, the entire Midwest and northeast, once they fill their barns back up, I'm sure the price, typically, in those situations, would come down. And in lieu of looking at what we need to do right now, our biggest priority should be trying to get the roads drivable. You know, get them back in good

condition. We may have to roll the dice a little bit here with salt. I mean, we don't like to do this, but we're not going to be able to repair roads and we're not going to be able to fill up two barns with salt. I mean, it's – the funds aren't available. You know, I think we tread very lightly here, you know, the commitment that I think you should make should not exceed the 2500 tons. That will allow us to take as little as 2,000 and take as much as 3,000 based on that commitment, but I'm not even comfortable with that right now until we find out how much more funding we're going to need for repairing roads. And when we pull the salt money out of materials, I mean, that's taking away from every ounce of asphalt that we could put down, so that would be my recommendation, to stick at no more than the 2500, initially.

President Shetler: Yeah, basically, if we went with your suggestion, James, it would save about \$100,000 because we're talking, if its at the 70 - \$72 range, at the 4,000 that we're talking about, nearly \$300,000 of expenditure. And if you reduce that down to 2500, we're going to be talking just getting real close to \$200,000. So we'll save about \$100,000 if we cut that back a little bit. The only concern that I have is that it wasn't that the price went up so much, I don't think any money you had could buy you a grain of salt this past winter. It got to that point. That is the concerning part.

Pat Seib: And that would be another issue to consider as well, because we don't know what kind of winter we're going to have next year. We could have a mild winter like we had a couple years ago, we could have another winter like the one we just came through.

President Shetler: That 80 percent you were talking about, so if we ordered 3,000 right now on Friday, you spoke up and said yeah, we'll take, say, 3,000, that would mean that you could just order 2400.

Pat Seib: If we put in the number of 3,000 tons, that commits us to buying at least 80 percent of that which would be 2400.

President Shetler: 2400, and so, but you couldn't get 20 percent more off of that same price, or can you?

Pat Seib: It's, the bid is built on a range. It will give you, you have to buy at least 80 percent and they will guarantee that you can buy up to 120 percent of that number.

President Shetler: And that final commitment, does that have to be done in July or can that be done at a later point in time?

Pat Seib: We have, the commitment period goes from August to August, so once they tell us, once we tell them how much salt we want, they'll tell us how much its going to cost and then I believe the time line is August 18 of this year, we can start buying off of this bid, and we'll have until next August to complete that minimum 80 percent of that number that we gave them.

President Shetler: Okay, so – alright, so if you made a commitment of the 2500, then you can get up to 3,000 and you can start – you will be – you don't have to – you're not obligated to the 2500 even until the – except for 80 percent of that.

Pat Seib: Yes.

President Shetler: For a whole year.

Councilmember Raben: We can take as little as 2,000 or take as much as 3,000.

Pat Seib: And we would – and the other thing is, we don't pay for it all in one lump sum. We pay for it as we take possession. So if we order some in the fall, we only pay for that. If we order some in January and February, we pay for it out of the next year's budget.

President Shetler: And combining the sand and salt thing that we did towards the tail end when we were in real desperate straits there, that was able to stretch the salt out considerably. So we could perhaps enter into a program like that much earlier.

Pat Seib: And there again, the issue that we came up with this year is we maxed out on the amount of salt that they guaranteed that we could buy, and they said you're not getting any more. We got on a waiting list, but the lady from North American Salt told me, you're not going to get any. So that's when we started looking around and I called around several places. No salt, and that's when we went over to the treated sand that IMI uses. And the cost per ton on that was a little bit cheaper than what the salt was. My concern, and I only wanted to use that as a stop gap measure because the calcium chloride that they use as opposed to the sodium chloride that we put on the roads, that is a lot more corrosive. So I am hesitant to keep relying on putting calcium chloride on our roads just like Councilman Raben said, it deteriorates it even faster than just the normal road salt.

Councilmember Raben: And it really depends on the event. If it's an ice storm, you'd need the sand - calcium chloride mixture more so than you'd need the salt.

President Shetler: True.

Pat Seib: The big ice event that we had back in January and we were getting the sub zero temperatures, we mixed our road salt with the beet juice. And that in combination, it completely cleared the road overnight, blowing wind. And, of course, checking on it, that stuff was good down into like negative 30 - negative 40 degrees, and so in that storm we didn't even have to use any sand.

President Shetler: Well, James, did you want to do that in the form of a motion or are we just giving him advice here? I mean, somehow we need to –

Councilmember Raben: Well, we're just giving advice –

President Shetler: Somehow we need to kind of bring this together so he gets direction from all seven as opposed to just one –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I can make it in the form of a motion, but I would be in support of approving up to or your proposal being for 2500 tons of salt.

President Shetler: Yeah, I mean, I agree with you. I think that's reasonable and based on past experience, myself, I think –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions, any comments about it? Okay, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Alright, thanks, Pat.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Goebel: Pat, thank you for the information as well.

Pat Seib: You're more than welcome.

<p><b>RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE CONCERNING THE AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next is a resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council approving an amendment to the interlocal agreement on the Area Plan Committee. Jeff, are you handling that or is there...

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I think we may have discussed this last time and I know I sent this out. Its already been approved by the County Commissioners and the City Council and its just approving the – just approving on there for the interlocal, the new modifications on the interlocal agreement. I know that there have been some of you that have talked about whether or not there's further negotiations, and I think there are, but until, you know, whether or not those will be made until the current agreement runs out, this is what we have right now. Essentially, all this is doing is just changing who actually pays and who reimburses, and its more of an accounting issue, so there's not really any change in terms of the split that's being paid.

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Ahlers, I do have a question. How long is this current agreement to last, for how many more years?

Jeff Ahlers: I think – I don't have that number in front of me, but I do have that at the office. I can send that to you. I think there's like, maybe a couple more years left.

Councilmember Goebel: The other question I have, when was it started? What year? I have it here, but –

Jeff Ahlers: I did not bring that folder with me, I could email that to you. Its on a recurring basis and the agreement comes up for renewal. And it just was renewed I think a couple of years ago, because I know when we had this discussion.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, since the agreement has been approved by all the bodies involved, has the city not annexed some of the county lands, and has that not been changed, the terms of the agreement, that we should probably change this agreement accordingly?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I think that's part of the discussions. That's between the Commissioners and the Mayor primarily. The executive branches are obviously undergoing those discussions, although I don't know that in the past couple of years, I'm not aware of any annexations. I know there was some prior to that, but I mean, I think those are the arguments, is that, you know, it probably, the Area Plan does far more work for the city than it does the county. But from the city's perspective, I



guess they're looking at we've got an agreement with an 85/15 split and so that's being discussed, but there's an agreement in place and those discussions are going on between the Commissioners and the Mayor.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand where the City Council would be very happy with this and the Mayor's office, but I don't see how we can be satisfied with it. And I think it needs to be changed now because conditions have changed since this original agreement was made. We're paying more than our share. It's that simple.

Jeff Ahlers: And from the county's perspective, you're correct. But, I mean, the only thing we can do is if there isn't some negotiation to change it beforehand or at the end of the agreement, the only thing that the county can do is serve notice upon the city to, at the end of the term, that it not be renewed and it be terminated. And then you're faced with either you reach an agreement or you don't have a joint Area Plan Commission. So, I mean, understand, you know, there's an agreement in place and it has a term and so that term has to play itself out unless both parties are willing to change it in the interim.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So just to clarify, the document before us today, though, is simply to set some accounting procedures in place?

Jeff Ahlers: Correct. Yeah, I mean, basically, it just changes the way the money is handled between the city and the county. The funding mechanisms remain the same as to who is paying, it's just a difference between how the revenues are calculated and who is paying who, and who is getting reimbursed.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And is that because there's the new accounting system that's in place or what prompted this?

Joe Gries: Jeff, I might be able to help.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, Joe, if you would.

Joe Gries: The city and county do have a new accounting system. On the city's side, they have the ability to take payments online and the Area Plan department can take those payments from vendors a lot easier than the county. We didn't actually purchase that "module" for the county. And really, this allows them to do that. They believe it will possibly bring in more revenue because it will be easier for people to pay online and maybe not skirt what they should be doing. And the change, like Jeff said, is just an accounting procedure. Normally, the money would all come to us, we would then bill the city for 15%. It's just kind of a reverse. The money is going to go to the city and they're going to give us 85% of the revenue. And then we'll bill them for 15 percent still of the cost. So it helps, they think, to bring in more revenue, but it's really just a move of where the money goes first.

Councilmember Raben: So our revenues, if we look at it that way, could actually go up and reduce our liability. But I am with Councilman Goebel on this, that we need to look into breaking the original or the most recent agreement and try to massage that percentage a little bit anyway.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, because didn't we get some numbers on that at one point as far as the change in those percentages? I can't remember what they were, but it was definitely not 85/15.

Councilmember Goebel: It was 60/40 or 50/50, something like that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That sounds about right.

President Shetler: Yeah, the Commissioners, they have been working on it I know for a good year, on it. That and a couple different methodologies. Every single one of them points to the direction that it needs to be changed, it's not a fair balance today. You know, whether you use population, whether you use acreage, whether you use tax revenue, no matter how you really shape it, the county is getting the short end of the stick here and we need to get that reversed. So okay, do I have a motion then for approval?

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 except Councilmember Goebel voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(Councilmember Goebel opposed)**

President Shetler: The motion carries. Oh, we do have an opposition, so roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Since it's an accounting deal, I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Aye.

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: I'm going to vote aye, but again, as Councilman Raben has stated and I think most of us feel we agree with Councilman Goebel that we definitely need to get those percentages in line to something that makes more sense, but I do vote

aye. There being six ayes, one nay, the motion carries.

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Goebel opposed)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING OF AN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT</b></p>
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President Shetler: The next is the amendment to the interlocal agreement to provide for the funding of Area Plan department. So this is just kind of a companion piece to this. Any questions? I need a motion for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: I have a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Let's take a roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

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

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPROVAL OF 2014 SALARY ORDINANCE</b></p>
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President Shetler: Okay, I noticed that Nick Hermann is here with us. Nick, did you have a vacant position or...

Nick Hermann: I did not. We're supposed to have a meeting after the –

President Shetler: Okay, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Job study.

President Shetler: Yeah, okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: No, it's the Public Defender meeting.

President Shetler: Okay, approval of the 2014 Salary Ordinance. I need a motion for approval of the –

Councilmember Terry: 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: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA (THE CENTRE) REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next, I'm going to go back to The Centre request to fill the custodian vacancy. James, do you want to take that on?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, its been moved and seconded. Again, if we don't, the overtime over there eats us alive, so, and it pretty well eats us alive anyway, but it will be much worse. So 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)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GROWTH ALLIANCE FOR GREATER EVANSVILLE TAX PHASE-IN RESOLUTION</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next is the county tax phase-in resolution. Sorry to keep you waiting so long, Debbie, but I think we needed the time anyway to run down some paperwork here.

Debbie Dewey: For the record, I'm Debbie Dewey with the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. Shance Sizemore, our Economic Development Programs Manager is also here. This is a process we started last year. I think we met with most of you or interfaced by phone or email. What we were trying to do initially was to look at our application for economic development incentives which was about nine pages long and take it down to about two and a half pages, which is really what the state has already done. It was just to get us to be more business friendly and more user friendly for the businesses that we worked with. We also updated the scoring guidelines, again, to try and put more weight on the higher paying, higher skilled jobs. We were also looking to have the same application for the city or the county and the same scoring guidelines. Again, even though we have separate governing bodies, when we're dealing with a business, they don't really recognize that difference, so we wanted to have consistency. But again, for every project, it will still come before County Council if it's a county project and you will approve any incentives on the project's specific basis. So the application and the scoring is really just a way for us to help communicate to you what's going on with the project. So that was the plan. We've met with City Council, the County Council and are moving towards having the new application scoring guideline, so we went and looked at the resolution that's on the books now for actually this tax phase-in. And what Shance found is it needed some updating and, in fact, it had an exhibit that had the application and scoring attached. And what we are doing is taking that away, so in the future, if we update the scoring guidelines or update the application, we don't have to keep going back and changing a resolution. That could be something, again, because it's just a way for us to communicate with you, you still have the final say so. But again, I'll let Shance talk, he's been working with Mr. Ahlers as well. We needed to do some update on that resolution.

Shance Sizemore: Shance Sizemore with Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. On the resolution side, essentially what I did was, I updated the current procedures. It still had the Department of Metropolitan Development as the administrator of tax phase-in. They haven't done it in probably seven years, so I switched out any call out of the Department of Metropolitan Development with the Growth Alliance. I also have been reporting when I do the tax phase-in compliance report directly to the Council body and not the finance committee, so I made the resolution show that as part of the guidelines. And then the last major piece of change was the addition of the tax phase-in or the TIF districts. When the resolution was written, it only had three TIF districts. I added the two most current, those being Azteca and University Parkway as the other two TIF districts that are called out specifically in the resolution. If there's any specific questions, I'm happy to take those.

President Shetler: Well, its been a long time coming. I know its something Debbie and I talked about four years ago. So it's been around for quite a while as far as trying to bring this more up to date in tracking economic development into our area. And thank you for doing it. I know it's a lot of work, it's tedious work going back and forth to the city and the county and trying to get everything on the same page, but we appreciate your leadership on it. Questions? Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just going to say, the process on behalf of the Council

has become much easier and cleaner since you've taken your action, so thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, what we're going to – I think there's a few things that have been redlined in that original documentation that we had. And so we don't really have, I think, an absolute clean copy. Do you want to address that?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, the resolution that I had sent to you by email and that you might have received a copy also on your desk today, shows the track changes and markups from what the resolution, how it used to read to where it reads now. So the resolution that someone will make a motion to pass would be accepting all of those track or markup changes. What we will then need to do, and Ms. Lukeman can tell us what that resolution number will be, and then after today I'll prepare a clean document for, if it passes, President Shetler and Auditor Gries to sign. But it would be what this resolution is, accepting those markups.

President Shetler: And you've gotten a copy of all that with those markups, so its just basically giving you a clean copy at a later point in time. But you're voting on it as if those were part of it, you're getting a clean copy with those exceptions. So if it would be of your choosing, we need a motion for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do you need the motion to be as amended or just motion for approval as written?

Jeff Ahlers: I would just make a motion for approval of a resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council authorizing a tax phase-in program and establishing guidelines. And, Ms. Lukeman, what will be that resolution number then? Do you know?

Teri Lukeman: I'll have to call you with that.

Jeff Ahlers: That's fine. I'll put that on the original.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So motion to approve resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council authorizing a tax phase-in program and establishing guidelines.

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

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Second, Stephanie. Okay, any 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.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Shance Sizemore: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Shetler: Next is amendments to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Sandie, did we pass these out?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Oh, you're talking about the one for Nick. Okay. Alright, everyone has been given a three page copy of all the amendments to the salary ordinance. I'm going to make a motion that we approve this three page document and ask that it be made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second on the salary ordinance. 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)**

<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>
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President Shetler: Anybody from the public wish to speak? Seeing or hearing none, motion for adjournment would be in order.

Councilmember Raben: Motion to adjourn.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you and the next meeting is, I believe, April the 30<sup>th</sup>, and that's our Personnel & Finance committee meeting.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And that will be at 3:00.

President Shetler: That will be at 3:00. Thank you very much.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry



**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MAY 7, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of May in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler, Jr.

President Shetler: Good morning and welcome to the County Council meeting, May 7<sup>th</sup>. It's 8:30, a little past that and I'd like to ask the clerk to please call the roll.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

President Shetler: There being seven members present, I think that was a present, it sounded kind of close to it, we have a quorum and I would like to ask Councilman Stephanie Terry if she would please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

President Shetler: Thank you. We have a few appropriation ordinances before us today. Councilman Raben?

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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**CCD/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESERVE FUND**

Councilmember Raben: Thank you and good morning. First on the agenda today, under County Commissioners actually two requests that I would like to take at the same time if we can. One, the first account, 1138-1300-200000 and 4904-0000-200000, each in the amount of \$250,000. This is for the much needed road repairs after the harsh winter. I do know that Commissioner Kiefer and Pat Seib are in the audience if anyone has any questions on this, but I think we all know what we're up against this year. Are there any questions of those two?

Councilmember Goebel: I guess just a refresher. This is for repair only or is this for new pavement as well, or repaving any? I know we discussed it last week.

Pat Seib: Good morning. Patrick Seib, County Highway Superintendent. As far as what the money will be used on, I'm not sure how its planned to get set up. I think when I talked to Joe a few weeks ago, there was talk of basically creating some line items within those funds, however that works out. I didn't know if the intent was to put this all towards materials. I think it would be a good idea if we put some of that money up into like a contractual line item that the Engineering department can put some contracts out because I know there is some – they've got plenty of subdivision

work that they can work on. But yeah, we'd like to get more materials for this year. Ideally, it would be nice, I've been looking at some equipment that we might be able to buy also that can help us along with this stuff. So however you guys want to set it up, we'll find a way to make it work.

Councilmember Raben: What might be confusing here is we've only got a few line items to actually insert money, that while it reads Materials, it doesn't specifically mean just materials. I mean, materials can be asphalt, rocks, stone, whatever we need to make repairs to washouts, fix roads, so the line items that are in place actually work for that reason. I would just ask that we go cautiously on purchasing equipment. When we've got pothole after pothole and washout after washout everywhere, I would rather make the needed repairs before we start looking at investing in any more equipment unless we have to have that equipment to make those specific repairs.

Pat Seib: Understood, or if we have some needing repaired or something, we can use any of that for leases rather than having to purchase equipment, but yeah, I'm not wanting to go in and just start spending money to spend money. I want to make sure that what we're spending is in line with what we need to do.

Councilmember Raben: One last question, are all of the county roads, you know, there were some that were shut down due to washouts and what have you. Is everything opened back up or do we still have any –

Pat Seib: No, we still have a section of Trapp Road up in Armstrong Township that's closed and we have one of the bridges on Nurrenbern Road still closed off. I've got the bridge crew, we're looking at getting started on that really soon. Ideally, I'd like to have that opened before Burdette Park opens for the season, but there again, that's just going to depend on the weather and stuff like that.

Councilmember Raben: Trapp Road, same thing, it's just temporary.

Pat Seib: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question, number one, do you all have a list of priorities that as far as where we need to start with repairs or how far have we gotten on that? I know there were some road hearings and I just wanted a little update.

Pat Seib: John is working on his list. I'm finalizing my list. We'll be taking that to –

Councilmember Goebel: Here comes the list.

Pat Seib: – County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday. But yes, we are prioritizing it. Once we get our final list, I can email out a copy to all you guys as well.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That would be great. And then, do we have any kind of total as far as, I know this – what we're doing now nowhere near touches it – any kind of idea on what we would need if we fixed everything?

Pat Seib: That's what I'm – not right at the moment – but that's what I'm trying to have ready before next Tuesday. So yeah, once I get that, I'll let everybody know.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Alright, and then, do we kind of keep those lists from year to year as far as, this is what we were able to get to this year, and then we kind of back it up and the next year we move to that, or how do you work it?

Pat Seib: Again, with this being my first year in there, I know we keep lists of all the roads that we have paved in the past. But to what extent, the information we have on that, I'm not sure of. But we can look into that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I think that would be a good idea. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I don't know if my motion was seconded.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, this is where you come in.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, do you need to talk to John here? I think he's wanting to say something here.

John Stoll: To answer the question about the carry over projects, the last slide we had in the PowerPoint for the road hearing was all carry over from prior years, so we have had to continue projects over and over again.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: How many years have some of those been on there?

John Stoll: Off the top of my head, I don't know, but several. One of them we had, I was talking to Pat and I will talk to the Commissioners about doing, was Fox Hollow Subdivision. And we had an estimate last year of \$170,000 for that, so its probably gone up again, and its just carried forward from year to year.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Sounds like we've got a lot of work to do. Thanks.

President Shetler: Point of clarification on the motion, was that including the Commissioners and the Reserve fund, both? You mentioned that you were joining them.

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Shetler: Alright, so does anybody have any questions about the motion then? 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.

CCD/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1138-1300-200000	Materials	250,000	250,000
Total		250,000	250,000

RESERVE FUND		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4904-0000-200000	Materials	250,000	250,000
Total		250,000	250,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING**

President Shetler: Convention Center Operating.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Convention Center Operating, the request is for improvements in the amount of \$301,127. Darren is here and Commissioner Kiefer, can you just briefly explain what some of these repairs are that are going to take place?

Darren Stearns: Okay, well the biggest one on there, of course, is the carpet for the exhibit hall. I think right before I started here they decided to carpet the exhibit hall and we were buying pallets of carpet, they're squares, to replenish when ones were torn or anything else. We can't get that carpet anymore according to what I've been told by Mr. Rector, so this would be to get a different carpet and start the process all over again. The railing and steps for the HVAC system is something that we were told were required by the State Fire Marshall, it's up in the fire room, which is up by the auditorium, that had to be put in. I don't know how all of the sudden, but that's what they were telling us that we need to do. Those were the two major expenses. The rest of the items that we have on this list were items that we had talked about that we usually use for the Right to Life banquet because it's one of the bigger events that we have. We usually go out and rent it, and we were told this year to put it in the CIP list. That event has already happened, so, I mean, for this year anyway, so we did go out and rent the equipment we needed for that event. But that's kind of where the majority of that other, the smaller items you're seeing on there.

Joe Kiefer: I would like to add that the carpet is in pretty bad condition as it is today. And its not really something that has very much appeal to it because of the wear and tear and damage to it.

Darren Stearns: And like I said, it's carpet tiles so we're down to like the last couple of stacks like this, and there's a bunch of tiles in there. Once those get bad, we won't have anything to replace it with. And my understanding is, if we take the carpet out, the glue and stuff itself, that they're going to have to take up, according to Mr. Rector, is a major project. That's the understanding I got from Mr. Rector on that.

Councilmember Raben: Any other questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: I got one. Now, is all the carpet bad or are you just replacing most of it because -- its to match the rest of it?

Darren Stearns: No, that's the point, we're getting down to the last few tiles that we have so to put another carpet tile in there to match, you almost have to do the whole thing eventually at some point, so that's where we're getting into. Once we run out of these last few sections of tile, we won't have anything to replace it when it does have a tear or a rip or anything, and then you're going to have something totally different.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Shetler: This carpeting has been lasting us for what, ten years? Twelve?

Darren Stearns: It's been in there, yeah, it's been in there at least that long. We usually will do – what has happened in the past is it's got put in there and then every couple of years, they might buy another pallet. I think we probably bought an extra two pallets, maybe, for that, because you do know that we do have, since its an exhibit hall, we do have vehicles that come in, which isn't bad because usually we put plywood down, but there is the certain ones that if there's a semi or something that might tear up and certain, and then you just only have to put in the one square then, and not everything else.

President Shetler: I guess my concern is that, I understand that you need it. I'm not disputing that, but I'm questioning, I guess, where we're taking the money from and I'm just wondering if it wouldn't be a better idea to take this from the depreciation account that basically the Building Authority has established for the building. If I recall, last year at budget hearing when we got into that with the director, I believe that was in excess of five million dollars as opposed to taking this out of our operating funds in the current year, which will then have an effect ultimately on the general fund on how we approach other things, because any deficits that come out of that line end up affecting the general fund in some manner here. So that's what I would advise us to look at real hard, is this coming out of the depreciation –

Darren Stearns: And that's the Food & Beverage receipts, correct?

President Shetler: Well, the operating –

Joe Gries: The Food & Beverage money is another fund where Mr. Rector and the Commissioners have requested money to be used. The fund Mr. Shetler is talking about is the fund that is held by the Building Authority for capital projects, depreciation fund.

Joe Kiefer: So, Joe, that's a source that we could go to and utilize then?

Joe Gries: I don't see why not.

Joe Kiefer: But then does that need to come from the Building Authority instead of us?

President Shetler: Right, and that money, the reason why I asked the question on the carpeting and how long its lasting, you know, the ten years, because its really for long term type of improvements and its not for operating things that would be disposable at six months, year, year and a half. It's for a roof, something that's going to be ten to fifteen years. And carpeting, if it's lasting ten, twelve, thirteen years, I think it fits into that category very well.

Joe Kiefer: Councilman Shetler, I'll talk to David Rector and request that it come out of that fund then.

President Shetler: Alright.

Joe Kiefer: So we'll come back to you and I'll request that to come out of that fund, depreciation fund.

President Shetler: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: Good catch. So I'm going to at this time withdraw my motion and we'll set in this request at zero.

President Shetler: Okay. Does that work? You guys can come back and we can get all this worked out by next –

Darren Stearns: That's fine, I didn't realize there was another fund, so thank you.

President Shetler: Yeah, we have a motion to set it in at zero. I need a second.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And then all in favor, I don't think I'm going to get any opposition to this one, 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.

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4005-0000-414000	ONEP Operating	301,127	0
Total		301,127	0

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**LEGAL AID UNITED WAY**

President Shetler: Next would be on the Legal Aid United Way.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have a request for Miscellaneous in the amount of \$1,518. This is for repairing printers and miscellaneous items. I have no questions. I'll make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Is there any questions of anyone?

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: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

LEGAL AID UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4903-0000-399000	Miscellaneous	1,518	1,518
Total		1,518	1,518

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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President Shetler: James, before we do the transfers, my mistake, I got in a little bit of a hurry here and I forgot to ask for approval of the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. So I need a motion for approval of the minutes of the –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD**

President Shetler: Next then, we'll go to transfers.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the first transfer is the Health Department and its transferring \$11,499 out of Clinic Nurse into Secretary/Nursing Division. Are there any questions on that transfer?

President Shetler: I would like to acknowledge and I don't know if he got a chance to formally be introduced at the last meeting or not, but Dr. Ken Spear is here with us. Dr. Spear is the new, is it Medical Director, is that the correct title?

Gary Heck: Its both, Health Officer and Medical Director.

President Shetler: Health Officer and Medical Director, as well as Gary Heck is here as well. So thank you for being here with us, Doctor. Anybody have any questions? Do you want to go ahead and, is that Homestead, was that part of your question, too?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, the motion I made –

President Shetler: For both, you're making the motion for both. And we need a second.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, the question was, is the Homestead (inaudible – microphone turned off).

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1159-0000-1280 2130-1280	Clinic Nurse/ ½ MCH	11,499	11,499
To: 1159-0000-115940 2130-1400	Secretary/ Nursing Division	11,499	11,499

<b>INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1216-0000-260000	Supplies	2,500	2,500
To: 1216-0000-337000	Computer Data Management	2,500	2,500

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: No repeals, no old business. Superior Court, request to fill part-time – grant.

Jodi Uebelhack: My name is Jodi Uebelhack. I'm the program coordinator for the Vanderburgh County treatment court. We have two ten-hour, ten dollar an hour employees who help us with check-ins and doing drug screening. That money is provided from the grant from the Department of Corrections that we receive annually. One of them was a student and he's leaving May 12, so we'd like to replace him.

President Shetler: Okay. Anybody have any questions?

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: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Next is Health Department, request to fill vacancies for Secretary/Bookkeeper in the TB Clinic and Clinic Clerk, and Extra Help in Vital Records. Gary?

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. I think you have the request and the job descriptions in front of you. All of these positions are needed and we hope you will grant us the ability to try to hire some people.

President Shetler: Okay. Gary, the Vital Records, is this the same one you've asked for a few times before?

Gary Heck: This is the one that you allowed us finally. This is a part-time – it's not a full-time position. It was a part-time position, Extra Help, with a limit of 29 hours per week. So it is still needed.

President Shetler: Alright, any questions? Motion would be in order.

Councilmember Raben: 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 7-0)**

Gary Heck: Thank you.

President Shetler: That was your honeymoon, Doctor.

<b>PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Okay, Prosecutor, is Nick still...

Regene Newman: Good morning, Regene Newman, Prosecutor's office. We're just requesting to fill a legal secretary position. We thought we had it filled and she took a job someplace else, and is going to another department. So we're back at square

one.

President Shetler: Seems like we get a lot of competition within the walls these days.

Regene Newman: Yeah, we do.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: 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 7-0)**

Regene Newman: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

<b>LEGAL AID REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Legal Aid, request to fill part-time receptionist vacancy from the Civil Legal Aid fund.

Kevin Gibson: Good morning, Kevin Gibson. Yes, that's correct. It's a ten dollar an hour position. The prior receptionist put her two week's notice in a couple weeks ago, so the position is now open.

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Kevin Gibson: Thank you.

<b>TREASURER REQUEST TO PURCHASE COMPUTERS</b>
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President Shetler: Next is Treasurer, request to purchase seven new computers.

Susan Kirk: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning.

Susan Kirk: Needless to say, we have more than seven computers but we've got seven of them that, I know just mine, it will lock up a few times a week and you literally have to go turn the power off. And, of course, anything you've done is not saved. So we're asking for seven computers. Used to, we could take it out of, what, Joe, the Assessor's Reassessment fund, but they've locked down on that and we can't do that anymore. And I'm hoping, because I saved the county probably at least \$50,000 in bank fees that you will be kind enough to let me have \$5,100, right around there, so that I can get the new computers for our office. Our computers, the ones that we have, are back from 2008.

Councilmember Raben: Susie, how many employees do you have?

Susan Kirk: Counting me, there's twelve of us. And, of course, we have computers, obviously, at the counter for the cashiering and then a couple for the public up there, but we're not going to mess with those.

Councilmember Goebel: Are you requesting monitors and everything?

Susan Kirk: I believe I sent this to all of you. I think this was in here. It's from John Staples, had sent out an email and you can get, all we want is just a computer and one monitor, we don't want the two monitors and all that stuff, for \$733 a piece, which is a pretty good deal. So I thought, well, this would be our opportunity to use this and get our computers up and running, so this fall, hopefully, we'll be able to process the taxes and not have to stop the computers halfway through.

Councilmember Raben: So total today, how many computers do you...

Susan Kirk: We need seven. We've got seven of them that are bad. So if we can just replace those seven now, I'll see at the end of the year if I have, you know, if I can dig up another thousand dollars, maybe, because I'm not too sure – Joe, what fund does this...

Councilmember Swaim: Well, he just showed me in 4998 COIT, there's 217,000 –

Joe Gries: You could do it out of the general fund, you could do it out of CCD, you could do it out of several different places that have –

Councilmember Bassemier: Susie, you said \$733 a computer? That's all you need?

Susan Kirk: That's for the computer, the monitor, there's no shipping fees, because I asked John Staples that, that this is it, 733, and you get the stuff and then computer services –

Councilmember Bassemier: So you're asking for \$5,131, is that right?

Susan Kirk: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, does that include the licensing fees as well?

Susan Kirk: Yes, they've already got the licensing. You guys have already paid for that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion.

Councilmember Goebel: We really don't know what we've paid for to be quite honest.

Susan Kirk: Oh, well, I'm sorry about that. I can't answer that question for you, but the licensing fees, everybody has already got that. This is just new computers and like I said, \$733 a piece, no shipping, no handling, nothing – that's it. This is the whole thing and then computer services would come, obviously, they've got to download some stuff for us.

President Shetler: I think Pete had a question or a comment.

Councilmember Swaim: No, I'm just mentioning that it could be taken out of COIT, which it's got 217,000 in it, if she'd want to do an appropriation out of that fund for next time, I guess.

President Shetler: I don't know if it's really not a question, perhaps, for you, Susie, maybe for Joe, did we just – what's the status of that licensing and bringing those things up to date? I mean, I'm just hoping that we didn't buy licenses, upgrading licenses for a few of these old computers and then we turn around and –

Joe Gries: Well, the licensing is for the actual computer, and if you replace a computer, you don't have to have additional licensing.

President Shetler: But the existing ones, did we just buy those a couple of months ago when they were in question or not?

Joe Gries: Well, those were coming to the end of their life as far as what we had licensed for the county. There were agreements that certain offices had in place. Some departments were able to include that in their budget but some offices weren't and so the computer services had to license those over a period of five years. That was coming to an end, actually came to an end last year and Microsoft had been working with us spreading that time frame out and we went and created a blanket agreement, or computer services did, to cover all county computers that are currently in use. So now we have licensing for every computer that's in use. If you replace one, you don't have to get a new license, and this new agreement will be in place for the next five years. Now the true up, I think, is what John Staples was talking about and that's what they're working on as far as determining how many computers are actually in every department, are there multiples that may not be used and then Microsoft will actually give us, I don't know what to call it, a break or something, as we come to that conclusion. So if we have too many licenses, that will be reimbursed to the county.

President Shetler: And my question is really kind of that I didn't want to see us spend \$40 on the re-up on these old computers that we're getting ready to dispose of and buy new ones that would be included with a new license on it, so I realize, you know, talking maybe a couple hundred, three hundred dollars, but –

Joe Gries: That's probably a question for computer services because I don't know if it would be a price difference if you would license an old computer compared to buying it with a new computer. I'm not sure of the answer.

Susan Kirk: I asked him specifically was there any other charge including licensing, and he said no.

President Shetler: Okay, that's not, I guess what I'm concerned, that really has

nothing to do with the new computers because the new ones will come with it. I understand that. My concern is whether or not just a couple of months ago, that when we went through the whole process of looking at all of our computers, the upgrades that we need to do, were these on the list that we were going to have to potentially pay 30, 40, \$50 for that upgrade on the – was it XP or whatever it was, one of the Microsoft systems were –

Joe Gries: These computers Susie has are not XP, they're Windows 7 and they have one XP machine, it was for timekeeping and we've taken care of that issue.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Quick point of clarification. So I'm getting what you're saying is we have kind of like a site license so it licenses X number of computers. It's not specific to each individual machine, its, the county has a site license to operate 500 computers or whatever it is, and then as long as we don't have 501 computers, we don't get additional charges.

Joe Gries: Exactly.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So it wouldn't matter if we have the old or the new ones, is that kind of what we're saying?

Joe Gries: That's what I understand.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you.

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

President Shetler: Well, we –

Joe Gries: This isn't an appropriation request.

President Shetler: The only thing we can do is give her a green light to put together an appropriation. We can't appropriate today.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, motion to give her a green light.

President Shetler: Right. To say go forward with what – the process.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I do have a further question. Susie, this is the only – this piece of paper that I've gotten, so you're requesting these computers and now you're going to make it through the spring season? We don't have that.

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Goebel: I've got two papers now.

Susan Kirk: You can go on the county website, you get into computer services, click down – I forget – its QPA, and it shows what this is. We all have access to it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: This is not about the Treasurer's office necessarily, but once again, we've asked to have a count of the computers and the licensing from computer services a number of times, and – has anyone seen that?

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Goebel: My gut feeling is we hold off on anything to do with computers until we get some information back. It's going to maybe affect you, but we've been asking for this and have not received.

Susan Kirk: It's not going to make any difference with the cost. You know, by the time you get something like that, I mean, I don't think that the Treasurer's office should have to suffer because you don't have the information you need for – I mean, Joe just explained, it's not going to have any difference in the cost of the licensing. And that's what you all pay. Not the computers, the licensing. This isn't going to have anything to do with that. Nothing to do with that.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, indirectly, it does, and I don't know if these computers went bad all of the sudden, or you feel like to phase out it's time now, or not at –

Susan Kirk: Well, let's put it this way, if they don't make it then we can't process the taxes and then you all won't have any money –

Councilmember Goebel: Well, we don't want to hinder you in that regard.

President Shetler: Let me ask the question maybe just a little – obviously, the tax day is upon us for this spring.

Susan Kirk: It is, and they're having difficulty.

President Shetler: And so you've got these computers you're utilizing now to get through the next few days. The next installment isn't due until November 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, whatever the day is.

Susan Kirk: That's true. We usually get – well, usually it's about three weeks before that day is when we start –

President Shetler: Say October 1 is when – and then they need to be trained on them and stuff, so what would be, say, your drop dead date that you really need to have these in house so that they can get used to using them and the whole business?

Susan Kirk: Well, I think as far as ordering, now I don't know how long it takes to order them and then you get them and then computer services has to do their thing, so but if they could be up and running in my office say mid – at least mid-October, at least that.

President Shetler: Well, yeah. I was going to give you more –

Susan Kirk: Well, I'm giving you as –

President Shetler: – leniency than that. I was thinking October 1.

Susan Kirk: We don't really like to make all these switches and then have problems with it. Ideally, obviously, it would be great if we could get it done this summer.

President Shetler: So we do have a couple of months here where we could get with computer services, speak with them, try to get this thing ironed out so that we know exactly where we stand on the number of units out there. Not that it has any affect

on the licensing, but it may have an affect on other things that, you know, that we want to get a handle on.

Susan Kirk: And that's fine. And they did, you know, I went around because they sent an email to all the officeholders and I went around and everything we had in there, not only assets for the county, but this was separate from computer services. All the serial numbers and everything, and I did that – it was last year.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not questioning that at all, it's just information –

Susan Kirk: I don't know why –

Councilmember Goebel: That information has not been delivered and –

Susan Kirk: I think probably it would be wise if you emailed the officeholders or whoever you license, and have them tell you how many computers they use and then you could do a comparison with computer services to see what they come up with.

Councilmember Goebel: That's a good idea.

President Shetler: So if we work backwards on the date and say, October 1, and then you find out what the shipping time is on it, and then plan in there the appropriation timing and all that stuff, perhaps we could be looking at sometime first of August, perhaps, on that?

Susan Kirk: That would be wonderful, yes.

President Shetler: And then that would work, we'd say go through that process and then in the meantime, we'll have an opportunity to speak with computer services to find out where we are. Does that kind of meet your –

Councilmember Goebel: I think so. It's nothing, once again, against the Treasurer's office, it's just the fact that anything dealing with computers right now, I think, leaves a little bit of a sour taste because we don't have the information that we've asked for.

Susan Kirk: Well, like I said, I've got it in an Excel file and I imagine you probably have yours in Excel. We've already done it so it would just be a matter of the officeholders emailing whomever, how many computers do we have, I mean, if you have some that don't work or whatever, if you're not using them, but how many do you have and how many are actually working computers? And then that way you have it rather than giving information to them and you're just –

Councilmember Goebel: I assumed that was the job of computer services to give us the head count, so to speak.

Susan Kirk: It is, but if you want to do a checks and balances.

Councilmember Goebel: And then we can verify with each department. Thank you.

President Shetler: Yes, Angela.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And thank you for being timely on this and giving us enough opportunity. I think it's good that you came in and asked, and we definitely want you to have them, and so this gives us a chance to maybe prod along

the process. So I appreciate it. On the subject on the total number of computers and the computer services, and maybe you know, Joe, or maybe someone else does, does the county have some sort of a refresh plan where we know? I mean, I think that's vital. I mean, this is a huge – you can't operate anything without computers anymore. You just can't. And, to me, part of computer services should be that there is a county-wide plan, we have a refresh plan, we know how many are in each office, you know, we don't need to have offices sitting around with seven old computers that are breaking down and that efficiency goes way down there. So we're always talking about efficiency, being able to do more things with technology. To me, I don't know, do we have a county-wide technology plan? Does that include a refresh? And, if not, you know, we need to get that.

President Shetler: We do – they did have a county plan at one time.

Joe Gries: It's not in place –

President Shetler: At one time it was like three years and then it slid to three and a half, and then it slid to four, and now it's four and a half. Now they're starting to catch up with the private sector, which gets into the six, seven and eight years down the road here.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: It's critical.

President Shetler: It is critical, but the economies as they are today have made it very difficult on both local governments to be able to stay with that kind of a plan, and even private businesses have had to kind of shed themselves of a three and four year refresh, and many times go to five and six.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Right, and what I'm trying to say, too, is that we need to know this information so that we're not caught off guard and all of the sudden we know we don't have money laying around somewhere to spend on this but we also know we have to keep things going and be able to piece and part them together and if you can take seven old ones and make two that work out of that, you know, those are the kind of things that – at least I know from my other job, the kind of things that we do to try to keep up and keep things efficient.

Susan Kirk: Well, if the officeholders would, when they make a switch, buy a new one, do whatever, if you had one main list and you do an Excel file, obviously, you can sort by different ways, you'd have the serial numbers, the date that it was purchased and then maybe another column, is it in use or not. Like if I make a switch, then I email whoever is going to keep track of that and then we update you as we make a switch rather than bombarding you every four years with all this new stuff. If it kept like up to date on a daily basis, I mean, it wouldn't be that much to keep track of that list, do you think? I mean, if you had it by office, you'd have it in an Excel file, like I said, you could –

President Shetler: Well, my understanding is – and this is where it gets to be a little cumbersome for us, that actually computer services, what they're supposed to be doing is actually doing – I call it a physical audit, and going through each department. Not just asking you to submit to them on an Excel sheet file, but that you actually, that they go in, verify that you have X number of computers and that you have – and how they're being used so that we know that each one of those devices are in use and who is using them and who is assigned to them and stuff.

Susan Kirk: And they did do that, too. They came, too, after we did that. That hasn't



been too terribly long ago. But sometimes it's good to carbon somebody else, you know, on an email. You know, if I email you something, maybe if I carbon a couple of the other ones, it's — well, you know, now you've got other people that know exactly what's going on. So maybe rather than us just working through computer services, if we had someone from Council, kind of like a backup check, checks and balances.

Councilmember Raben: Well, let's move on. Sometime between now and late September or mid-September we'll have this worked out.

Susan Kirk: Okay, do I just wait to hear from you or do I schedule —

President Shetler: No, I think you go ahead and put the appropriation ordinance together for August or September to go about it and then we will, in the meantime, get a chance to speak with computer services and hopefully that list, then they'll be forwarding that to us pretty soon.

Susan Kirk: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, would you like your estimate back?

(Inaudible)

President Shetler: Susie, Teri just brought up a good point, as far as what fund that should come out of, we do need to keep in communication on that because we may be able to find another place that that could come out of.

Susan Kirk: Okay, so should I just check with Sarah and Sandie on that, and let me know?

President Shetler: Right, because we'll work on a couple of other sources.

Susan Kirk: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Thanks. Okay, anybody else have any questions about that?

<b>TRAVEL REQUESTS</b>
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President Shetler: Next is travel requests for several places: Auditor, Treasurer has got a couple, Area Plan, Commissioners which is Soil & Water Conservation District, County Engineer and the Health Department has a couple. Do I have — might want to just kind of lump it together unless anybody wants to break something out, we can break it out.

Councilmember Raben: Just one question. Susie, if you could, on your travel request for the Treasurer's annual conference, is it deemed necessary for two people to go?

Susan Kirk: Well, I believe Councilman Goebel had brought that up a few years back. What they do, they have breakout sessions and you can't go to all of them. And so it's always wise to take your Chief Deputy to the meeting so that you're getting everything because I can't be two or three places at one time.

Councilmember Raben: Sometimes you have to prioritize, you have to —

Susan Kirk: Well, and we do even with that, because when they do breakout sessions, there may be three and there's only two of us, and so we do have to prioritize.

Councilmember Raben: I understand. If it's a \$50 conference it's one thing but when they're several hundred dollars, I'd like to try to see us, in the future anyway, just have one representative for each office or department.

Susan Kirk: Okay.

President Shetler: Alright, any other questions? Do you want to push that off separate or do you want to just keep them all together or –

Councilmember Raben: We can leave them together.

President Shetler: Okay, a motion would be in order for –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: Its been moved and I need a second.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. 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)**

<p><b>GROWTH ALLIANCE FOR GREATER EVANSVILLE DELTA PROPERTIES CF-1 COMPLIANCE REPORT</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next is GAGE.

Shance Sizemore: Hello, I'm Shance Sizemore, with the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. Before you in your packets, you will find the CF-1 compliance report for Delta Properties, aka PGP. Some of you may remember a couple of years ago we ran a project through for Delta Properties and PGP for a new manufacturing facility in VIP. What this is, last year they were assessed a partial year in taxes so with them coming in after the compliance time, when they submitted their taxes for the past year they were required to submit their first year of compliance reporting. They will also be reporting in the upcoming compliance reporting season, which comes to me by May 15<sup>th</sup>. So if you're looking at that, they made the necessary investment and after their first year, they're at 32 of their 41 spec'ed employees. Is there any questions about the project or what they're doing?

President Shetler: Anybody have any questions? I don't see none.

Shance Sizemore: Alright, appreciate it.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you, Shance.

(Inaudible)

President Shetler: Okay, we're going to need a motion for approval, basically, the wording, I guess, would be that they are in substantial compliance with the outline that we had before on their requirements.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve that Delta Properties is in substantial compliance.

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: Did you have something to say, Shance?

Shance Sizemore: Nope.

President Shetler: Alright, the motion carries. Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Shetler: Next would be amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone has been given a document on the amendments to the salary ordinance which includes Superior Court, Prosecutor, Legal Aid and Health Department. I'll make a motion that we approve these minutes as written or these amendments as written and ask that this document be entered into the minutes.

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: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>
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President Shetler: Next would be public comment. Is this the public?

Eric Williams: Pretty soon. I just wanted to address the Council and say thank you very much. This will be my last time to appear before the Council as the Sheriff of the county. Its been an honor and a humbling experience to not only work for this county for the last 25 years, but to be the Sheriff for the last seven. I appreciate all of the tough questions, I appreciate all the inquiries. I appreciate you wanting to know facts and figures and how my office runs. It does mean a lot and I also appreciate your open-mindedness and be willing to listen to the information I've provided. Its made my job very, very easy. I've always appreciated the relationship with this Council. I know you all have a very tough task doling out money to what I think is one of the more important offices, but every officeholder thinks their office is one of the more important offices. And truthfully, we all work together and we're all part of county government. So I admire the job you all do and I've appreciated my relationship with you. And if I can continue to be of any assistance to you in the private sector, I absolutely don't want to break my ties with government service in the public sector, so if there is something I can ever do, please let me know. But thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you. Our thanks to you, Sheriff, because you have done an outstanding job and we appreciate it.

Councilmember Swaim: Good luck, Eric.

Councilmember Goebel: Good luck, Sheriff.

Eric Williams: I'll take luck any day.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you. You've been such a good man to work with. Its been a pleasure and I think the Evansville Courier political cartoon, normally they are satirical, but this was genuine yesterday, thanking you for your service and I think it spoke very well for the entire community.

Eric Williams: When I saw that, I was looking for the subliminal message in it somewhere. I couldn't believe it was just a straight up thank you. But it was very humbling to see that. But again, thank you very much.

Councilmember Raben: You know, one of the things in dealing with Eric that – I've been here a long time and you've been a part of it a long time, and its been an absolute treasure – pleasure to work and, I mean, he's been very helpful not just with his own department, and that's what's made him such a great asset. I mean, a lot of the information that you've provided over the years and just helpful hints and what have you throughout county government is priceless and many thanks.

Eric Williams: Thank you. Its been a weird -- I have to tell you, its been very bittersweet. I came in yesterday and cleaned out my office and that was tough to do. But, you know, its one of those deals where you know you're getting laid off on January 1 of next year and everybody that gets laid off generally starts looking for work and I feel very, very fortunate that my one requirement was that I wasn't going to move. I wanted to stay in this community. And to have found a job that I think is suitable to my skill set, with a company like Old National Bank and with the team like that over there, who are also very civically minded and public service oriented, it seemed like it was going to be a great fit for me. Plus I get to be close to the Civic Center, so I'll be venturing around here all the time. So hopefully I can land on a board or two somewhere.

President Shetler: A couple of things: first off, there's nothing wrong with moving,

though, Eric, just to point that out to you here. But I understand your position. But a couple of things that a lot of times people don't see and sometimes other members of county government, and that really is how much you have helped keep the cost of sheriffing and policing down for the county government, and the way you've managed personnel back and forth. And that's big. I mean, I understand as a manager myself outside in the private sector, how important that is at controlling costs. And you've done an excellent job of that. And then the other thing I think you probably have gotten maybe very little credit for over the years, and that is the new jail. And you put your heart and soul into that jail when it was being built. You know, the bricks, the mortar, from the ground up to starting it off with the folks coming in and the whole business. And you really did an outstanding job with that as well. So your management skills are noted in a lot of good ways and stuff, but there's a couple things there I think sometimes people don't get a chance to see the ugly stuff that's underneath, and you've done a great job. Thank you.

Eric Williams: Thank you. Have a good day.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody else?

Councilmember Raben: Motion to adjourn.

President Shetler: I have a motion to adjourn and that means we'll be back here later this month. Is that going to be right around the 30<sup>th</sup> or 31? I don't know. Sometime later on in the month we'll be here for Personnel & Finance. Thank you.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JUNE 4, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of June in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler, Jr.

President Shetler: Good morning. I would like to welcome everybody to our June 4th Vanderburgh County Council meeting and ask the clerk to please call the roll.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben		<b>X</b>
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

President Shetler: There being six members present, one absent, we have a quorum and I would like to ask Councilman Swaim if he would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance, I am going to ask Councilman Angela Koehler Lindsey if she would lead us in a prayer. Thank you.

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: God, we thank you that we can be in this place today and that we can bring your business as our business as government. We just ask that you would guide us and direct us through the process and help us to make the best decisions for the citizens of Vanderburgh County. We ask your blessings on all that are here in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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President Shetler: The next item of business is approval of the May 7 minutes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Do I have any questions about that? All in favor signify by saying aye. Is there anyone opposed? Motion carries. Next is the appropriation ordinance. The first is underneath the Sheriff.

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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**SHERIFF**

President Shetler: We have a few questions this week and I think they were answered. Do I have any other further questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: A motion for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And 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: Motion carries.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1000-1050-197100	Accrued Payments	38,200	38,200
1000-1050-190000	FICA	3,000	3,000
1000-1050-191100	Sheriff Retirement	2,700	2,700
Total		43,900	43,900

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**

President Shetler: The next comes out of the Convention & Visitors Bureau appropriations for Community Relations. A lot of that was explained last time. This request for the CVB on this part is \$35,000. Do I have any further questions? A motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: 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: Motion carries.

CONVENTION & VISITORS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1127-0000-397100	Community Relations	35,000	35,000
Total		35,000	35,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**



**LEPC**

President Shetler: Next is Local Emergency Planning Commission fund appropriation. That is for \$5,300. Do I have –

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: It's been moved and –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: – 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: Motion carries.

<b>LEPC</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1152-0000-32100	Emergency Mgmt	5,000	5,000
1152-0000-260000	Supplies	300	300
Total		5,300	5,300

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

President Shetler: Next is Tourism Capital Improvement fund. This is basically for \$200,000. Many of you probably noticed some of the improvements done outside the airport there at the gateway and stuff, and if anybody has any questions that's just some of what is being done as well as nature preserve improvements, etc. Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

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

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Maybe I should not vote on this one since it concerns the airport. I don't know.

President Shetler: I don't...well –

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm not too sure.

President Shetler: I don't think it really affects the airport because this is...well, is that airport property?

(Inaudible comments from the audience)

President Shetler: Where it is sitting? Is that on the right-of-way? Is that state still or has that been vacated?

Unidentified: Where the curved wall and sculpture has been installed it is on airport property.

Councilmember Bassemier: Then I'll abstain.

President Shetler: Yeah, I think so.

Councilmember Bassemier: Just to be safe.

President Shetler: Do we need a motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: You got it now. Everybody else voted for it.

President Shetler: Okay, anything else? Questions? Roll call please.

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. Alright, there being five ayes and one abstention, motion carries.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1183-0000-407600	Nature Preserve Improvements	100,000	100,000

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1183-0000-407700	Airport & Gateway Beautification	100,000	100,000
Total		200,000	200,000

**(Motion carried 5-0/Councilmember Bassemier abstained)**

**AUDITOR'S INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD**

President Shetler: Next is the Auditor's Ineligible Homestead which is for \$5,000 for contractual services. Any questions? A motion would be order for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

**AUDITOR'S INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD                      REQUESTED      APPROVED**

1216-0000-353000	Contractual Services	5,000	5,000
Total		5,000	5,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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- SHERIFF**
- COMMISSIONERS**
- JAIL**
- CIRCUIT COURT**
- SUPERIOR COURT**
- COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**
- LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION**
- ELECTION OFFICE (LATE)**
- PUBLIC DEFENDER (LATE)**
- HEALTH DEPARTMENT (LATE)**
- TREASURER/ COIT (LATE)**

President Shetler: Next we have several transfer requests: Sheriff Department, Commissioners, the Jail, Circuit Court, Superior Court, Community Corrections, Local Emergency Planning Commission. We had some late transfer requests from the Election Office, from Public Defender, Health Department and COIT for the Treasurer's Office. We could take--

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Can we take all these at once?

President Shetler: We can certainly.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: You need a motion for the amendments or is that figured in?

President Shetler: Pardon?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do we need a motion for this amended request on the Public Defender?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I would move that we would amend the Public Defender line item, the amount requested, to \$8,800.

President Shetler: Okay, so--

Susie Kirk: Are you going to do these all together? Excuse me.

President Shetler: We'll get a motion and a second and then we will ask for comments.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Well, whatever is on this paper here.

President Shetler: So, Angela, is yours in the form of a motion then, with that change?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Right, my motion would be so that we can change it to what has been requested from the agency here.

President Shetler: Yeah, are you saying that your motion is to approve them all and make that exception to that one?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes. Yes, that would be my motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Susie, you had a--I just wanted to make sure we take it in order.

Councilmember Goebel: Before we go to Susie, is that the amendment now for \$8,800 instead of \$13,784, is that correct?

President Shetler: The \$8,800 is in lieu of, that's the new number.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, instead of 13. I didn't hear your numbers.

President Shetler: Okay, and then in...and I think this is why Ms. Kirk is here, but in James' absence he brought up at the Personnel Finance Committee meeting the possibility of looking at reducing that request from twelve machines down to eight machines and see how those go, and then if needed we could go into that in August. There are a couple of reasons, if you'll recall, from the meeting that he had and that was that there are some lingering questions with IT that we needed to find out where we stood on some equipment and count and stuff and wanted to make sure that we got the answers to that before we went into this full blown. The other is that while

we recognize that there is a need for updating those computers, particularly in the Treasurer's Office, there has been a lot of requests in and we just didn't, I think it was just his feeling that we did not want to make it as if the bank was open here for everybody to come in for new requests on computers and stuff. He didn't really spell out a number, but he did say a number of computers which was eight, so that would be basically two-thirds of the request. So I don't know if anybody wants to entertain that as an exception to that motion or not. I would need either an amendment to that motion or to redo the motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. President, with the money being in place, I would just like to make a motion to approve the entire twelve at this point.

Susie Kirk: The thing of it is, I don't feel like the Treasurer's Office should be punished because you all are having difficulty with the IT department. We're talking about \$2,900, okay, for the extra four computers.

President Shetler: I don't think this was meant to be punitive.

Susie Kirk: Well, but, I mean, the thing of it is, these are the oldest, oldest computers in the Civic Center and I don't mean by a few years. They go back to 2004. We are having difficulties with them. We barely made through with...it took us a lot longer this time because of our old computers. We collect the taxes in order for you guys to decide where that's going to go and I just feel like that even though whatever your reasoning is, with your prayer, I hope God directs you, and by the way, that was very good. I liked having a prayer today. Did everybody? I really liked that.

President Shetler: Let me ask you this, Susie. The \$8,796 bank service charge, that's the savings when you re-upped with the present vendor?

Susie Kirk: Well, it's the same vendor. We had budgeted \$45,000, but that's what the previous Treasurer had budgeted, but unbeknownst to me at the time, it was my first year as the Treasurer, I didn't realize that actually it was around \$55,000 that these bank fees were more than actually what was budgeted. So you all did approve \$45,000 for bank fees, but we have got that way down to like, oh, I don't know, around \$20,000 now.

President Shetler: So there will be no additional requests?

Susie Kirk: There will be none, no.

President Shetler: To fill this line later this year?

Susie Kirk: If you'll—

President Shetler: This is a savings that we—

Susie Kirk: Yes, you are still saving money. There will be money leftover in that account and if you will just be so kind as to, you know, it's kind of tough when you are sitting next to your co-worker and her computer is working good and you're having to stop and, like I said, literally, we have to unplug it. It locks up. You have to unplug it so whatever you've done is poof, it's gone. I do not ask for things that, I'm very conservative and I do not ask for things that are not needed. I would appreciate it immensely if this time you...we're not going to replace any of the counter computers for, you know, people looking up stuff. We're not going to do any of that, but if you would be so kind as to let my employees have a new computer, I

would appreciate it immensely.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, all twelve of these are from 2004?

Susie Kirk: Yes, or older.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. This information would be nice to have, too. That might make us, obviously, more sympathetic in this regard. Once again—

Susie Kirk: I'm sorry I said that.

Councilmember Goebel: – President Shetler has mentioned this is not about so much your office it's just the fact that we are trying to get a grasp on the entire IT situation here and you're one of the first to come up. That's where the bump is.

Susie Kirk: The thing of it is, if we wait, there is a pretty good...the deal is pretty good on buying these now and you can grant your...it will be more later on. That's just the way things are. I don't know anything that goes down. Again, I want to reiterate I have all of my computers, printers, everything on an excel sheet. I don't understand why you don't email each officeholder or person, whatever, we have this. Because we have to go through this every few years, and have them email that to whoever wants to take care of it, and by office you will know what everyone has. Then if Computer Services would like to have their contract renewed whenever that comes up, it would be wise for them to give you whatever they think they have and then that way at least you've got some comparisons to go by. You know, you've got the officeholder telling, anyway, it's just kind of a checks and balances kind of thing. But I really would appreciate it. I don't want to have to pick out four of my employees and say well, by the way, you're stuck with your piece of junk and just do the best you can with it.

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, if you get eight today, will you be back for four more?

Susie Kirk: Yes, I will. And I'll come back with a vengeance.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, and the other question is or statement is, with the IT, a lot of this is about licensing for Microsoft and things like that. We are trying to get a handle on that.

Susie Kirk: Sure.

Councilmember Goebel: And if we do have, and I think it has been provided from each office, how many computers they have, but we have not gotten the full information as far as licensing and how many of those are actually being used and how many people have two computers and things like that. That's what we are trying to get to the bottom of. So I think most have turned in to IT anyway, a listing of how many computers they have and we just haven't gotten all the answers in regards to those computers.

Susie Kirk: Okay, and that's fine, but to me that's a totally different issue than what we are talking about here.

Councilmember Goebel: It is, but it's not.

Susie Kirk: My staff needs these computers. I mean, you go through this building and you ask people, and there isn't anybody in here that's got computers back to 2004. I just want to be able to get through our tax seasons without losing information. I mean we have had difficulties, and it's worrisome and I would just appreciate you, over \$2,900, to please give us that extra, what I asked for, so that we can get the computers for everybody and hopefully I leave you alone other than if I have got to travel.

President Shetler: Okay, yes?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I would just say, Madam Treasurer, that my request was just to add the late transfer request on, and so yours is intact with my motion, the \$8,796 from the Bank Service Charge.

Susie Kirk: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: So unless anybody wants to change that, the motion stands as it is. Do I hear anybody wanting to make an amendment on that? I hear none.

Susie Kirk: So I am good to go.

President Shetler: It looks like it, sounds like it.

Susie Kirk: God bless you all. Thank you all.

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

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second. It's Pete's motion.

President Shetler: And a second. Any other questions about the motion? The only change on that is the \$8,800 on the Public Defender's Office. All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries. Thank you.

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1000-1050-105137 1050-1130-0100	Deputy Sheriff	9,200	9,200
1000-1050-105163 1050-1130-0209	Booking Clerk	10,525	10,525
To: 1000-1050-153000	Shift Differential	12,500	12,500
1000-1050-105021 1050-1130-0009	Sergeant	4,497	4,497
1000-1050-105169 1050-1130-0232	Post Command Receptionist	2,728	2,728

**COMMISSIONERS** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1000-1300-300000	Insurance	20,000	20,000
To: 1000-1300-193000	Unemployment	20,000	20,000

**JAIL** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1000-1320-132023 1051-1130-0318	Confinement Officer	3,300	3,300
1000-1320-132028 1051-1130-0323	Confinement Officer	2,500	2,500
1000-1320-132033 1051-1130-0328	Confinement Officer	11,000	11,000
1000-1320-132041 1051-1130-0336	Confinement Officer	2,500	2,500
1000-1320-132043 1051-1130-0339	Confinement Officer	12,000	12,000
1000-1320-132045 1051-1130-0341	Confinement Officer	2,500	2,500
1000-1320-132053 1051-1130-0349	Confinement Officer	9,100	9,100
1000-1320-132056 1051-1130-0352	Confinement Officer	4,000	4,000
1000-1320-132062 1051-1130-0358	Confinement Officer	7,800	7,800
1000-1320-132064 1051-1130-0360	Confinement Officer	2,500	2,500
1000-1320-132065 1051-1130-0361	Confinement Officer	5,100	5,100
1000-1320-132100 1051-1130-0338	Jail Receptionist	10,000	10,000
1000-1320-132104 1051-1130-0401	EMT	5,300	5,300
To: 1000-1320-130100	Civilian Overtime	15,300	15,300
1000-1320-185000	Union Overtime	55,298	55,298
1000-1320-153000	Shift Differential	6,000	6,000
1000-1320-132001 1051-1130-0363	Confinement Officer Supervisor	1,002	1,002

**CIRCUIT COURT** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1000-1360-394400	Special Reporter	4,000	4,000
To: 1000-1360-226000	Food	4,000	4,000



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

From: 1000-1370-305000	Patient/Inmate Care	1,000	1,000
To: 1000-1370-394200	Judge Pro Tem	1,000	1,000

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1000-1430-143005 1361-1210	Confinement Officer	7,200	7,200
1000-1430-143009 1361-1260	Confinement Officer	3,000	3,000
1000-1430-143017 1361-1390	Confinement Officer	13,700	13,700
1000-1430-143052 1361-1140	Booking Clerk	4,800	4,800
1000-1430-143053 1361-1150	Booking Clerk	2,700	2,700
1000-1430-143054 1361-1290	Booking Clerk	2,700	2,700
To: 1000-1430-153000	Shift Differential	1,500	1,500
1000-1430-185000	Union Overtime	32,600	32,600

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1152-0000-313000	Travel/Mileage	300	300
1152-0000-314000	Communications	390	390
1152-0000-337000	Data Management	100	100
To: 1152-0000-321000	Emergency Mgmt.	790	790

**ELECTION OFFICE** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1000-1210-363000	Equip. Lease & Rental	800	800
To: 1000-1210-342000	Legal Advertising	800	800

**PUBLIC DEFENDER** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1000-1420-142168 1303-1680	Public Defender	13,784	8,800
To: 1000-1420-197000 1303-1970	Temporary Replacement	13,784	8,800

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1159-0000-360000	Rent	29,985	29,985
To: 1159-0000-197100 2130-1971	Accrued Payments	25,229	25,229
1159-0000-190000	FICA	1,930	1,930
1159-0000-191000	PERF	2,826	2,826

COIT/TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 4998-1030-399900	Bank Service Charge	8,796	8,796
To: 4998-1030-422000	Office Machines	8,796	8,796

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Alright next is underneath new business, Superior Court request to fill vacant positions for Juvenile Court.

Krista Weiberg: Hi, I'm Krista Weiberg. I'm here for Judge Pigman who I think will be here at 9:00. He got stuck in a hearing. But we are just asking permission to fill five vacancies. We have five employees that are retiring.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions? These are anticipated?

Krista Weiberg: Yes. No, they have already submitted their paperwork. All five of them will be retiring. August 29th is their last day.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions? Yes, Mike.

Councilmember Goebel: But we'll follow through the buy-out rules before the hires come in, is that correct?

Krista Weiberg: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm sorry?

(Inaudible comments from audience)

President Shetler: And a lot of this is being precipitated because of the change in PERF rules.

Krista Weiberg: Most of it is, yes.

President Shetler: Okay. Anybody want to make a motion?

Councilmember Terry: I move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Second. 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: Motion carries. Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES**

President Shetler: Next is Prosecutor, request to fill Deputy Prosecutor and Enforcement Officer vacancies.

Regene Newman: Good morning, Regene Newman.

President Shetler: Good morning.

Regene Newman: We just want to fill two vacant positions. They will both be at a starting salary, the initiation rate.

President Shetler: What kind of savings? Are these people who have had some seniority?

Regene Newman: One on the Deputy position. He had five years in so we're going to go back to the initiation rate.

President Shetler: Okay, so there will be a little bit of savings there.

Regene Newman: Yep.

President Shetler: Again, is the position vacant currently?

Regene Newman: It will be eligible June 30th.

President Shetler: June 30th, okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

Regene Newman: Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**CORONER REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES**

President Shetler: Coroner, request to fill three part-time Deputy Coroner vacancies.

Steve Lockyear: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning.

Steve Lockyear: I'm Steve Lockyear. I'm the Chief Deputy there. We have three part-time positions. This will not affect our budget in any way. These are the positions that cover nights and weekends. We have some vacancies and we need to fill those.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Swaim: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Steve, that's...we changed that hourly rate a couple of years ago.

Steve Lockyear: It's been, I think, three years.

President Shetler: Okay, and is that sufficient?

Steve Lockyear: It's \$9.25 now. We haven't really looked at it from a standpoint of what the other counties are paying surrounding us. Sometimes we lose people to those counties, but right now we haven't really addressed that.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright. 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: Thank you.

Steve Lockyear: Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Commissioners request to fill Superintendent of County Buildings part-time custodial vacancy. Good morning.

Kristin Comer: Good morning. Kristin Comer for the County Commissioners Office. We are just asking to fill this part-time custodial vacancy for the Old Courthouse.

President Shetler: Anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

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: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Health Department, request to fill Director of Environmental Health, WIC Local Agency and Clinic Coordinator vacancies. You guys have had a little, some activity there recently in losing some real senior employees.

Gary Heck: Yeah, quite a bit. Most of it is due to the PERF changes where if you don't take action prior to September 1st you lose...if you have enough time in, it would be to your disadvantage to remain employed after that for your retirement and that is why I believe you're seeing a lot of these.

President Shetler: Alright, do I have any questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second. Any questions? You guys are eager to give answers. Okay, 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)**

<b>TRAVEL REQUESTS</b>
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President Shetler: Next is some travel requests. A couple from the County Clerk, from DADS, and the Health Department has four. Do I have any questions about the travel requests? If not, a motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR 2015 HOMESTEAD AND CASTING VOTES</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next is a resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council proposing an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homesteads for the year 2015 and casting the votes of the County Council on said ordinance. We need to have three separate votes on this. The first motion will need to be a motion, and I believe this has to be unanimous, yeah. The first motion would make the first and final reading all one so that we'll do everything in one, so we'll need a motion to, I guess, state that this is the first and final reading of this motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: For both the resolution and the ordinance.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I will make that motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: So I have a motion and a second. Does everyone understand the motion? That being said, all in...should I do a roll call? Let's do a roll call vote just to be on the safe side here.

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 Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being six ayes, no nays, the motion carries unanimously so that we are doing both the first and final reading today.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

President Shetler: Okay, then we will need someone to make a motion, a Resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council proposing an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homesteads for the year 2015 and casting the votes of the County Council on said ordinance, Resolution CO. R 06-14-004. What's our voting percentage? Thirty? In case anybody wanted to know.

Councilmember Swaim: 33.87.

President Shetler: 33.87, okay. So almost 34 percent is the votes, the county versus the city and also the Town of Darmstadt has a percentage as well, which is less than a percent, I believe .78, just for the trivia buffs out there that are calculating this out. Okay, anyway, we need a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I will make that motion. My pleasure.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and then I needed a second, and I have a second. So let's do a roll call vote on this as well.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I just want to go back for a moment to my days on City Council. This was always Jim Price's resolution in the city, so in his honor I'll vote aye.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. This was probably Mr. Wortman's vote as well for County Council. I will vote aye as well and also for the people in Vanderburgh County. I would like to make sure that we have the homestead credit going towards those. So there being six ayes and no nays the motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

President Shetler: Next we need a motion to approve an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council amending the percentage credit allowed for homesteads for 2015.

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion by Councilmember Terry and a second. I guess I will point out that since we have 33.87 or whatever it was, and the other has .78, that being about 34.5, that means that the city has 65.35 so what we are doing is a little bit of formality here, but I think it's a big formality to let the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County know that we are certainly on their side to give back whatever we can, but we do need a motion for an ordinance.

Councilmember Bassemier: There is a motion.

Councilmember Terry: I moved the--

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: You moved, okay, sorry. Let's see, 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 Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

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

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Shetler: Next is the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. I think everybody has got a copy of this. Everybody has gotten a copy of it, so I just need a motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

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: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>
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President Shetler: Next any public comment?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Since we have the new sheriff here, welcome Sheriff Wedding. The Commissary Account is something that we have in the past gotten reports on and so I just wanted to make sure that we can continue getting reports on the Commissary Account. You know, maybe even on a monthly basis so that we can kind of keep track of that as we've always done. I would appreciate that. Thank you, sir.

President Shetler: The other thing I would like to point out is that for the purposes of department heads and elected officeholders as they are preparing their budgets for this coming season, to keep the 2015 salaries, will remain at the 2014 levels at this point in time. If, after we're finished, if everybody's knife is sharp enough and we're able to find some more money hidden around somewhere, then we will see what we can do to increase that. Yes?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Are we planning to do, as we've done the last couple of years, to meet with the officeholders sometime this summer before we go into budgets and kind of look at where things are? Or is that not necessary this year?

President Shetler: Yeah, I think it has been a good exercise that we've done as far keeping communication lines open and stuff. We've had great cooperation out of the department heads and officeholders and it is probably a lot to do with those communication lines. So, yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Well, let's keep them open.

President Shetler: I don't know when that date is going to be, but later down the road here.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Let's keep them open. It's been great that we have been able to work together and I appreciate all the officeholders that have been able to listen and I think it helps them to understand that we're not just trying to ax everything out. We've just got to do what we can with what we've got.

President Shetler: And realizing that this is a great opportunity to, you know, do a real true baptism on all the new officeholders that are out there and stuff that we can take them through this ring of fire here, Sheriff, so anyway. Actually we'll be kind. Does anybody have anything else? I know we're waiting a little bit here on the judge. Yes?

Jeff Ahlers: It's not on the agenda, but I had spoke with Judge Pigman earlier this week and I think he may have got caught up in a hearing because he was going to try to come about 9:00 to give an update on the ongoing efforts in terms of working with the State Public Defender Commission to maybe change some of the guidelines to help us with budgets of the local Public Defenders Office. Judge Pigman and Judge Shively met with Senator Steele up in Bedford who is on the Commission and has obviously oversight as a State Senator, and so Judge Pigman was going to come and perhaps update us on those discussions and where they thought-

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: There he is.

Jeff Ahlers: Perfect. The State Public Defender Commission is going to meet on June 18th and he was going to update us on that, so without further ado.

Councilmember Goebel: We're talking about Judge Pigman. I thought he was going to do, hear ye, hear ye.

Robert Pigman: You guys didn't stand up when I walked in.

President Shetler: You're missing your robe. You're half undressed.

Robert Pigman: That's true. Well, I don't know. Well, some of you have been in the meetings, I know Mike and Angela have been there. Pete was there a couple of times. Since we last met I can give you an update of where we have kind of been. Judge Shively and I met with Senator Steele, who is Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and is also a member of the Public Defender Commission. We kind of laid out your all's side of it, you know, the economic situation that is facing the Council and had a pretty candid discussion with the senator about our situation and our perspective as judges. Sort of sought his suggestions about how, you know, what is a good way going forward here? How can we work out some sort of adjustment or compromise? He certainly was very receptive to the idea. He expressed the opinion, which was just his opinion, that he thought the Commission would be willing to work with us on the problems that we are currently facing. We did have some specific ideas that Steve Owens had given us specific to changes that could be made or things that the Commission could do that could ease the cap restrictions that allow for the Public Defenders to have a few more...a slightly larger caseload which would ameliorate the problem pretty significantly. Again, he suggested that someone, at least one of the members of this body appear with us, and suggested that Judge Shively and I also appear with the public defender and make our case sort of as a united front. So I think it would be helpful, I have asked Mr. Ahlers to attend. I think Jeff could be very helpful. I hate to say this publicly, but he is very bright and he is very articulate. He is able to express very clearly the dilemma that we face. He is also able to say, you all can't say we've talked about it and come to this decision, but he could say I have talked to each of the Councilmembers and I feel the sentiment is so and so, you know. So we're on the agenda for the 18th of June. I am cautiously optimistic that we are going to have some sort of an agreement with the Commission and the County that will change the cap structure so that additional funds won't be necessary and that the system as it exists now will be able to continue without you all having to expend any more funds,

which you already are. That's not guaranteed, obviously. Previously, for those of you who are not familiar, Judge Shively and I met with former Chief Justice Shepard to sort of get this started. You know, he was so integral in the formation of the Commission and this system that we have in place now so we thought a good place to start was with him, he could guide us and he was very helpful, has been very helpful. I think the sentiment, prevailing sentiment, is that we're a big enough county that they would really hate to see that system fail here because of our size and, you know, the fact that we have been in it from the very beginning. That's kind of our bargaining position. Senator Steele sort of echoed that sentiment. He would really hate to see it fail in Vanderburgh County because of our size and the fact that we have been with it so long.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I just want to comment that Public Defender Owens recommended that the judges get involved with the case problems that we have and under the leadership of Counselor Ahlers and certainly with the input and the work from our judges here I just want to say thank you so much for taking this and carrying it for us. It gives us at least a chance to keep a public defender office open and provide for those who need that service, and also fulfill our duties and still make ends meet from the County Council. So, Judge Pigman, thank you so much.

Robert Pigman: I think I speak on behalf of all the judges, we acknowledge that we have an obligation to help the government work as economically and efficiently as we can and to get involved when we are able to. The fact that we are a separate branch of government precludes us from doing some things, but this is certainly one thing we can help with. It puts us kind of in a unique position because we are not you and we're not Steve and we can kind of barter in between and sort of be an interested third party point of view to say, hey look, we've got to keep this system and on the other hand, Council is really...County is at the point where there just isn't any financing or financial ability left to do this to any greater extent than we already are. So we'll know more on the 18th. It would be helpful if Jeff, I think, is planning to be there, but if one of you could be there to kind of give the punch to our representation where our financial condition does not permit us to devote additional resources here. I did learn that apparently we are not crying wolf in the dark here, crying and howling alone, that other counties have started to make these same, express these same kind of concerns and they have actually appointed a committee that they did at their last meeting, is the way I understood it, to study the cap issue and because other counties have come forward and said, you know, this doesn't work. At this level we can't afford this. That's good for us. I mean, that's good for us. Certainly, you know, they don't want to see the birthplace of this crash and burn. They don't want us, a county our size, to drop out. So I think, I'm hopeful, from the conversations that we've had so far that we can come away with an agreement that will allow the office to stay open and keep you guys from having to write more checks than you already do.

Councilmember Swaim: You guys going to go up like the afternoon before?

Robert Pigman: No, the meeting is at 1:00 in the afternoon.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay.

Robert Pigman: So we will go up that morning. Probably all of us should meet who are going ahead of time one time to kind of make sure we're all on the same page. But even that, I see us, the judges, as being uniquely positioned. I mean we're not

part of the Council, we're not part of the Public Defenders office, so we are in sort of a position of an interested third party to advocate for some sort of agreement that can work for everybody. We're planning to do that. Judge Shively and I plan to be there.

Councilmember Goebel: I think this is a great example of good government and good service. Thank you.

Robert Pigman: Yeah, just let me know who can make it. We'll set up a time to meet before we go on the 18th and put our best foot forward and hopefully we can—

President Shetler: Well, Judge, I know that this is an issue that is on all of our minds. In fact, I may get this a little bit wrong here, but as I understand, I think there may be three more pending capital cases that have come about just in the last five or six days in Vanderburgh County.

Robert Pigman: Yeah, potential.

President Shetler: Potential, and so—

Robert Pigman: I've got two cases in my court that could be capital cases if they file, they have not been filed that way so, I mean, that's entirely up to Prosecutor Hermann. I don't have anything to say about that.

President Shetler: Right. I mean, we're talking about something that, you know, even in a county our size, that isn't going to totally bust the bank, but it's not going to be easy on the pocketbooks either. You know, potentially three to four million dollars in additional costs.

Robert Pigman: I hit the same potholes you guys do on the way to work.

President Shetler: Sure, and so—

Robert Pigman: I understand.

President Shetler: We all greatly do appreciate, you know, the work that you're doing. I guess the one side of it though, it's a shame that economics would be...is dictating justice in some form or another and we do need relief, perhaps from the state level, to try to get this so that we can be fair about how justice is delivered.

Robert Pigman: If there are simple, practical things that can be done that can fix this problem without adversely affecting the quality of representation of a defendant who gets in court, they ought to be done.

President Shetler: Right.

Robert Pigman: And that's all there is to it. I'm hoping that idea prevails and we can all put this episode behind us and go on.

President Shetler: Well, while I have been taking a little bit of a backseat on this particular issue, just to kind of, but I've been very involved as far as on the sidelines observing and knowing what's going on and have been kept up, I would be more than happy to be there on June 18th. Someone will be there from the Council.

Robert Pigman: Okay.

President Shetler: I will be there if no one else can make it or no one else wants to, you know, or has conflicts and stuff in their scheduling.

Robert Pigman: Okay, as long as we have one I think–

President Shetler: I'll just throw this out right now. Is anybody interested? Would like to go, has the time to go and if not I am more than happy to get it on my schedule.

Councilmember Goebel: I think you can assign someone after if you would like. I would be open, too.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, I would be open. I'm thinking this is kind of a your ball that you've had, but if you can't go and you need me to, you know, I can probably make arrangements to do that, but we'll definitely need somebody to be there.

President Shetler: Bob, would you think that two–

Robert Pigman: The more the merrier, I think.

President Shetler: You think? Okay.

Robert Pigman: There will be two judges, myself and Judge Shively are both going. If a couple of you wanted to come, that would be great.

President Shetler: Okay, Mike why don't you and I.

Councilmember Goebel: That's fine, however you want to work it out.

President Shetler: If you don't mind hearing about Memorial football a little bit on the way. Just kidding.

Robert Pigman: We can talk football.

President Shetler: Rex Mundi, we'll be talking Rex Mundi football.

Robert Pigman: I'll give Mike a few ideas about how he can be a better coach. He and I played together at Mater Dei and we graduated the same class.

President Shetler: You guys are a lot older.

Robert Pigman: Well, we are. I personally, I like to say this: I am eternally grateful that Mr. Goebel played football at Mater Dei. Because had he not played football at Mater Dei, I would have gone down in Mater Dei football history as the slowest football player. We'll be in touch, we'll set a time to get together so we can all meet at least one time before we go up.

President Shetler: Okay, alright.

Robert Pigman: Make sure everybody is on the same page. Okay?

President Shetler: Alright.

Robert Pigman: Thanks.

President Shetler: Just to remind you guys that played on that 1969 team, who the city champions were, I think, that year.

Robert Pigman: (Inaudible)

President Shetler: I think Rex Mundi was one of those teams. Alright, do I have any other questions? Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I was going to make one more comment while the Sheriff is here. If I'm a little incoherent, it's because I've been out this week at the University of Evansville with the Teen Power with Youth Resources and we greatly appreciate the Sheriff's Department. There are four Sheriff Deputies that are out there with us. We've got 200 kids. It's a leadership drug and alcohol prevention camp and it's an intensive five days. I don't bounce back real well at my age, but it is just one of the best things that we can ever have and we just appreciate having your guys out there. It makes a huge difference. I mean we sit right there and do all the same crazy stuff the kids do and it just gives them a great connection with adults. So forgive me if I am incoherent today, but it's a great opportunity, and if you guys have never been to a Youth Resources event, check them out because it's one of our community's best, best resources out there. Had to put that plug in. Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you, Angela. Anything else? Motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: We'll see everybody at the end of this month for Personnel and Finance.

(Inaudible)

President Shetler: Oh, yeah. Thank you. The Personnel Finance Committee meeting is changing back to 8:30 for the summer months here.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JULY 2, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd 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, Jr.

President Shetler: Good morning, and welcome to the Vanderburgh County Council meeting July 2<sup>nd</sup>, it's 8:30 and you're in room 301 so you're at the right place if you're here for the County Council meeting. At this time, I'd like to ask the Clerk to call the roll, please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel		<b>X</b>
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

President Shetler: There being six members present and one absent, we have a quorum and I will lead you in the invocation and then we will have the Pledge of Allegiance done by Councilman Swaim. Dear Heavenly Father, we ask You to please bless our proceedings and we be guided by the Holy Spirit in our decisions today. We pray this in Your name. Amen.

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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President Shetler: Alright, thank you. First item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. 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 6-0)**



<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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President Shetler: Next is the Appropriation Ordinance, and I'll turn that over to the Finance Chairman, James Raben.

**AREA PLAN**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. First on the agenda today under Area Plan is a request for a total with Accrued Payments, FICA and PERF in the amount of \$17,646. At this time, we're going to allow \$1,389 in Accrued Payments, FICA 107 and PERF 156, for a total of \$1,652, and I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Can you read those numbers again, please?

Councilmember Raben: 1,389, 107, and 156.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And the total?

Councilmember Raben: 1,652.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll 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: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-197100	Accrued Payments	14,847	1,389
1240-190000	FICA	1,136	107
1240-191000	PERF	1,663	156
Total		17,646	1,652

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Next under Circuit Court, Petit Jurors in the amount of \$25,000, there was a request for Pauper Expense in the amount of \$5,000 that has been withdrawn, for a total appropriation of \$25,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: 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: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1360-390300	Petit Jurors	25,000	25,000
1360-394300	Pauper Expense	5,000	0
Total		30,000	25,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**BURDETTE PARK**

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park, we have a request, total request with FICA, PERF, Other Employees, and Union Overtime in the amount of \$47,325, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

<b>BURDETTE PARK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1450-145118	Other Employees	40,000	40,000
1450-190000	FICA	3,328	3,328
1450-185000	Union Overtime	3,500	3,500
1450-191000	PERF	497	497
Total		47,325	47,325

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Raben: And County Council Legal Fees in the amount of \$3,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any 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.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-361000	Legal Fees	3,000	3,000
Total		3,000	3,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

President Shetler: Real quickly, I do want to go back and remind everybody, particularly on that Area Plan Commission, we are going to have several requests to come forward in the next few months of folks leaving because of the changes in the PERF law. We're talking about a substantial amount of money. I just want to remind all the Councilmen that we're going to have to really hold the tight on making sure that that buyout is completely fulfilled and taken place before we replace that position. If we don't, the County could be severely affected in our cash flow and future balances and stuff. So it's very important for us to really hold the line on being able to – and I know we're going to, it's going to be tough and tight on a lot of departments, I understand that, but we're really going to have to hold the line. If we don't, we're going to be in trouble. Yeah, Angela?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do we have any idea of the amount that we're looking at, at this point or how many positions?

Councilmember Raben: I think, currently, I think we know of as many as 25 or 26, but one important thing that we do need to consider is in areas of public safety where we may have to go ahead and buy the employee out and there's circumstances within the courts, too, where, you know, we don't want to bottleneck up our legal system and further overcrowd our jail because the process just isn't flowing like it should. So in those areas, we'll need to address those probably immediately, but the other areas, you're absolutely right, we'll have to scrutinize those as they come in.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Excuse me, Councilman, what would be a typical number, you know, if we're looking at 25 or 26 now, what do we usually look at, at a time, just so we kind of have an idea on that? Do we know?

President Shetler: We probably have I think an average of 12 or 13 people who leave employment, county employment during the year on the average, so this year is probably going to be probably closer to 40, maybe more than that.

Sandie Deig: I received five more yesterday.

President Shetler: So I think we're probably, with the 25 and the six or seven we've had prior, Sandie just indicated five more, so we're probably at 40 right now and there may be another ten or twenty. So it's significant and I think we drew up a chart there on how much it may cost us at the present time but I know it doesn't include some of the recent ones. What was that, is it 400, 440, or something like that?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

President Shetler: Well, it's a substantial amount of money. I mean, we're going to be hitting probably well over half a million dollars before it's said and done.

Councilmember Raben: One thing to remember as we talk about this, and a lot of these employees have been outstanding and I'm going to say all of them have been outstanding employees and they've been dedicated, you know, toward doing the best they can for the entire county. But as we go through this process, you're going to have a lot of employees come in at the initiation rates and what have you, so the overall impact on the budget at the end of the day may not be that great. But, you know, again, we wish everybody well as they move on, but it will, it will ease the budget process in the future.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you, James. Next is transfers.

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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- AREA PLAN**
- COMMISSIONERS**
- SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**
- SUPERIOR COURT**
- HIGHWAY**
- COMMISSIONERS (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, are there any questions on any of the transfers? If not, I'll move that we approve all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any 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.

<b>AREA PLAN</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1240-361000	Legal Services	4,000	4,000
To: 1240-221000	Fuel	1,000	1,000
1240-314000	Communications	3,000	3,000

<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1300-300000	Insurance	25,978	25,978
To: 1300-319000	Solid Waste Disposal	2,000	2,000
1300-302000	Southwestern Mental Health	23,978	23,978

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS      REQUESTED    APPROVED**

From: 1310-351000	Operating Expense	91	91
1310-200000	Materials	59	59
To: 1310-230000	Uniforms	150	150

**SUPERIOR COURT      REQUESTED    APPROVED**

From: 1370-305000	Patient/Inmate	38,250	38,250
To: 1370-394000	Guardian Ad Litem-GSSI	38,250	38,250

**HIGHWAY      REQUESTED    APPROVED**

From: 1176-117646	Laborer	2,005	2,005
To: 1176-117648	Laborer	2,005	2,005

**COMMISSIONERS      REQUESTED    APPROVED**

From: 1300-300000	Insurance	8,744	8,744
To: 1300-360000	Rent	8,744	8,744

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: No repeals, no old business. New business, first Circuit Court request to fill Riding Bailiff.

David Kiely: Good morning.

President Shetler: I wasn't speaking a while ago to necessarily address your problem here.

David Kiely: Actually, I want to address what Mr. Raben said about what I'm requesting. I'm requesting to replace my Riding Bailiff/Court Reporter, who is leaving. She's been with the county for 29 years and I'm asking that I be able to replace her with my current head bailiff. If I can do that, the savings, as Mr. Raben pointed out, would be \$13,000 to the county because of the time difference in what my leaving Riding Bailiff/Court Reporter had compared to my Head Bailiff. With that move, it leaves my Head Bailiff position open, which I'm asking that you permit me to fill again. Right now, I don't know if I'm hiring within or outside of the county. If I hire outside, we're looking at a \$9,000 savings. So I'm asking to replace both of those positions.

President Shetler: Okay. Do we have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any 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. Thank you, Judge.

David Kiely: Thank you very much.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL RIDING BAILIFF VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next Superior Court request for Riding Bailiff.

Krista Weiberg: Hi, I'm Krista Weiberg for the Vanderburgh Superior Court. We're just asking permission to fill the position of Riding Bailiff in Judge D'Amour's office. There is somebody that's resigning.

President Shetler: Okay, do we have any questions?

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second and while we're here, one of the individuals that is moving on in August -- is that right, Lauren?

Lauren Kincaid: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: -- is standing here and is another person that deserves a huge compliment for all her service for a great number of years within the confines of these buildings. So thank you.

Lauren Kincaid: Thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Good luck.

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: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES**

President Shetler: Next is the Clerk to request filling two different vacancies, I believe.

Shirley Reeder: Yes, and the buyout was paid on June the 27<sup>th</sup>.

President Shetler: Okay, and that was on the, was that on the Bookkeeping Clerk or the –

Shirley Reeder: Yes. And the part-time position then, the part-time clerk went to a full-time position, so then we have two positions open, the part-time again and now the Bookkeeping Clerk.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: So we're not creating an extra position, you're wanting to replace the part-time.

Shirley Reeder: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: And the part-time, Shirley, typically works how many hours a week?

Shirley Reeder: No more than 29. But they haven't been, she hasn't worked over 29 hours. That position has been vacant for a while.

Councilmember Raben: So we're not talking about any additional funding later on? Both lines have ample funds to –

Shirley Reeder: Yes.

President Shetler: In the past year and a half or so, how many employees have you all eliminated, net eliminated? Do you, I know you haven't been there –

Shirley Reeder: I'll have to check on that. I've not been in that position that long. I could check for you.

President Shetler: Right, I knew you were fairly new to the position and I didn't know if you had that offhand. I was thinking that it was about, we were right around 52 or 53 employees.

Shirley Reeder: Yes.

President Shetler: And I thought we were down to 50 or 51.

Shirley Reeder: Yes, 51.

President Shetler: We've had a change of about two in the last year and a half, but okay, anybody have any questions? Alright, do we have a motion?

Councilmember Terry: I'll move for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: 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, Shirley.

Shirley Reeder: Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Next is the Assessor to fill two Real Estate Deputy positions.

Bill Fluty: Bill Fluty, County Assessor. It's actually two Real Estate and one Real Estate/PTABOA, so it's actually three total.

President Shetler: And you're not creating any new jobs, it's all filling the existing, and in the last couple of years you're –

Bill Fluty: Reduced by five.

President Shetler: You reduced a net five from where you were.

Bill Fluty: That's correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thanks, Bill.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>AREA PLAN REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next, Area Plan, request to fill Senior Secretary vacancy.



Blaine Oliver: Good morning. I wore my tie this morning, I'm all washed behind my ears and everything, hoping for a good result here.

President Shetler: Head is shining real well.

Blaine Oliver: Yes, head is shiny, probably doesn't look too good on T.V., but anyway, Ron London sent you guys a memo. Ron is on vacation this week. Basically, our Office Manager is retiring, as you know, and we're wanting to move our Senior Secretary up into that position, which will take place on September the 1<sup>st</sup>, and we'd like permission to be able to fill the Senior Secretary position. I understand the position that you guys are in, but if you have a blanket policy, it makes it tough on small offices like ours when we have a person leave. We only have two administrative positions in our office so basically what you would be asking, if we did not get this request, is that we're going to have, for four months, we'll only have one administrative person. We can probably tough that out, if that's the way it has to be, but we're in the middle of several code updates, we're in the middle of a comprehensive plan update, which we're hoping to go to public hearing with the first draft of that plan in November. I can think back to the last time this happened before Ron became our director, I was the interim, and we had a person leave, that position was not filled for a number of months. I can tell you straight up that it was one of the toughest times that I have seen at the Plan Commission for us just to keep our head above water. So what you're asking for, for particularly small offices like ours, I know every office thinks they're important but any time you want to build something in Vanderburgh County, you have to come to the Plan Commission first. We do a lot of stuff from addressing permitting to updating parcel lines, the parcel line layer on the GIS, and our administrative workload is pretty much constant. Our development review kind of goes up and down depending on the economy, but I mean, we have to have the minutes typed, we have to do payroll, that stuff is constant workload. And with only one administrative person, it's going to be tough to do. So I want you guys to realize that if you don't approve our request, that we might have to push some things off, some of the code updates, maybe not get the comprehensive plan out when we had hoped to do that. We can get through it, but it's – I think it's something that is going to have ramifications. I want you to understand that part. So I just ask for your approval of the request to fill the Senior Secretary position.

President Shetler: Okay, I think that – I think at our last meeting, we talked about I think two issues that are probably relevant. I think one was that the timing of this isn't until like August and so we do have some time before we need to ultimately make this decision, one. Two, basically understanding your business a little bit, that it is seasonal and that we're getting ready to go into a slower time than we are a busier time, so given those two facts, those two pieces of information there, we might be able to buy a little bit of time here, and that's all we're talking about here is just buying a few months here to be able to really have the buyout completed and all that stuff so that the money would be in hand rather than transferring and having to go back and make an appropriation.

Blaine Oliver: I understand.

President Shetler: Just from my perspective but, James, --

Councilmember Raben: Thanks, Tom.

President Shetler: I wasn't putting you on the spot, I thought you were getting ready to ask a question.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I guess, in the area of this, where we're talking about creating bottlenecks within permitting and what have you, I don't know that we do ourselves necessarily any good postponing this one. Frankly, --

Joe Gries: Just a reminder, this is a jointly funded department. The city, I believe, Blaine, you might be able to give the percentage, but I believe the city --

Blaine Oliver: Sixty/forty, that percentage was just changed. We were 85% county and now we're only 60%, so that's a good point.

Joe Gries: Sixty percent county, forty percent --

Blaine Oliver: We're jointly funded, city and county.

Councilmember Terry: And then also, this position actually wouldn't start until September 1<sup>st</sup>, correct?

Blaine Oliver: Correct. Again, I would stress that our administrative workload really doesn't go up and down with the development review near as much as our other positions, our zoning enforcement and our planners, what have you. It's pretty much a constant workload.

Councilmember Raben: Some of the future developments or reviews that you had referred to, I guess one of those would be the newly changed sign ordinance, is that correct or is that already in place?

Blaine Oliver: It's not in place yet. That still needs to be approved by the city and then the county, so we're going to have a different version of it because of the way the ordinances are organized. Our attorney is going to have to basically rewrite what's passed by the city, hopefully, for the county, but we plan to do that for the county as well.

Councilmember Swaim: Blaine, when you had this problem before, did you all give any thought to pulling a field person in to help in the office, answer phones, work the front counter, answer questions, that sort of thing?

Blaine Oliver: Yeah, we did that. Everybody had to pitch in and do a little bit of their part, particularly in answering phones. When you only have one administrative person in the office, you cannot ask that person to answer phones and do everything else they have to do. So that workload has to be spread out among everyone else, no question about that.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm okay with this one, frankly. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Sandie, did you --

Sandie Deig: There will be no money in that line item until August because the transfers haven't gone through and they want to move the Senior Secretary into the Office Manager, which would vacate the Senior Secretary's position, and there's no funds available there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, he can begin to look for that person, that

replacement, though. We've already approved the move, that's what we did earlier on the agenda, but I mean, we can approve the hire when funds become available in August today, correct?

Sandie Deig: Well, they're going to transfer the Secretary into the Office Manager's job and her funds along with that. So you'll have to appropriate an additional, like 600 or \$700 to fill that position.

Councilmember Raben: If we fill it immediately, or are you talking about in August?

Sandie Deig: In August.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: You said September 1<sup>st</sup> is when you're planning on hiring, is that right, September 1<sup>st</sup>?

Blaine Oliver: September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's what it's contingent on, that we're going to approve it today, but you're not going to hire this person until September 1<sup>st</sup>, is that correct?

Blaine Oliver: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: So you'll still need to come before us for 600 and some odd dollars.

Blaine Oliver: Yes, we'll have to ask for an appropriation.

Councilmember Raben: An appropriation in August. Okay, my motion stays.

Councilmember Bassemier: Same.

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

**(All Councilmembers except President Shetler voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed? Me. So there being, what, five ayes and one nay, the motion carries.

**(Motion carried 5-1/President Shetler opposed)**

Blaine Oliver: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Blaine.

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next is Public Defender.

Steve Owens: Good morning. I'm asking permission to fill a part-time deputy public defender position effective Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. We had a part-time deputy who

left on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June and we need to fill that position as quickly as we can.

Councilmember Swaim: So there won't be any deficit as far as filling this position, as far as the person that left is all up to date as far as pay.

Steve Owens: There is no buyout with regard to the part-timer, so it's just a matter of filling that salary line item.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. I do have a question. I know in the past you came to this Council with basically a plan to look at eliminating the part-timers and bringing the staff more into full-time. Is that plan, how does this fit in with that plan that you had submitted to us a while back?

Steve Owens: That plan was the same plan we discussed at the, some of the meetings we had with the judges and some of the Councilmembers, which basically didn't get any traction with anyone. So this really is just filling a part-time deputy position, has nothing to do with that plan. Overall, that plan sort of was scuttled, and we replaced that with the plan that we presented to the Commission, what, a couple of weeks ago, the P.D. Commission a couple of weeks ago. So we have increased all of the part-time caseloads to 65%, we have permission from the Commission to increase the number of allowable cases in certain areas and so we are doing that effective now. So as far as replacement of the part-timers with full-timers, it would require the Council to appropriate additional money to be able to do that because we would be taking essentially some part-time people, replacing them with full-time people, and the full-time people obviously make more money than the part-timers, so we would have to come before you and ask for an appropriation request.

President Shetler: So the plan that you had presented to Council before, that's on the back burner because you really didn't get a positive reaction from the County Council to go with that plan and then we've also had some good news, I guess, from the State Public Defender's agency indicating that they are going to increase the capacity that the part-timers have to handle more cases.

Steve Owens: That's true. We didn't get any positive feedback on that part-time/full-time transition from the judges or certain members of the County Council and so we went to the secondary plan, which was to ask the Commission to give us some leeway in terms of caseloads for certain types of cases and increase the percentage across the board for the part-timers. My personal opinion, frankly, is we still need to look at going to full-time positions and transitioning away from part-time positions. However, in the short run, it requires you to appropriate additional funds, and given the tightness of the budget, nobody wants to ask you to do that.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, thank you. So we have a motion. Did anybody else 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, Steve.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**HIGHWAY REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY**

President Shetler: Next is Highway request to fill Equipment Operator vacancy. Are we starting to buy salt yet?

Pat Seib: As a matter of fact, no, we haven't bought salt. This is the week that the state is supposed to tell us how much salt is going to be for this next winter coming up, but I haven't received that notice yet. But I'll let everybody know once we get that information in.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, Pat. You need to replace the Heavy Equipment Operator?

Pat Seib: Yes, we have an Operator's position that's open. This Operator retired back in March, the line item has caught up to the buyout and we're requesting that that position be filled.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: 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. Thank you, Pat.

Pat Seib: Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY**

President Shetler: Next is the Health Department, request to fill a WIC RN and a WIC Intake Clerk vacancies.

Gary Heck: Vanderburgh County Health Department, Gary Heck and Dr. Ken Spear. These are both grant funded positions, funds are in place, we just need permission to fill them.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. I assume it's all, the buyout, all that stuff, any –

Gary Heck: There wasn't a buyout, but –

President Shetler: No, but they're ready to go, I mean, there's money in the account.

Gary Heck: They can be filled immediately, yes.

President Shetler: Okay, 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.

Gary Heck: Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO VACANCY**

President Shetler: Prosecutor request to fill a vacancy. That's been withdrawn.

**SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES**

President Shetler: Next, the Sheriff, request to fill vacancies at the Jail, Confinement Officers and Community Corrections Booking Clerk, etcetera. Sheriff Wedding.

Dave Wedding: How are you doing?

President Shetler: Very well. How are you doing, sir?

Dave Wedding: Real good.

President Shetler: It's going to be a busy weekend.

Dave Wedding: Oh yeah, we're ready.

President Shetler: Good.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll make some recommendations here. We can save Dave going through this whole list. If you look at the date, a lot of these are planned and they're for November the 3<sup>rd</sup> is when they would become available. These, all the November dates, I think we can address at our August meeting and it will still allow about 60 to 90 days to hire these individuals and get them trained, which is critical, the training aspect of it, I'm sure. So today, I think we need to approve the July, which would be the second and third down, and then beginning at the sixth and seventh line, the ninth line, the Booking Clerk. Now there is a question,

there is another July hire date, I guess there's a question on the funding in that line, is that correct, Sandie?

Sandie Deig: Yes, I'll have to check and see if there's sufficient funds (inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: Can we tentatively go ahead and approve this one pending the funding in place or...

Sandie Deig: I'd rather you wait because there are a number of lines that do not have sufficient funds.

Councilmember Raben: Okay –

Dave Wedding: Which position?

Councilmember Raben: Dave, that would be the Office Manager that you're changing to a C.O.

Dave Wedding: Okay, and that position has been vacant for quite some time.

Councilmember Raben: Do you know approximately how long that has been vacant?

Dave Wedding: Several months and matter of fact, the position that we will fill it with it less salary than the Office Manager was, if we take it to C.O.

Councilmember Raben: That line item as it sat vacant, was it part of a buyout or are those funds...

Dave Wedding: They should be available.

Councilmember Raben: They're still in place?

Dave Wedding: Yeah. As a matter of fact, every C.O. position that we will hire, they will be totally bought out and that money is available. We won't hire anybody before the buyout is completed. And they're usually vacant for four to six weeks, so we usually have excess funds before we interview them, do backgrounds, hire and get them to work.

Councilmember Raben: Sandie, would you be comfortable, I mean, if the line has been empty, there's been no buyout, there should be funds in there to accommodate that line.

Sandie Deig: It's your decision.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Sandie Deig: But there are a number of accounts that have been short in the past and we've approved them and we don't find out that they're short until after we've approved them.

Dave Wedding: Well, that's fine, yeah.

Councilmember Raben: I know the situation with Confinement Officers, I've been party to too many of those phone calls from the Teamsters when the staffing level

is too low, or the overtime, or what have you gets too high, and the guys are forced to stay over and work back to back shifts, and what have you.

Dave Wedding: I mean, it's not unusual for us to have Confinement Officers working 16 hour shifts. That's not unusual.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to go ahead and add this one as well, Dave, just with the caveat that you verify that the funding is in place in those lines.

Dave Wedding: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So I guess to make it clear, accounts ending in 306, 300, 333, 346, Booking Clerk which is ending in 1290, and 1390, that we approve these replacements, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: 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.

Dave Wedding: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Sheriff.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>TRAVEL REQUESTS</b>
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President Shetler: Next is travel requests on three different departments, Surveyor, Assessor and Health Department has three. Do I have any questions or comments? If not, a motion –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: We have a motion for approval. And a second...?

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: 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)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAVE RECTOR</b> <b>REVISED CIP BUDGET FOR OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA</b></p>
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President Shetler: Dave Rector with some changes in the CIP budget for the Old National Events Plaza.

Dave Rector: Good morning, Dave Rector, Building Authority and Darren Stearns with SMG. In your May meeting, Commissioner Kiefer had presented you with another CIP and I believe you requested that we remove the carpet replacement from that request at \$250,000, and resubmit without that item. And we are doing that and that drops it down to 51,127. And I understand from Joe that we have about 2.6 million in operating right now.

President Shetler: Yeah, I think what we were hoping to do is maybe take that money from the depreciation allowance. Is that the intention then?

Dave Rector: For the carpeting? Yes. The \$250,000, yes, you can take that from depreciation reserves.

President Shetler: Right. Because what do you estimate carpeting, ten years, twelve, fifteen?

Dave Rector: Well, it's in the exhibit hall so it doesn't last as long, ten years most, that it's probably been down.

President Shetler: But it's appropriate to come out of depreciation?

Dave Rector: Yes, and we can do that by our memorandum of understanding, any carpet replacement over 5,000 square feet can come out of depreciation reserves.

President Shetler: Alright.

Dave Rector: And that's 40,000 square feet.

President Shetler: Okay, I guess we probably need a motion on that because –

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Dave, is this the same carpet throughout the rest of the building?

Dave Rector: No, this is in the exhibit hall at the Old National Events Plaza. The large square tiles that we have extras of, when they get torn, people coming in or they get soiled from dining, that we can take it up and –

Councilmember Raben: Match the carpeting in other parts of the facility that –

Dave Rector: No, this is separate.

Councilmember Raben: Those squares or any good squares could be utilized later.

Darren Stearns: Those squares in the exhibit hall were actually placed in the building before the carpet squares we have in the ballroom and –

Dave Rector: And unfortunately, this carpet has been discontinued or we could just buy some more squares to replace it. Now we're at the point, we've got what, half a dozen left? We've got to replace it all, that's why it's so much.

President Shetler: Well, and you even get semis driving on that occasionally, too, and bringing things in, palm trees and –

Dave Rector: Darren can address it better than I. I guess the argument, should you have carpeting in the exhibit hall or not, but it's offered them the opportunity to I think get more events because of that.

Darren Stearns: Yes, and I mean, we do, do the plywood and what we can to make sure as far as what they're driving in there and no turning in circles, more straight line pulling in, that kind of thing, because we have a couple different entrances they can get in the exhibit hall with.

Councilmember Raben: So do we need a motion to approve or –

President Shetler: You know, I think we do because we brought this up before and asked them to come back –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: We motioned and seconded already.

President Shetler: Okay, so they've already done this. Thank you. See when you get old we forget what happened three minutes later. So, any other questions?

Councilmember Terry: Have you explored any other flooring options, is carpet the best option for that space since it is so high traffic?

Dave Rector: I'm going to let you address that.

Darren Stearns: Well, I guess at one point it was a concrete floor, but then we were having, you would have to either bring in carpet, which we didn't have storage for those if you have a trade show, like if you go to one, most of them actually have carpet that's laid out. We don't have the storage area for that and then the other part of it was, I think, which was before I got there, was the feeling was that a lot of people having the bigger banquets and stuff like that, that's over four or 500 people were actually in the exhibit hall, would rather not have it on a concrete floor.

Dave Rector: And the other problem, too, with that is now that we've carpeted it, once we take it up, we're going to have carpet glue everywhere and we're going to have to try to get carpet glue up, which means grinding and blasting, and I think we've kind of set our course with it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Dave, does that include a pad?

Dave Rector: No, it's strictly glued down.

President Shetler: Okay, we're just trying to get all the proper legal proceedings here right so that we do this correctly. We advertised that in May for about the \$300,000

figure, and then when you came in for the request, we suggested that perhaps you look at doing it out of the, some of that, the carpeting, for example, out of the reserve funds and stuff, but we'll still have a new request here basically for the \$50,000 or so. So that's going to have to be advertised.

Dave Rector: Oh, okay.

President Shetler: So that part, now I think there needs to be no advertising on the reserve funds, so we may want to use that motion to approve that be done and then come back the next month, file the appropriation request so that we can do the rest of it.

Dave Rector: So, Joe, do you handle that? The advertising?

Joe Gries: We do, but you have to submit the request by the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. Is the 15<sup>th</sup>, correct?

Teri Lukeman: Yes.

Dave Rector: In a memo to you?

Joe Gries: There is a form that you have to fill out, an appropriation request, submit that to our office and then we will advertise that, yes.

Dave Rector: Okay, and then we'll –

Councilmember Raben: It's coming out of depreciation, the funds are already in place.

President Shetler: Well, part of it is, not all of it.

Dave Rector: Yeah, the \$56,000 we're asking, the \$51,000, we're asking for it to come from the –

Joe Gries: Convention Center Operating Fund, which is budgeted and it has to be approved by Council, it has to be advertised.

President Shetler: Right.

Councilmember Swaim: So they need to amend the motion to reflect just for the reserve funds, right?

President Shetler: Right.

Councilmember Bassemier: Depreciation fund.

President Shetler: For the depreciation account.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make that motion be taken out of the depreciation fund.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, it's been moved and seconded to give the go ahead on taking the carpeting and getting that going and then the request is basically to come back with another appropriation so that we can get that cleared up on the \$51,000

that needs to be done for the other.

Dave Rector: And then we take that up at the August meeting.

Joe Gries: Yes.

Dave Rector: I'll have Laura get with you and we'll figure it out.

President Shetler: 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.

Dave Rector: Alright, thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>BUDGET DATES</b>
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President Shetler: Okay, next is budget dates. The civil taxing unit trustees, September the 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., and September the 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m.

Councilmember Terry: Can you repeat that?

President Shetler: Yeah, the civil taxing unit on the trustees is September the 10<sup>th</sup> and that's at 10:00 a.m. and the civil taxing units would be September the 24<sup>th</sup> and that will be at 9:45.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sandie, you'll flag us on that?

President Shetler: Yeah, and it is at the bottom of the agenda for today's meeting.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Shetler: Okay, another little bit of cleaning up here, I need to also mention for the record that Solid Waste and Airport Authority, both of those taxing units will be, a hearing will be done on those on September the 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is at our regular meeting, somebody might want to check that date? Sandie, do you want to –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: We're going to have a meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and then do the others on the 10<sup>th</sup>? Can we not do these ones on the 10<sup>th</sup> on the 3<sup>rd</sup> as well?

**(Inaudible)**

Sandie Deig: That's the budget cuts.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Oh, okay.

Jeff Ahlers: That September 3<sup>rd</sup>, is --

President Shetler: September 3<sup>rd</sup>, that's our regular meeting and then afterwards we will have the public hearing on Solid Waste and the Airport Authority, and that is a Wednesday and that's our regular meeting. And then we will be having the adoption of those two, Solid Waste and Airport Authority, on the 24<sup>th</sup>, so we'll combine that with the other adoptions of the other civil taxing units.

Jeff Ahlers: So it will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 or 9:00?

Teri Lukeman: It will be part of the meeting, so I'll advertise it for 8:30.

President Shetler: Okay, we'll advertise it for 8:30 and it will probably be in the 9:00 range, but – and the same thing on the 24<sup>th</sup>. That one, that actually, the 24<sup>th</sup> will be a little bit later. That will be advertised for 9:45. Okay, so any questions about that?

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Shetler: We have the amendments to the salary ordinance, James.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone has been given a copy, a four-page copy of the amendments to the salary ordinance. I'd like to call to everyone's attention on page 3, to cross out the Prosecutor, that was the request that has been withdrawn, and then on page 4 under Community Corrections, add 136Y-1390, which is from Officer Manager to CO, make that change to the document, ask that this document be entered into the minutes, and I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

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: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>
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President Shetler: Is there any other business to come before the Council today? If not, everybody have a safe and joyous July the 4<sup>th</sup>. I have a son who is getting married on July the 5<sup>th</sup>, so it will be an exciting time for us. So anyway, I hope to see everybody here then toward the end of July at our next Personnel & Finance meeting. So thank you and we are adjourned.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 6, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of August in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler, Jr.

President Shetler: Good morning, and welcome to the Vanderburgh County Council meeting this morning, August 6th, a little bit past 8:30 and I apologize for that. I would like to first of all for the Clerk to call the roll and then we'll have the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation by Councilman Angela Koehler-Lindsey and then the Pledge of Allegiance by Pete Swaim. So first the roll call.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben		<b>X</b>
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

President Shetler: Councilman Raben did call me yesterday afternoon and told me that he had a business commitment that came up and would not be in attendance today. So we have six present, one absent and we'll do the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Father God, we thank you for this opportunity to be here this morning to serve you and the government that you set up in our wonderful country. We thank you for the freedoms that you have allowed us here in the United States of America and we just ask your guidance, your direction and your blessing as we go about the business of Vanderburgh County today. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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President Shetler: Alright, thank you. The next item is the approval of the minutes for the July 2nd meeting. Has everybody had a chance to look over them?

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. 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 6-0)**

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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**SHERIFF**

President Shetler: Next is Appropriation Ordinance. First up is the Sheriff Department, request for Utilities at \$11,000 and I think the Sheriff indicated last time that would probably be enough to take us through the end of the year. Any questions about that? If someone could–

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: We have a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And then a second, multiple times. 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
1000-1050-320000	Utilities	11,000	11,000
Total		11,000	11,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**PROSECUTOR**

President Shetler: The next is the Prosecutor’s request for the Return of Fugitive fund. The Prosecutor was here last week and explained that to us and the deficit that we are incurring there. We apparently are picking up more prisoners from outside or more fugitives from outside then we have in the past. Need a motion for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It has 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.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1000-1080-390000	Return of Fugitive	6,000	6,000
Total		6,000	6,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

### AREA PLAN COMMISSION

President Shetler: Area Plan Commission. We have a request for \$1,193. I know it was somewhat of a small amount, but questions did come up principally by Councilman Goebel. I thought he brought up a very good point and actually I don't know if people were listening last week or what, but we did find several more requests coming forward on this that we're going to be asked to look at replenishing the fund there a little premature. So does anybody have any more questions on that? Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Are we intending to allow the transfer and then fill the position is that correct?

President Shetler: Yeah, there is a transfer to help fill this amount of money, is that correct? Is that what you're--

Ron London: Correct, we came back and asked, you know, what you had asked us to do to find it in another account so we've done that.

President Shetler: So we're going to delete this, the formal request. The formal request is to delete this appropriation?

Ron London: Well, the \$1,193 is coming out of our Attorney Fees transferring into the fund that we need it to. What we're going to do is we are not going to fund the position until the beginning of next year, so we will not...we're just going to do what we can for the next four months and then next year we will hire a person in that spot.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you. Thank you, so this zeros out then?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do we need a motion?

President Shetler: Yeah, a motion for setting it in at zero.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, a motion to set this in at zero please.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: It has been moved and seconded. Do I have any 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: Motion carries. Thank you. I appreciate your cooperation.

<b>AREA PLAN COMMISSION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1000-1240-197100	Accrued Payments	1,003	0
1000-1240-190000	FICA	77	0
1000-1240-191000	PERF	113	0
Total		1,193	0

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**VETERANS SERVICES**

President Shetler: Next is Veterans Services. No one was here last week on Veterans Services.

Councilmember Goebel: Move to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

<b>VETERANS SERVICES</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1000-1270-199000	Extra Help	1,456	1,456
1000-1270-190000	FICA	112	112
Total		1,568	1,568

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**THE CENTRE**

President Shetler: Next is The Centre. That was for the Union Overtime. That was in the amount of \$9,139.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

Councilmember Goebel: Did we come to an understanding how to fund this, so if it doesn't come, is there another fund that we can take this funding from, so that it doesn't increase the budget or does it have to come out of General?

President Shetler: This is going to have to come out of General, I believe.

Joe Gries: The salaries and the overtime for the union employees at The Centre are listed in the General Fund and that money is then reimbursed from the Convention

Center Operating Fund, so that the General Fund is reimbursed.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you for that.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? Did we have a motion on this? Okay, a motion and second was here. All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

<b>THE CENTRE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1000-1440-185000	Union Overtime	7,500	7,500
1000-1440-190000	FICA	574	574
1000-1440-191000	PERF	1,065	1,065
Total		9,139	9,139

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

### **BURDETTE PARK**

President Shetler: Next was Burdette Park and that was the security. That was an area that we did cut last year in the budget pretty significantly. We anticipated the fact that they may have to add a little bit back into that as the transition was taking place. Quite honestly, it is probably a little less than what we may have even thought projected in our minds that may have to get reimbursed, but we have \$4,306 to be reimbursed on that. I don't know if Steve...I don't see anybody. He was here last week and explained it all.

Councilmember Goebel: I think Steve also mentioned that this is a one time, just to get us through this year and next year he can live within the budget. So I move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second. And this is probably going to be reimbursed. Is that what this one is? From float stand operations? Thank you.

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: Motion carries.

<b>BURDETTE PARK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1000-1450-145119	Security	4,000	4,000
1000-1450-190000	FICA	306	306
Total		4,306	4,306

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

President Shetler: Next was coming out of the Tourism Capital Improvement Fund. The interest on the bonds, I believe is what this is for. I know Bob is here and others from the Board and stuff, so if anybody has any questions on that. If not, a motion would be in order for approval. It's \$274,244.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

<b>TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1183-0000-407300	Sports Complex	274,244	274,244
Total		274,244	274,244

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING**

President Shetler: The next has to do with the Convention Center Operating Fund appropriation. This is replacing of different inventory items and stuff that you have. Plus, does this have something to do with a little bit the carpeting was switched over to the capital, but it is \$51,127 total?

Darren Stearns: Right, it wouldn't be the – Darren Stearns, I'm sorry, with the Old National Events Plaza. It wouldn't be the carpeting, but it has some steps and stuff that we have to have to be OSHA compliant and a few other items other than the food and beverage items we discussed last week.

Dave Rector: Dave Rector, Building Authority. By the Memorandum of Understanding we can do over 5,000 square feet for the carpeting, so as you said the exhibit hall we will do out of Depreciation Reserve, but these other things were items that we felt like could be covered out of Operating, so that is why we requested it.

President Shetler: So do I have any questions? A motion?

Councilmember Terry: I move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have 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: Motion carries. Thank you, guys.

<b>CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
4005-0000-414000	ONEP CIP	51,127	51,127
Total		51,127	51,127

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**AREA PLAN  
SUPERIOR COURT (TWO REQUESTS)  
AREA PLAN (LATE)**

President Shetler: Okay, next we have several transfers. I'm going to do them all at one time. We have Area Plan Commission which is transferring from account 124117 that's in the amount of \$1,119. From the account of 124120 the amount of \$11,336, all to account 197100 in the amount of \$12,455. Any questions? Superior Court from five different accounts there. One is 137143 in the amount of \$12,830. Another is account number 137125 in the amount of \$15,629. Another from account 137130 \$15,673. Another from account 137155 in the amount of \$12,873. Another from the account of 137162 in the amount of \$16,633 going to Accrued Payments and that would be account number 197100 and that would be in the total amount of \$73,638. Superior Court from account 305000 \$5,000 to account 394100 \$5,000. Then we had a late transfer request from Area Plan that covers the appropriation earlier and that is from account 361000 \$1,193 going to accounts 197100 in the tune of \$1,003 and also to account 190000 in the amount of \$77 and to the account of 191000 the amount of \$113 and that's the transfers that I have listed here.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve all four transfer requests including the late transfer.

President Shetler: I think you're supposed to repeat everything I just said in that motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: As you just said.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. Do we have a second then?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Any questions? Don't ask me to repeat it, if that's one of the

questions. Anyway, all in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

<b>AREA PLAN</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From:			
1000-1240-124117	Sec/Bk Office Mgr	1,119	1,119
1000-1240-124120	Senior Secretary	11,336	11,336
To:			
1000-1240-197100	Accrued Payments	12,455	12,455

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From:			
1000-1370-137143	Probation Officer	12,830	12,830
1000-1370-137125	Court Reporter	15,629	15,629
1000-1370-137130	Court Reporter	15,673	15,673
1000-1370-137155	Riding Bailiff	12,873	12,873
1000-1370-137162	Admin. Asst. III	16,633	16,633
To:			
1000-1370-197100	Accrued Payments	73,638	73,638

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From:			
1000-1370-305000	Patient/Inmate Care	5,000	5,000
To:			
1000-1370-394100	Guardian Ad-Litem	5,000	5,000

<b>AREA PLAN (LATE)</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From:			
1000-1240-361000	Legal Services	1,193	1,193
To:			
1000-1240-197100	Accrued Payments	1,003	1,003
1000-1240-190000	FICA	77	77
1000-1240-191000	PERF	113	113

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Okay, next new business. Superior Court request to fill part-time

Department of Corrections grant vacancy.

Jodi Uebelhack: Jodi Uebelhack, Vanderburgh County Treatment Court. This is a request to fill a part-time position that the previous employee resigned. It's \$10 an hour for ten hours a week and the money comes out of a Department of Corrections grant, not out of General Fund.

Councilmember Goebel: Move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Moved and seconded. Do I have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

Jodi Uebelhack: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next is the Clerk request to change rate of pay for part-time. Yes, Debbie.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning. Debbie Stucki, County Clerk. I had noticed that the Council had lowered this hourly rate to \$8 an hour when it previously had approved a \$12 an hour salary. I just think that \$8 an hour is too low.

President Shetler: What are the responsibilities of that position?

Debbie Stucki: Well, and it's paid for out of the Clerk's Perpetuation so it is not coming out of the General Fund, but it is a warehouse project that we are working on trying to get a good inventory list first of what we have at the warehouse. A complete inventory list and then work on retention and also more along the lines of preservation of the records instead of just storing them at the warehouse because some records we do have to keep forever, the marriage records out there. So the person is going to be out there taking the information from the records and then we're going to be inputting it into the laptop. We're hoping to get some interns in the spring to help us with this project and hoping this paid position could be kind of a manager over the interns.

President Shetler: So what would you anticipate? What is the rate that you're looking at?

Debbie Stucki: Well, I think at least \$10 an hour would be fair, I think.

President Shetler: Okay, and the amount of hours of the week?

Debbie Stucki: Twenty-nine hours.

President Shetler: Twenty-nine hours. That fund, do you have the current balance

on that by chance?

Debbie Stucki: It's over \$400,000 I think. It's for record storage and preservation of records.

President Shetler: Okay, how much out of that fund are we using for record storage per month or per year?

Debbie Stucki: Well, I relieved the Council of \$60,000 last year. We've already paid over \$100,000 out of that account this year for storage and have the rest of the year to go.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: What is your total amount that you spend every year for storage?

Debbie Stucki: Well, it has been going up every year. Destruction of records hasn't been done in the past several years, so we're hoping to get this good inventory list and then go through and see what we can destroy to reduce some of that. But my first year \$120,000 was budgeted and we went over that and this year it's probably going to be about \$140,000.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Debbie Stucki: With the law changing that people can expunge their records we are getting a lot more requests for those older records. We have to bring them back to the courthouse so that they can be expunged.

Councilmember Goebel: Is there a fee...there is a fee to cover that cost though, correct?

Debbie Stucki: There is no filing fee per the state. They don't...there is no charge to expunge.

Councilmember Goebel: If an individual wants his record cleared, taken away—

Debbie Stucki: Right, correct.

Councilmember Goebel: I thought there was a fee he or she had to pay to get that record?

Debbie Stucki: The Clerk's Association thought we had interpreted it to be a fee to charge for that, but we were corrected and they intended it to be no charge for them to expunge their records.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, maybe we can add a Vanderburgh County fee then or something because I think it would be a good deal if someone wants to get that from their record off their record—

Debbie Stucki: It's a lot of work to do that.

Councilmember Goebel: Sure.

Debbie Stucki: And we are getting a lot of requests for that.



Councilmember Goebel: I mean, the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County probably didn't create the situation that caused that record to be formed so they probably shouldn't have to pay to have it expunged. So I think we need to work on that one.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mike, you think our counselor will check into that and see if there is anything to be done about that?

President Shetler: He is taking notes. That's a good sign.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you, Mr. Ahlers.

Councilmember Terry: Debbie, is this a long-term position? Because I think you said just for inventory purposes.

Debbie Stucki: Well, considering what we have in three warehouses out there it's going to take a while even with the interns. I'm not for sure how long it will take.

Councilmember Terry: And currently it's not a position?

Debbie Stucki: Correct, but we don't have the time to send one person out there to devote the time to this project.

President Shetler: I'm having a little trouble understanding why we would have to physically go through and audit those records. I mean, I would think that there is some kind of a direct link between however their inventory is done and what is in that specific file and that we would be able to cross reference it in the office. I can understand that you would need to do some internal auditing, but to physically go through each one of those things and find out what is actually there I am a little confused on why that would be necessary.

Debbie Stucki: Some things were sent out to the warehouse, they get a bar code on the box.

President Shetler: Yes.

Debbie Stucki: And there was no description ever written down as to what was inside of that box. So when you're requesting—

President Shetler: In the past we didn't do real good record keeping, so we're going back to duplicate or try to recreate a lot of that?

Debbie Stucki: Right, so when we're trying to find something, when we request a file, we might have to request bar codes for ten boxes and then that company has to look in every box for the file or the paperwork.

President Shetler: Right.

Debbie Stucki: They charge us every time they touch anything.

President Shetler: I notice your revenue stream, it looks like that particular account, the Perpetual Fund that you have there, is bringing in about \$150,000 a year, \$125,000 to \$150,000 of revenue a year?

Debbie Stucki: I'm not sure. I'm not sure of that total.

President Shetler: I guess my point, plus it does have a balance that exceeds about half a million dollars. What I would like to see particularly with budget times coming up, is for us to put the entire storage cost, you know, into that for the time being and I would also like to see, I'm just one of seven members here but at least my opinion, is that the part-time position and if we have any other people that are involved at all, in records storage at all, that we can look at even a percentage of those salaries. For example, somebody that works ten or twenty percent of their time is devoted towards that then perhaps we can look at putting some of that salary into that. I'm not trying to get down to the minimum, you know down to the nubbin here and strike it out or anything, but my point is that we are asking other departments that have revenue sources to utilize them to the max and trying to get those down rather than hit the taxpayers directly through the General Fund. So I think if we can get that balance down to maybe the \$250,000 comfort zone, which I would have anyway, and then utilizing that maximum amount that comes in every year. So this year for budget, I think, if we could change our thinking on all that.

Debbie Stucki: I think we could take in that other \$60,000 that is now paid by the General Fund for storage.

President Shetler: Right.

Debbie Stucki: Last year we cut that in half. It was \$120,000. We took over \$60,000, so I think we could do that as long as we can.

President Shetler: Right, and in addition to doing what you're doing to make it more efficient in that operation so that we can minimize those storage costs that would be very helpful. Mike and then I think Pete.

Councilmember Goebel: I think that is an excellent suggestion, Council President. Debbie, if I wanted a record that is in storage do we go to one of your personnel in the office to go get it or do you call the storage company?

Debbie Stucki: It is handled through a person in our office.

Councilmember Goebel: So someone actually is physically located there?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Shetler: Now, if...I don't mean to interrupt, but if Mike, you know, called and asked for a specific record himself you wouldn't react on that would you? You would have to have a court order or something? You would just from a citizen?

Debbie Stucki: Well, some records are public record so there are some things that he could request. A marriage record from his parents or grandparents back in the 1800s we could, great grandparents. Some records are public.

President Shetler: And we don't charge for any of those?

Debbie Stucki: Well, it's a dollar a copy if they want a copy of it.

President Shetler: But now records like that could they not be digitized?

Debbie Stucki: Well, once I get the inventory list I'm moving towards microfilming because that is the preferred preservation especially over a long period of time like these have to be kept for. You know, the marriage records have to be kept forever.

President Shetler: Okay.

Debbie Stucki: So if we could microfilm those and send those to state archives then we are not paying storage for them out at the warehouse.

President Shetler: Okay, and the only thing the Health Department handles is like birth records, they don't handle any of the marriage records at all?

Debbie Stucki: Correct. Birth and death, I believe.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, Pete.

Councilmember Swaim: Debbie, it was my understanding that for some period of time that your employees did not actually physically go out and retrieve those records because of an accident that happened out there and that they would simply make the request of Kinder personnel by bar code or however they would retrieve that box or that record or whatever. What is happening differently now that you would actually have a person out there doing this kind of work? Has something changed or what?

Debbie Stucki: They have just agreed, we just talked to them, and they have agreed because they to want a complete inventory list. It helps both of us.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay.

Debbie Stucki: If we know what we have and when we are requesting something they don't have to spend the manpower looking for something.

Councilmember Swaim: And this person has been in place since the first of the year at this particular rate, at this rate?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, but we haven't...the person who was going to fill that position had an illness in their family so nothing has been done with that yet, but that time since then we have spent organizing about eight spreadsheets of inventory into one spreadsheet that we can work with as we go to the warehouse.

Councilmember Swaim: But you have other part-timers at the \$8 rate?

Debbie Stucki: No, we do not.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay.

Debbie Stucki: We have a part-time filer that is \$8.50 an hour, but all that person does is file in the office.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: I think with modern technology we need to really look into anything that we can to store, digitize or microfilm, get that done and use the Perpetuation Fund to do so. I guess that's the same mind that you're thinking.

Debbie Stucki: Yeah, that's what I am working towards. First starting, you know, we've got to get that list of inventory.

Councilmember Goebel: It seems like—

Debbie Stucki: Which is not like you say we have to go through every box out there, but we are going through quite a few things because the list is incomplete. We don't really know what the record is per the bar code.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, there is not much to say about that right now except it seems like your office would know what's being stored. Like Mr. Swaim, I thought that anything that went on at the storage place was handled by the storage contract and we didn't have anyone on site.

Debbie Stucki: It is just for storage and they retrieve our files, requested files.

Councilmember Goebel: But you're requesting today someone to be actually at the storage place working?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: To?

Debbie Stucki: To inventory, yes.

President Shetler: One more question getting back to those kind of private type records, the marriage and things like that, do you just, I mean like, somebody runs up there and asks about their grandparents, you don't run down there and have somebody...do you kind of collect those on a weekly or monthly basis and then run down there and do ten of them or twenty of them at a time and then get the information back to people?

Debbie Stucki: Twice a week we request files, and on Wednesday and Friday they are delivered. We get a lot of requests from judges as well. Because especially like our small claims files they are so large we have open files at the warehouse as well because we don't have room here to store them all. So we actually have open files out there too at the warehouse.

President Shetler: Okay, I guess it sounds to me like we need to look harder at the old jail and get something done. Alright, Pete.

Councilmember Swaim: I'm still a little confused. I can hear Stephanie's gears turning from all the way across the room, but I guess what I am looking for is trying to find the difference between them continuing to retrieve records as you ask for them and somebody from your office working side by side next to the Kinder personnel actually doing the inventory. It seems like either a duplication of services there or—

Debbie Stucki: No, in their contract they just strictly retrieve the bar codes that we give them and then deliver them. They don't fill in any information.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: I think maybe—

Debbie Stucki: Strictly just storage and retrieval.

Councilmember Goebel: Perhaps we need to look into the whole system a little bit more closely and do it a more efficient way. It might be more cost effective to get an outside company actually to do all that if they can do it legally, the public records and

that, to get it digitized instead of hiring someone who really is not that experienced in it. I don't know.

President Shetler: Well, I think ultimately that's what would be done. You're just trying to figure out what records need to be—

Debbie Stucki: I'm just trying to figure out—

President Shetler: --what records need to be destroyed, which ones need to be preserved and in what method the preservation needs to take place.

Debbie Stucki: And we have to know what is there first. Right, we have to know what is there first and then destroy what we can. See what kind of condition the records are in. We have a couple of old books in our office if you would like to look at them from the 1800s. They are pretty interesting. It's a civil war soldiers, widows and orphans. There is a lot of neat records out there and I'm trying to think more of preserving them for historical value instead of just throwing them into a warehouse and storing them.

President Shetler: Right, and I think maybe to clear up Pete's point, I think what you're saying is we don't actually go and retrieve the box out of the shelf.

Debbie Stucki: No.

President Shetler: They have to do that because of insurance purposes and all that.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Shetler: Their personnel retrieves it from a shelf, sits it on a table out front and then our people go through what is in that box and sometimes hand the box back to them with fewer files in it because some of it is going to be destroyed or it's going to be this or that. Others are, you know, put back in there and at least listed what was in that box.

Councilmember Swaim: So will they be doing...will they continue to do that for the inventory, for the person that is doing the inventory?

President Shetler: They will have to.

Councilmember Swaim: By contract, right?

Debbie Stucki: By contract, yes. What the company is going to do is pull a couple of skids of records and then we will go through boxes or books, whatever they stack at a time.

Councilmember Swaim: One thing in the way of suggestion when I did Transportation & Services we microfilmed all the cemetery records from Locust Hill and Oak Hill. We had Phoenix do that for us, so maybe you should early on look into that and while your person is going through the records to decide which ones are going to be purged they can start the actual process of the ones that you are going to keep.

Debbie Stucki: Yeah, and that is part of our inventory as we're doing that, what can be destroyed, what maybe needs to be repaired and then what we need to keep and microfilm.

President Shetler: I think what Pete is suggesting, I don't mean to put words, but I think it's a good point in that if basically you are able at that moment instead of putting it back in the box and filed or labeled accordingly, like purge, digitize or whatever you're planning on doing with that, instead of putting it all back in there and making it or creating that inventory have someone that you're able to at that point in time to be able to actually get it over here to be thrown away, this to be digitized right away so that it's all done so you don't have to have that same person then later come back and go through it three months later after you've gone through this inventory. You could inventory, should be able to inventory and distribute to the proper channels all at the same time. That would reduce the duplication there.

Councilmember Swaim: That was exactly my point to not have to handle the stuff twice.

President Shetler: Right.

Debbie Stucki: Sure, not touching it so many times.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

Councilmember Terry: And I agree with Mike that an outside source to do this. I mean, one person. I am just visualizing that right now. This could take years.

Debbie Stucki: Yes, it could.

Councilmember Terry: At that rate.

Debbie Stucki: But it's just getting started. And like I say, we do have paperwork at U of E for this fall, the students that are signing up they can intern in the spring. We're hoping to get four, six, however—

President Shetler: And those would be \$8 people then?

Debbie Stucki: Those would be free.

President Shetler: Those are free?

Debbie Stucki: They are unpaid interns.

President Shetler: That's sounding better.

Debbie Stucki: Who are looking for...they have to go out of town to get their internship on projects like this so that would be unpaid interns.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, well we have a request for the \$10 an hour for the part-time position in the Clerk's office. Do I have a motion for approval?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make that motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: A motion and a second. Any other comments? Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: I'll go along with the increase because for 29 hours a week, \$10 an hour, they are not going to become wealthy for sure.

Debbie Stucki: And to get someone that will hopefully stick with it.

Councilmember Goebel: But I do say that with the reservation that we make a great plan from the beginning to get all this taken care of as Mr. Shetler mentioned instead of being redundant and take a box in and put it back, pick a box up put it back, just take care of it as you go.

Debbie Stucki: As you go, uh-huh. Thank you.

President Shetler: Yeah, I think all of us pretty well are seeing this the same way that, you know, a third party vendor out there that has the experience along with your personnel to manage it I think could go a long way in cutting the cost for the county in the short run and in the long run. Okay, we have a motion and...we did do approval? Alright, thank you.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Any opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>COUNTY ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next is the Assessor's request to fill Real Estate Deputy and a Real Estate PTABOA Deputy, two vacancies. Bill, I think you have reduced this office by several people in the last three or four years.

Bill Fluty: Five since three years and eight months ago. Also, we had over a thousand hours of comp time and we're down to less than 20 or 25 hours of comp time so we have reduced the comp time also. And the part-time, I think at one time the Assessor's office would ask for over \$50,000 in part-time. We ask for \$10,000 a year. So I think—

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I'll make a motion that we approve that.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you. Unless there was somebody opposed.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY**

President Shetler: Health Department, a request to fill Environmental Health Specialist Food Section & WIC RD vacancies.

Ken Spear: Good morning. Ken Spear, Health Department. We have a vacancy in the Food Inspection. The person that was in that position has accepted the role of Director of the Environmental Division and will start in September. So we're down one food inspector and I think we have 973 restaurants and businesses that we inspect plus with farmer's markets and the fairs it is up to around 1,400. So we really need this position to stay current and keep the food healthy. Then the WIC RD vacancy occurred when that person accepted the role as a Coordinator in the WIC Clinic following a retirement. This is a WIC grant funded position.

President Shetler: Okay, do we have any questions?

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a...?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Second. No 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 6-0)**

Ken Spear: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS**

President Shetler: Travel requests, we have a couple from the Auditor, one from the Assessor, two from the Commissioners and three from the Health Department. I'm going to just do it all at one time for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: I have a motion for approval on travel.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.



President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions about any of them? 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)**

<b>GAGE TAX PHASE-IN COMPLIANCE</b>
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President Shetler: Next GAGE, tax phase-in compliance.

Shance Sizemore: Good morning. I'm Shance Sizemore with the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. In your package you should have a spreadsheet of CF-1 compliance paperwork as well as a description of kind of what would happen this year. Looking at the spreadsheet you'll see that there is kind of two major numbers. Anything with below a 98 percent we notified and had them file letters of explanation. I think Andrea emailed you a copy of the Shoe Carnival explanation. Essentially that is kind of restoring from the recession that we had from 2008 to 2011. They are starting to see increase in sales and therefore hopefully an increase in numbers. Looking at their other properties they are in compliance with the rest of those. The one thing that you would notice and I will be making a recommendation for a file, for a statement of non-compliance for Creative Press. They failed to file a CF-1 and then with the announcement of their potential closure of their facility in the Vanderburgh County Industrial Park. What that will do is trigger a formal letter of basically announcement saying that you guys found them non-compliant and recommend that they appear at the next Council meeting and then I will file a resolution per state code that would terminate that abatement following your vote. Is there any questions or comments based upon what you're looking at.

Councilmember Goebel: Creative Press is leaving, is that what you are saying?

Shance Sizemore: Correct. They issued a letter, I think the first one appeared this past spring stating that they were looking to shut down depending on negotiation with, I believe, the local union. Once that happened they issued another one here in the last month or so and we've had some issue connecting with the local folks. Hopefully with this it will kind of help bridge that gap once we send the official letter.  
Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Shance Sizemore: I think some of that also stems from Creative Press has gone through a series of changes in the past probably three or four years. We've seen them being bought by at least two or three capital groups. This last capital group has decided that the best option for them would be to close this local facility.

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

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Just do we need a motion to remove this or it is marked out on the paper and is that sufficient?

Shance Sizemore: What would happen—

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Creative Press, I mean.

Shance Sizemore: So as far as that one I guess it is depending on you. The compliance statements would be on the CF-1 forms. On the second page there is a place to mark compliant or not compliant. Creative Press doesn't have one, obviously, because they didn't fill one out, but I would be more than happy to submit a blank one to Teri or just based upon your guy's issue of non-compliance send the formal letter out.

President Shetler: It's probably two different issues here. The one to deal with Creative Press and the other to deal with either the group or unless we want to separate anybody else from the group.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I think you need to take them separately. The ones that you're going to approve I think you can do those together if you would like, but the others I would deal with separately.

President Shetler: Okay, so let's at least deal with the Creative Press issue first. So what would be the Council's pleasure on that issue? Yes, Joe.

Joe Gries: Shance, as far as the abatement would be concerned would that be for payable next year or does it affect this year's taxes?

Shance Sizemore: So after talking...I talked to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance and he said that it is basically the Council's decision, but it could actually go as soon as the resolution is finished onto this year's taxes.

Joe Gries: So it could be something that then the Auditor's Office would reapply those taxes and take that abatement away for the fall taxes?

Shance Sizemore: Correct.

Joe Gries: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So at this point do we just need a motion to find Creative Press non-compliant?

Jeff Ahlers: Let me ask this, have you spoken with them?

Shance Sizemore: I have not spoken with them recently. I spoke with them in the spring right as they were kind of making the announcement. Since then we have not been able to get a hold of them other than because of the transfer between positions and everything I don't know that they have been extremely responsive to anybody.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, well I, just as a point of clarification, wanted to make sure whether we've had some communication we know for a fact that this site is closed and it's closed for good, they're leaving. That's one issue versus making sure we don't have a misunderstanding and something else is going on and if we terminate the abatement, you know, I don't know if you can put the toothpaste back into the tube, you know. I just wanted to make sure for everybody's knowledge as to whether we are sure of the facts or just think we know the facts.

Shance Sizemore: As of right now they have issued essentially saying that they will

be closing. What will happen once this is done is I will file a letter basically requiring your signature asking them to appear before you at the next Council meeting. At that time is when the resolution is you have the option of not passing the resolution therefore continuing the abatement. If you decide to pass the resolution at that time that would effectively end the abatement.

Jeff Ahlers: So then what I am wondering is, is what I am hearing you saying is that we are wanting a motion for an initial finding of non-compliance and requesting them to appear for a hearing for a final determination? Is that accurate?

Shance Sizemore: Correct, yes. That is the way it is written out in the state code.

Jeff Ahlers: Is that your motion?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That is my motion, so moved.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Very well put.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Why thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second on the floor. 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: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

Councilmember Bassemier: Now will they be appearing next month?

President Shetler: Well, we would be requesting that, yes.

Shance Sizemore: Correct.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, you'll send a notice. I think it is actually under the statute it is called a hearing, so there will be a notice of hearing.

Shance Sizemore: Correct.

Jeff Ahlers: And we'll have the hearing. We'll send notice...you'll send notice and we will have the hearing whether they appear or not.

Shance Sizemore: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: Great.

President Shetler: Okay. Now we can take the other issues here separately or take them whole. I prefer to take them whole unless anybody has something they want

to separate out.

Councilmember Goebel: I move that we take them whole.

President Shetler: Okay, so the motion is that we would approve all of them?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, approve all.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: And that's your recommendation is to approve all of it except Creative?

Shance Sizemore: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: With the exception of Creative.

President Shetler: I will make a bit of a note here. Some companies are struggling a little bit. The economy is not what it has been sometimes reported to be on a track back and stuff. There are some companies that are in pockets here that are having some difficulty meeting the numbers that we had asked, but they are locally organically grown companies that we definitely want to give assistance to all we can. It wouldn't be the proper time to start being punitive, I don't think, on any of our local companies. Any other comments or anything? 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)**

Shance Sizemore: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

<b>BOARD APPOINTMENT M/WBE</b>
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President Shetler: Next we have an appointment for the M/WBE and I think Stephanie has a recommendation.

Councilmember Terry: Actually I was contacted by members of the Board and we had not made our Council appointment so I recommending Joseph Fendrich. He is a graduate of Reitz High School. He grew up here in Evansville, moved away for some time and spent time in Atlanta, but now he has started his own business and looking to grow that in the community. So I think he would be a great asset and would provide a unique prospective to the board.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: 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: Motion carries. Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>VANDERBURGH COUNTY EMPLOYEE BUYOUTS</b>
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President Shetler: Next is Vanderburgh County employee buyouts. Everybody has in front of them a motion, the conflict that came up on this is that there has been a long standing policy we just kind of reiterate that policy still being what the Council was looking for and that is that the buyouts take place after the next payroll following their last pay period so that there is not confusion on that. Today with so many people jumping on to take that early retirement, that's not really for an early retirement program, but the change in the PERF program that many are taking that earlier we have 60 something plus...40 for sure, but there are more coming and we are anticipating something in the 63 or 65 range. Anyway, it's pretty significant so we just want to reiterate that policy.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I would like to make a motion that an employee leaving Vanderburgh County department after written notice is submitted shall be given their buyout in full the next payroll following their last pay period.

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: Motion carries.

**(Motion was unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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**SUPERIOR COURT (TWO)  
CLERK  
ASSESSOR  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**AREA PLAN  
VETERANS SERVICES  
THE CENTRE  
BURDETTE PARK**

President Shetler: Alright next, amendments to the Salary Ordinance. You have all been submitted the amendments to the Salary Ordinance and I would ask that

somebody make a motion to put this as part of the record.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve the Salary Ordinance amendments as part of the record.

President Shetler: Alright, we have a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: 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: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>
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President Shetler: Okay, anybody have a comment to make before the County Council? Any Councilmembers wish to bring up anything?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: We do have a Salary Administration or a Job Study, sorry I'm still on City Council, Job Study meeting directly following this meeting. Thank you.

President Shetler: I will bring up one more time the dates, August 6th was today and we had our meeting. August 19th and 20th, budget hearings. On the 20th late in the afternoon at 3:30 is the joint city/county budget hearing dealing with our combined departments. August 27th, Personnel & Finance and that is at 8:30 in the morning. September 3rd, 8:30 in the morning, the County Council meeting and we will have Solid Waste and Airport budgets. September 10th, budget hearing at 9:00 and at 10:00 we have the civil taxing units, that would be the Trustees that we will deal with. September 24th 8:30, Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting, at 9:00 the final budget hearing and at 9:45 the civil taxing units non and binding resolutions. Everybody should have that. A motion would be order for adjournment.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: Alright, we have a motion. We will see everybody here on August 19th at 9:00.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 19, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014 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. Welcome to the first session of the budget hearings. This first thing I would like to do is call the roll and then we'll do the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Bassemier and then we'll do the invocation by Stephanie Terry.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey		<b>X*</b>
Councilmember Goebel		<b>X*</b>
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

\*Arrived after roll called

President Shetler: There being five members present, two absent, we have a quorum and I would like to ask Councilman Bassemier to lead us in the Pledge and then following, Councilman Terry.

**(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

Councilmember Terry: May we bow. Father God, we thank you for another day of life, health and strength. Father, we just ask that you come into the midst of this Council meeting, God, that you will guide our minds and our hearts so that we can make wise decisions for Vanderburgh County. God, we have a difficult task ahead, but you know the importance of our work and what we do, so we just ask that you bless it right now in the name of Jesus. God, we love you for all things and continue to watch over our community, God, that we will have a place that is safe, and that families will be able to prosper, and that all people we will be created and treated equally. God, we thank you for all things. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. First, I guess I want to just get reminded again that from our County Auditor, Joe Gries, that if there is new money that has been found and he shook his head no, so he indicated this could be a very quick meeting. It could take a long, long time here, but anyway we are kind of in the same boat that we've been in for the last several years. Income, our COIT tax, I think you're going to start seeing revenues increase slightly on that as time goes on. So right now we just aren't seeing quite the fruits of it, but it is around the corner. I guess there is some hope on the horizon here. James, any comments?

Councilmember Raben: Well, yeah, quite a few, but I'll save most of them as we go through the course of the next few days. Things are, while they may be slightly better, they still are not great. Looking at the budget and reviewing with Joe what his numbers are we need to come in about where we were at last year. You know,



based on current revenue projections we have a possibility or an opportunity each year to fine tune that later on in the year, but as it is today we're going to have to hunker down, spend wisely for the balance of this year and we're going to have to look at making the appropriate cuts for this budget for next year with hopes of bringing it in somewhere at 2014 figures. So with that being said, we'll move on and begin the meeting.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COUNTY TREASURER/GENERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX</b></p>
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Councilmember Raben: First on the agenda is Treasurer, page 8.

President Shetler: I might interrupt real quickly, just let the record indicate that Councilmember Koehler Lindsey is present with us as well. County Treasurer then.

Susan Kirk: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning.

Susan Kirk: Nobody have any questions? My budget is good and I go sit back down? I will say this, I will be generating more revenue for the county. We have...I have given them...well, we're going about a year and a half now, for TrustIndiana, which is a good place, you know, to invest money safety wise and everything, but the interest that is being generated is really bad. I even talked to Richard Mourdock and we're going to be moving probably around \$20 million out of TrustIndiana and we'll probably divide it up between German American and Old National. And we will be probably bringing in another \$30,000 a year of interest, so that should help a little bit, like pay somebody's salary. But I will be doing that probably in September, transferring some of that out. We will keep \$4 million up there, but so far German American and Old National have kept our money safe so I feel pretty comfortable with that. I'm going to meet with Joe and go over some of it and make sure that we both agree on that before I do it.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Also, Councilman Goebel has joined us as well. Do you have any, for lack of a better word here, I guess, call it perpetual funds? Any kind of service based accounts? Any income that comes in from any other sources?

Susan Kirk: No, we are one of the few offices that don't have any. We do not have any little, you know, thing we can play with. Nothing. We have nothing. Now on my budget, if you noticed, I have on there Contractual Services that are different, okay? I have Jeff Kemper here from Masters Touch. He is also a County Councilman in Tippecanoe County. By printing the bills through Masters Touch, now just start...we'll go back, because I know that, Mr. Shetler, you asked about the different price, how much it costs to print the tax bills. The old, old way was like \$76,000. Then Rick Davis, the former Treasurer, great idea starting printing in-house and, yes, we saved money. It went down about \$56,000. But now we have even a cheaper way to print, plus with technology we will be able, well, Masters Touch will be able to email tax bills and it's only 12 cents rather than the postage, the paper, all this kind of stuff. So that's the change that I have in my budget is that we move to Masters Touch which we will save, let's see, the way that we're doing it now costs right at \$56,000 and we go to Masters Touch and it is going to be like

\$47,000. So we will save coming right out of the gate. But as we move forward we will be saving a lot more just by emailing the bills. I talked to several Treasurers just to confirm. I have looked into this now for about a year. Just like Pat Brooks up in Warrick County. They did it. They are absolutely thrilled. She said even without any advertising or anything about the ebills they got like 800 right away before they even advertised. So and of course Warrick, obviously, isn't as big as us, but this is a technology age and if we want to move forward, save money, we need to do this. If you want to do it the old way it's going to end up costing us more as we go because of the equipment and things like that. So we can save money and I've got, like I said, if you have any questions, detailed questions or whatever, Mr. Kemper is here. Come on up, Jeff Kemper. If you have any questions he can certainly address them.

Councilmember Bassemier: What if you don't have a computer?

Susan Kirk: It's your choice. You have to sign up for it. It isn't a matter of we're going to email all the bills. What you do when you start out, it will be printed on the envelope and on our tax bill, so we won't be able to obviously, the first year do it because we'll have it on there and if people want to have their bills emailed to them they sign up for it through the Masters Touch and they take care of that. We're going to send out the bills, paper, just like we do before, but if we use the Masters Touch that's going to be on there and I mean that's what people do now. You know, it amazes me that they pay online and pay those extra fees and stuff when they could just drive down. Whatever. Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: When they do pay online will there be a fee, an additional fee, for paying online?

Susan Kirk: Okay, so whenever you pay online the taxpayer does pay a fee, but they pay that to whatever company they are using to go through to pay it. Whatever their credit card company is. They pay a fee for that. We don't have anything to do with that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we don't know what the percentage of that is? I mean, does it add additional on to your bill right there at the bottom line when you pay it?

Susan Kirk: For those people that pay online, of which they do now, they get a paper bill and they will call and do that. Yes, they pay a service charge, the taxpayer does. We don't, I mean, it shows when we get the bills because I'm the one that enters everybody that pays. That's my job during tax time, and it does show how much they paid to do that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Sure. Okay, that makes sense. And then one other, and you may have said this and I may have missed it, but with the increase in Contractual Service I notice there is a decrease in printing. Are there other places where we are making up that increase in Contractual Services?

Susan Kirk: No, the printing was the biggest thing. Now, I left \$2,000 in printing because I'm not sure, you know, to cut that much just as a buffer. We'll see how that goes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Susan Kirk: But, no, you're going to be, you're already saving with the Contractual. Like I said, we've gone from like \$56,000, we will be going down to \$47,000. The old—

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, where does that \$56,000 show up now?

Susan Kirk: Well, it doesn't. Well, it shows up...well, it doesn't show up on this because I didn't put it on there. It would show up under Printing.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Susan Kirk: That's what I took that out of. It's out of Printing.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thanks.

President Shetler: Okay, Stephanie.

Councilmember Terry: Susie, I have a question. I know the past Treasurer, if I am recalling this right, he purchased quite a bit of equipment to print in-house. How will that equipment be used now if we go to this new system?

Susan Kirk: Well, that is up to you. If you want me to look into that because I don't know if there are any other offices that want it. I can call Southern Business and ask them, you know, would you consider buying it back or we can try to sell it to somebody. I know I can't try to sell it to somebody. I guess that has to be...can I do that?

Councilmember Raben: Would we still not need, I mean, again, what's the percentage that we anticipate will pay by email? I mean, we will still need to print tax bills.

Susan Kirk: We will print the tax bills like for next year, okay. Then if you sign up to go on email we are not sending you a tax bill. You're getting an email. That costs 12 cents instead of the postage which whatever—

Councilmember Raben: I understand that, but for the others that elect not to pay by email we'll still have to print them.

Susan Kirk: They will still get the bill, yes.

Councilmember Raben: So we would still not use—

Susan Kirk: We are not cutting anybody out.

Councilmember Raben: Would we still not use the same equipment that we are referencing?

Susan Kirk: No, because if we don't...we can't use our printing equipment. We can't do emails, okay? They would have to do that in their program so that they know which bills to print say like the year after. Say we have 2,000 people sign up for email, okay? So the next year those 2,000 will receive their bills by email and the other people will go ahead and receive their bills by mail. We can't do that in-house.

Councilmember Raben: So his company would do the printing?

Susan Kirk: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: And what is the fee on that?

Susan Kirk: That's included.

Councilmember Raben: That's in the \$47,000?

Susan Kirk: In the \$47,000.

Councilmember Raben: Along with it.

Susan Kirk: That's everything. That's paper, postage. Even the postage...of course, postage is going to go up we can't help that, but they do all of that. They pretty well take care of it, but it's going to be cheaper for us so it's up to you if you want save a little money or not.

President Shetler: Go ahead, Mike.

Councilmember Goebel: As Councilman Raben asked, what percentage of people opt to go email because I know with something like your taxes people like to have that hard copy in hand when comes time to do the end of the year taxes?

Susan Kirk: And that's fine. All you have to do is just print it off your computer.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that, but I think a lot of people would opt not to do that. I don't know, that's why I am asking how many people actually go email?

Susan Kirk: Alright, if you receive a bill by email if you want to print your bill off you can and you have a paper copy of it.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that. Some people still will opt to go snail mail or through the US Postal Office.

Susan Kirk: They can do that.

Councilmember Goebel: How many...I am asking the counties, I know they can do that. That's not the question. The question is in the counties that have your service how many people are actually signing up for email?

Jeff Kemper: Typically the response for emails might be only one percent of the property tax statements, but what we've seen in the counties where we have been doing this consistently that jumps to what our folks would say almost exponentially. Understand people are resistant to change, but as Susan said, this seems to be the world of doing many things online. What we see typically is a one to two percent the first year and once the word spreads whether or not that county advertises the ebilling that makes a substantial difference. Susan referred to your neighboring county, Warrick. They've got about 40,000 parcels. Their Treasurer, Pat Brooks, without even advertising got a two percent, over a two percent return the first year, which I will say she added 891 which is over two percent. She was very pleased. She is so enthused about it that next year she is going to have a little logo put on

the envelope encouraging more of those that are going the print route to consider email. But there is no...to this gentleman's question, there is nothing that says you need to go ebilling. Some people like myself would always say I want something in the mail.

Councilmember Goebel: I think most people understand that. The question is how much savings we're going to have by giving the email service if only one percent of the people actually take advantage.

Jeff Kemper: Well, but the point being with a little bit of advertising we see those in counties that have worked in twenty counties already in Indiana, and the ones that have had it for two or three years and seeing one percent jump to three, jump to five, jump to ten. Now, will there ever be 50 percent, I would doubt it, but I think, and as Susan said, the difference between 12 cents and about 50 cents before postage goes up that will amount to a significant difference.

Susan Kirk: And this is cheaper to use Masters Touch than what we are doing now even if you don't consider the ebills.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, the ebills make sense, especially in today's age, but if people are not taking advantage of what we are coming here to sell, but if it's only 12 cents and if it is one percent of the population, that doesn't seem to me to be a great deal of savings.

Susan Kirk: Well, to me if you can save money, it may not be a great deal now, but the whole idea, if I get it correctly, is to save money. So if we can save two or three thousand dollars why wouldn't we even go for that? Like I said, we're already gonna save just by going with Masters Touch. Don't even think about the email bills. We're already gonna save. Then you're gonna save more as you go along, but it is your decision. As your prayer said, I hope that God guides you in the right direction and makes the right decision.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, is there, I mean this is a contract, I guess, that would need to be signed for 2015. How long is this contract good for and does it vary by the percentage of folks going to email? I mean, if it goes from one to three, do we pay a higher fee?

Susan Kirk: Well, if you go to email obviously as you go the postage would go down and the paper would go down.

Councilmember Raben: This is in regards to a contract.

Jeff Kemper: Ours is a one year contract renewable each year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and is there any stipulations for how much the contract can or would escalate into 2016 and beyond? What are we looking at? Let's get past 2015. If we decide to do this what is the contract going to look like three years from now?

Jeff Kemper: My answer to that would be we're dependent, like you are, on costs on increased postage, increased paper costs. We have had, I think, since the last three or four years a very slight if any increase on print cost. But as I think our proposal says the rate is locked in for paper and envelopes is usually only good for

90 days, so I can't say that it won't increase, but I think we would be competitive. We've shown in our 20 counties in Indiana compared to the other counties or the other companies that are doing this we have been very competitive. So, again, we can't guarantee, I don't even believe we have the ability to offer a three year contract. Our company is set up to do one year renewable at your option each year.

Susan Kirk: And even printing in-house, we pay more each time for paper. We pay more each time. Whatever it is, it's going to be, I don't know of anything that ever goes down.

Councilmember Raben: I understand, I just I don't want a contract that today is for \$47,000 and then in 2016 it's \$89,000.

Susan Kirk: Okay, I'll tell you what. Why don't we keep the equipment for a year.

Councilmember Raben: Well, that is what I was going to suggest.

Susan Kirk: Okay, let's see how it goes and if this doesn't work out to our satisfaction for the next time we'll go back to printing in-house. Otherwise, if it is working we'll go this way, but we'll let the equipment stay there. Okay?

President Shetler: Councilman Koehler Lindsey.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Two questions. I think I heard you say you have 20 counties in Indiana that you currently contract with?

Jeff Kemper: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do you have other states as well?

Jeff Kemper: Yes, we have...we are probably in eight, nine or ten states depending. There is some other marketing going on in some of the western states.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay. And how many years have you been doing this?

Jeff Kemper: Twenty-five years.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Twenty-five years, thank you. Okay, going back to the ebill and the advertising, as we get our tax bills this year is it possible to have that...will there be a notation on the bill itself and then is it possible to go ahead and put that on the envelope because I think that is something that would be a great thing to promote? I know in education we are all about ipads and paperless and all that, so the more we can promote it the better it would be.

Jeff Kemper: Good question and as Susan has on the proposal we provide at no extra charge logo advertising both on the outgoing number ten envelope and the return number nine envelope. That's free of charge.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Great.

Jeff Kemper: We also suggest, there is a slight cost of like a penny and a half, to do an advertising insert. What our folks who do the numbers have determined that when that insert is put in it probably runs those numbers three to four times in terms of people signing up, so advertising is key. Of course, some of our counties actually have a notice in the Treasurer's office to ask us about enotice. That seems to be very effective also.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so will those free advertising things be included automatically?

Jeff Kemper: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, do we need to ask for them because I think we need that?

Jeff Kemper: Yeah, they would be included automatically unless you decide to move forward with the print mail, but choose not to do the electronic, which very few counties do that because of the opportunity.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Jeff Kemper: There is, again, no extra cost, there is just a slight setup fee.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Jeff Kemper: For enoticing, but to do both, Susan and I have talked about this a few times, if you're going to make this move, now is probably the time to do it.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Right, so there is a set up fee for the ebilling, then is there like an annual fee that we pay for that?

Jeff Kemper: There is an upload fee each year of \$250 which clearly once you hit 500 or 600 people signing up that offsets the difference between that 12 cents and the about 50 cents.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Well, and I can just make this comment, that I have a business on the side and in our business we find that when we have our website and our customers can order online that our business goes up exponentially so we always encourage ladies that do the business I do, which is cosmetics, by the way. I don't want you all to get the wrong idea of ladies doing business, but we find that there are really good results with having that e component of being able to do things online.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I think we probably need to move on. We're into our first budget.

President Shetler: It is, but I do have one question and that is I guess I am failing to see some of the savings here because the budget is actually going up \$35,000 when you take the difference between the print and the extra costs in Contractual Services.

Susan Kirk: That's the salaries and stuff like that. That is not out of the Printing and stuff.

President Shetler: No, if you just take the Printing line item there is a cut, a reduction, of \$13,000 and you take the Contractual Services which is an increase of \$47,000 you just take those two line items alone and swap them you're talking about \$34,800 difference of increased cost in the budget.

Susan Kirk: I wish I would have brought my old one in here. Like I said, I hope you all make the right decision. Thank you.

President Shetler: Well, I do have a question. I mean.

Susan Kirk: Oh, I'm sorry I thought that was your last question.

President Shetler: I mean, that is my question, so where is the savings?

Susan Kirk: I don't have my...I didn't bring last years. I'm telling you that the savings, now, grant you, the \$2,000 in the Printing line item I don't know if we would use all of that or not. I'm not too sure. I've got that there because just in case I figured we better have it.

President Shetler: Yeah, but I mean I'm not talking the \$2,000 I'm talking about the \$35,000.

Susan Kirk: You're going to save money. Give us a chance we are going to be able to save some money.

President Shetler: I mean--

Susan Kirk: That's the difference.

President Shetler: I mean, am I missing--

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: It shows, if I may interrupt, it shows that in the budget for 2014 we had \$15,000 in Printing and now it is showing \$47,800 so I guess we are just looking for where that \$56,000 cost was listed in previous years' budgets.

Susan Kirk: If I can go back and sit down and look at my stuff I can get back with you. I can send you all an email so that you feel more comfortable with it. Okay?

President Shetler: There should be a book up there and you can look on page 9, budget book.

Susan Kirk: Sorry. So you're just looking at the Contractual Services and Printing, is that all you're looking at?

President Shetler: Everything else is pretty much in line. I think that those were the only two that I noticed that were dramatically different from the past. There may have been a few dollars here and there, but those are the significant ones. So I see an increase in the budget of \$34,800 and my question is, if this is saving us money why is it increasing?



Susan Kirk: I don't know. Let me go back and sit down. Let me email you with the difference because it is, I know, it's cheaper. Let me email you with the differences, okay?

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Susan Kirk: Don't want to take everybody's time and sit here and go through all this stuff. Okay?

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, if in fact this contract goes into effect can we have a guarantee with the contract that as Councilmember Koehler Lindsey mentioned that there will be an advertisement for next year so people can get the bug in their ear a little bit about the email service? Can you put that on this fall?

Susan Kirk: Well, and you can make that decision. To me I think if we can just start off with the free kind of advertisement basically on the envelopes and see what we get.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, she asked about this fall doing that? I think this company if he receives it should provide that.

Susan Kirk: Well, we don't send out bills in the fall. You get one bill a year.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Susan Kirk: So that would be next year. You get one bill with your two statements.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: This is all for next year. The fall is already taken care of this year, right?

Susan Kirk: Yeah, when you get your tax statement in the spring--

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Susan Kirk: --you have your spring and your fall installment. We don't send them back out again, so it would go out in the spring and let's just try, if you decide to do this, let's just try to see what happens on the envelopes. I'll contact the news media and let them kind of, you know, do some of that and we'll go from there. I will email you the difference in the costs, so that I won't take up any more of your time.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, great. Thank you. We'll move on. There is the training budget which is 136 and the COIT budget which is 153, but those each are pretty self explanatory.

<b>CORONER</b>
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Councilmember Raben: We'll move on to the Coroner, page 24.

Annie Groves: Annie Groves, Vanderburgh County Coroner.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning, Annie.

Annie Groves: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: As we look through this, Annie, there are a few items are actually, there is probably five or six line items, that are increased. Understandably, I mean, I think year after year with this budget you generally ask for more, but it just falls victim of budget cuts.

Annie Groves: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So like Garage & Motor looks like it has gone up \$300. Supply line about \$1,300. You know, as we go through these, Annie, you know it would be very helpful, like on Supplies, you know, understandably a lot of these lines will get probably adjusted back. Is there any of them that really just stand out?

Annie Groves: Well, unfortunately the building is 23 years old. All of our vehicles are six years or older so everything is starting to need repairs. You know, we have to have the air conditioning worked on all the time because it is so old.

Councilmember Bassemier: Annie, on Autopsies, has that bill gone up because the person who is doing the autopsies, has his fee increased?

Annie Groves: Well, what we did last year was when we entered into a new contract for any homicide we pay double and then that way he doesn't charge the Prosecutor's office or the Defense Attorney's office for his testimony. It's all built in that cost. So all the cost comes out of our, unfortunately our money, but it is a big savings to the Prosecutor and the defense attorneys by no charge from him because he would charge \$150 an hour.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

President Shetler: Do the defense attorneys accept our work or do they want to go back?

Annie Groves: Depends on the case. So far they've accepted it.

President Shetler: Good luck on that one.

Annie Groves: Yeah, really.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, are there any questions on this budget? None. Okay, Annie, thank you.

<b>WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES</b>
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Councilmember Raben: We'll move on to Weights & Measures page 20...or 42, I'm sorry.

Loretta Townsend: Loretta Townsend, Weights & Measures.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, this budget looks as if it is basically flat from last year. Personal Services is up just slightly.

Loretta Townsend: Okay, what are we calling Personal Services?

Councilmember Raben: Salary lines.

Loretta Townsend: We're not getting a raise.

Councilmember Raben: There might be a step increase in there or something. Any questions on this budget?

President Shetler: Can you give me a rough idea of how much area you service county versus city?

Loretta Townsend: Oh, well most of our, the first thing everybody thinks of, like we do, too, is the gas stations. Most of those are within the city limits, but the city sits within the county. It's just hard to say, you know, Tom. The stations that we have out in the county are mostly larger than the ones that we've got on the corners here in town, so it's just, most of the stuff is in the city. I mean, pretty much. Except when Walmart goes out there then we are going to get some more scales, like more than 50 scales and then we're going to get some more gas pumps.

President Shetler: What is our split on this department again?

Loretta Townsend: Forty-five/fifty-five.

President Shetler: Okay, and that's kind of the question.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah.

President Shetler: I mean, I know that we are all in the county, I understand that, but as far as being fiscally responsible of dividing that money since we are on a much tighter budget than what the city is just wondering how that does break out as far as servicing strictly county versus strictly the urban areas.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, we want to know how come we can't, since we're 45 percent city, why we can't get 45 percent of that two percent raise they are going to get.

President Shetler: Is there any...you could probably look down your sheets because you do a very good job of detailing all the stops that you guys make and what you do and all that stuff in the reports that you give us weekly or monthly, whatever it is.

Loretta Townsend: Monthly and annual.

President Shetler: It seems, I guess, that I'm getting older. Monthly is becoming weekly, but anyway since you do such a detail is it possible that you might be able to get, you know, just thumb through those for the past year and try to get some kind of a time study that you maybe spent, you know, 60 or 70 percent of your time in the city area and so much time in the county area? That you could break that out a little bit for us. You're coming before tomorrow afternoon anyway, I believe, correct?

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, yeah.

President Shetler: So you could just...I don't know if you could thumb through it and just give me an approximation.

Loretta Townsend: Okay, yeah. And if that's not what you want, then you can ask me again and we'll do it again. We'll come up with something for you.

President Shetler: Right, okay thank you.

Loretta Townsend: Now there are a couple of things though because I know I've been told before if we cut everyone else we need to cut you too. Now that don't sound good to us, but that's okay. There are some of them on here that we cannot have cut at all. First of all, our vehicles...we have one, our gas vehicle, that we take to the gas pumps and everything like that that's over 20 years old, the truck. We've got only one of those. We've got another one that is in the, let's see, 1994 or 1995, we keep our weights in. The car that we were given from out at the security at the airport we were out almost \$1,000 in repairs and it needs four new tires right now put on it. So we can't afford to have our Maintenance & Repair cut at one penny because we are down to like two hundred and some odd dollars to go the rest of the year for all three vehicles. It shows on there, on our Travel, we asked for a whole \$350, whoopee, for a whole year. That's usually just to take our equipment up to Indianapolis. We couldn't take it this last year on account of their lab flooded, so nobody could go to the lab, so we still have to have that in there although we spent none of it. So if you're gonna start digging and taking away look at it pretty closely. Just because it doesn't look like we spent much that don't mean anything, because we spent a lot since this has come out.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Loretta, did you say you only have \$200 left in Maintenance & Repair for this year?

Loretta Townsend: Uh, we've got exactly \$265.18.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Is that going to get you to the end of the year? Knowing you, you'll make it last and we appreciate that, okay?

President Shetler: Sounds like those guys at the airport sold you a lemon.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, no.

Loretta Townsend: You were the one that told them to give it to us.

Councilmember Bassemier: We wish we had it back really.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, we get it fixed it up they want it back. It don't work like that.

President Shetler: Okay, Pete.

Loretta Townsend: You ought to know by now every car that we get given to us, whether it's from the Police Department, from the airport, whether it is from the County Highway Garage, it's no good or they're not giving it up. We do the same thing. We gave them that one car out to Burdette Park and it quit out there on the parking lot. I mean, we're not going to ever give up anything that is any good. We're all going to just hoard it, so I knew better, but now we've got it fixed and you ain't getting it.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, well we have one—

Councilmember Bassemier: That's not too bad. Is it just four new tires?

Loretta Townsend: Now if we can just find some place to find a good set of cheap tires we would be okay.

President Shetler: Loretta, I just wanted to say thanks for keeping the numbers flat.

Loretta Townsend: Well, I've gotta pay taxes too, you know.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well we will move on. Thank you, Loretta, and we will see you tomorrow.

Loretta Townsend: Yep.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SURVEYOR MAP CORNER PERPETUATION ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING</b></p>
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Councilmember Raben: Surveyor, page 22.

Jeff Mueller: Good morning, Jeff Mueller, County Surveyor. I did give you a two page handout maybe that will help explain a little bit better what I have got going this year. As you're aware, we have four accounts. One of them is a Map fund that is very small and the other is the Elected Officials Training Fund that doesn't come out of the General Fund. So really what I was wanting to do is talk to you about the two which is the Surveyor's General Fund and the Corner Perpetuation Fund. The first, and I have this summary, is that on the Surveyor's General Fund is last year I know things were tight and some of our monies were moved out of the General Fund and came from the Corner Perpetuation Fund. I request that \$5,500 of those dollars move back into the General Fund. Even with moving that money back in the General Fund I am asking for less money for next year than I got this year. The sheet you can see 2013 our budget was \$442,851 and 2014 \$393,938 and 2015 even with the addition of \$5,500 would be \$392,929. Okay? So if the goal was to stay flat on the General Fund, that is what I am doing is staying flat. Actually a few bucks less than flat.

Councilmember Raben: The reason for the move is?

Jeff Mueller: Well, let me talk first about Corner Perpetuation Fund, is that, I think, where you are getting to, Mr. Raben. On the Corner Perpetuation Fund for every deed that is filed in the county we receive \$5. This is state law. It's under IC 36.2.7-10. The Recorder receives some funds, we receive some funds. That fund fluctuates quite a bit. In 2012 we received \$34,105, 2013 \$40,000, 2014 I think are more in line with about \$31,000. We're just not recording as many deeds. I assumed that 2015 we would have these actual same amount of dollars. To give you a feel, 2013 that fund is about 82.9 percent incoming compared to 2013. So it is down. People aren't recording deeds. I'm going to have to ask our County Recorder to go out and have a yard sale or something so that we can get some more deeds recorded and get some more income. But of the income we receive on that Corner Perpetuation Fund essentially \$31,000 of that is what I am going to call fixed expense. That fixed amount is the Special Deputy's salary, one half the salary to the Assistant to the Surveyor, the annual fees for our GIS and AutoCAD. So it's

not like we get a bunch of money in that we just have, you know, we can go out, you know, buy a bunch of different things. Like I said, it's \$31,621. So essentially what I think we're going to take in this year we are going to actually have in fixed expenses. But the money that we get into that we do spend on a lot of things that we don't come to you in the General Fund and ask money for. For example, I know everyone hates to hear the magic words Windows XP, but we had to buy a new computer this year. That computer came out of our funds out of the Perpetuation Fund and not out of the General Fund, okay. Scanners and things like that, those all come out of that money. Why I was wanting to move that money was I need to get some money back in there because I've got some needs that are coming up in the next couple of years and that includes we need to update our GPS equipment. We need a new vehicle. Like everyone else, I've got a 21 year old car that really is going to have to be replaced in the next year or two. We have always bought our vehicles out of our Corner Perpetuation Fund. I won't be giving this car to Loretta. It's not in good enough shape, okay. So what I am trying to do is to get the Corner Perpetuation Fund to cover the fixed costs that we already have and then any additional funds that we can have to try to take care of some of these other needs.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and the balance...you're wanting to move the money because you're afraid the fund is going to overspend?

Jeff Mueller: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: The balance today is approximately how much?

Jeff Mueller: Let's see, the beginning of the year balance was \$45,000. We have spent \$44,000 so far and I think we're going to...I think I've got that number, just a second, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Well, just from that I can tell you're going to be running close to fumes.

Joe Gries: Jim, I have that number if you need it. The current balance as of today is \$32,465. So it's down about \$13,000 from the start of the year.

Councilmember Raben: It's staying about \$65,000 for 2015, roughly is what he is saying. With the balance and what he is going to take in based on his estimate it's—

Jeff Mueller: Yeah, but I'm also going to spend about \$31,000 because of those salaries and things. So like I said, I have fixed expense of about \$31,000 out of that account every year. That's in partial salaries. We have been funding part of our salaries out of that fund.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. What would you suggest that we move like the Data Management back into General Fund?

Jeff Mueller: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: That's roughly, or that is \$6,000.

Jeff Mueller: Well, in the summary of the Surveyor's General Fund if you look at the 2013 like we had Fuel of \$3,000 and then in 2014 it was cut to \$1,500 with the remaining moved into the Corner Perpetuation. I would like to put it back to the \$3,000 again.

Councilmember Raben: Alright then, I understand. I flipped back to the Perpetuation Fund budget, but I didn't pick up on the fact that you had already made that adjustment in your General Fund budget. So my questions are answered.

Jeff Mueller: Okay, alright.

Councilmember Goebel: When you search for an automobile will this have to be a new vehicle?

Jeff Mueller: Not necessarily, no, and it will be, you know, what we need is something like a two wheel drive mini Blazer or Bronco. Something with a little bit of a high wheel base, but not four wheel drive that we can get around on some of the areas that we need to get to. Yeah, it does not have to be new.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move on then. Did you have a question?

Councilmember Swaim: I was just going to ask or tell him thanks for staying flat on the budget numbers.

Jeff Mueller: Okay.

Councilmember Swaim: We appreciate it.

Jeff Mueller: Thank you all for your time.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

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Councilmember Raben: We'll move on to County Clerk, page 1.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning, Debbie Stucki, County Clerk.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any questions on County Clerk?

President Shetler: Yeah, Debbie, how many do you have some perpetual funds?

Debbie Stucki: I do.

President Shetler: And how many do you have that are sitting out there?

Debbie Stucki: We have the Title IV-D Incentive Fund and we have the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund.

President Shetler: Okay, and how much do those generate. How much is the balances maybe at the beginning of the year and how much do they generate? I think Joe would have that.

Debbie Stucki: Yeah, he would have the current balance.

Joe Gries: The Clerk's Record Perpetuation Fund started the year with \$579,914 and the current balance as of today is \$581,478. The Clerk IV-D Incentive Fund, I will have to get back to you on that. I don't-

Debbie Stucki: I think it is right at \$700,000.

President Shetler: \$70,000?

Debbie Stucki: \$700,000.

President Shetler: And do you know how much revenue those generate roughly a year?

Debbie Stucki: The Clerk's Perpetuation we figured about \$110,000 a year.

President Shetler: Okay.

Debbie Stucki: I think last year \$250,000 on the-

President Shetler: IV-D?

Debbie Stucki: --IV-D. We have a company that helps us, Maximus, that we hire that helps us collect all the money that we're entitled to and they report that to the state.

President Shetler: Okay. I know that you're proposing, because we talked about this earlier, is to utilize more of the Clerk's Perpetuation, that \$110,000, for the storage of the files and trying to get those somewhat shrunk down by digitizing those.

Debbie Stucki: Right, working on storage and as far as salaries, I was talking to the gentleman from Maximus yesterday and the Title IV-D has very strict rules and regulations on how we use that money, but they did say that it was okay, we could, I have four people in the Child Support Department, four employees, and Title IV-D money could pay half of those four salaries, and I can give you those line items.

President Shetler: Okay, and out of that, currently all of that is going through the General Fund, so this would be-

Debbie Stucki: Right, currently.

President Shetler: So basically two full-time positions would be taken out of the IV-D?

Debbie Stucki: Correct.



Councilmember Raben: As far as the Perpetuation Fund one thing that I will recommend when we do our budget cuts is to move like Supplies that are in the General Fund budget and Record Storage that is in the COIT budget out and pay those out of the Perpetuation Fund.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Madam Clerk, what are the line items on those four employees?

Debbie Stucki: 10111...do you want the 1140 or do you like the 14? Last four, okay. 1140, sorry, 1240, 1390 and 1490.

President Shetler: Those are going to be back on 68.

Debbie Stucki: So that would be a savings of \$64,243. I believe most of the other line items were step increases.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Have you already made that move or are you requesting to do that?

Debbie Stucki: For 2015, for next year.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: For next year you've already got that in there to show to pay half of those? Thank you.

Debbie Stucki: I just talked to him yesterday. We're trying to figure out more ways we can use that money that is sitting out there.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Where do those funds come from, just out of curiosity on the IV-D and the Perpetuation Fund?

Debbie Stucki: They are Title IV-D, they are child support cases.

Joe Gries: That money actually is revenue that is received from the federal government through the state.

Debbie Stucki: Reimbursement.

Joe Gries: Because we handle those cases. Those are considered...the federal government considers that to be a local cost that they reimburse us for.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, what about the Perpetuation Fund, where are those dollars generated from?

Debbie Stucki: The Clerk's Perpetuation?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Debbie Stucki: That's each case filing. Actually, we're going to lose \$2 from that record keeping fee that goes towards to the balance of our Records Storage. We are going on Odyssey which is a state funded case management system in September. In the past that \$2 on the record storage fee has gone to our office to help maintain our computers. Well, since we're going on Odyssey that \$2 is going to go to the state. We're going to lose about 40 percent of that Clerk's Perpetuation

money coming in. In July we took in \$9,800 for Perpetuation, that \$2 fee, and Odyssey would have gotten \$4,000 of that money. So going here forward we are going to be getting less money in that Perpetuation Fund.

Jeff Ahlers: Ms. Stucki, do you happen to have, I looked at the Perpetuation Fund statute. Do you happen to have, or I could call you later today, the empowering statute for the IV-D that sets forth the appropriate uses of that? If not I can look it up, but if you had that handy.

Debbie Stucki: I do not have that with me.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I knew you said that somebody had referred to you as to what the statute or what those funds could be used for and I just wanted to take a look at that.

Debbie Stucki: I just relied on the representative from the company yesterday as we were talking about that, but I don't have the IC code, but I can get that for you.

Jeff Ahlers: That would be great. Just email it or give me a call this afternoon or I can call you. Thank you.

Debbie Stucki: For the IV-D, correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, the IV-D Fund that you were looking at. I have already looked at the statute for the Perpetuation Fund, but I just wanted to make sure to look at the language.

Debbie Stucki: Sure.

Jeff Ahlers: Thank you.

Debbie Stucki: My understanding is pretty much it has to do...it can only be used for something to enhance or improve that system.

President Shetler: Mike.

Councilmember Goebel: Debbie, you gave us four salary line items. I'm sorry, but I'm trouble finding those anywhere. Please.

Debbie Stucki: To repeat those again?

Councilmember Terry: In our book--

Councilmember Goebel: What page?

Councilmember Terry: In our book, it's page 2. The numbers she gave were the Salary Ordinance numbers, so the actual numbers, the last four are 1114--

Debbie Stucki: 1140.

Councilmember Terry: I--

Debbie Stucki: Oh, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Terry: Our numbers are different.

Debbie Stucki: Oh, yours are different? Okay.

Councilmember Terry: 1114, 1124, 1139 and 1153.

Councilmember Goebel: 1139?

Councilmember Terry: 1139.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Debbie, when you gave those numbers while ago, was it \$68,000 or something?

Debbie Stucki: \$64,243.

President Shetler: \$64,000, that didn't include any perks on there?

Debbie Stucki: No, that's next year what they were budgeted.

President Shetler: I mean, is it possible to add on their health insurance, at least half of their health insurance and some other things that we pay for as well?

Joe Gries: The other items, Debbie, would be FICA and PERF and that may be another question for Maximus.

Debbie Stucki: For Maximus.

Joe Gries: And the health insurance as well, yes.

Debbie Stucki: Okay, I can ask.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question. Debbie, on those four positions that we're talking about I noticed that one of them that is numbered 1139 in our book is Juvenile Clerk. You have another Juvenile Clerk so that other Juvenile Clerk does not deal with IV-D is that why we can't use any funds for that one?

Debbie Stucki: Right. That clerk actually works down in Judge Niemeier's office and has different duties.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so those two are different. The others had child support behind them so I was just making sure that we were getting everyone we can.

Debbie Stucki: Right.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. Chairman, we have talked a number of times about using some of the space on the other side of the wall for storage. I mean, if the Clerk's office could use some of their Perpetuation Funds along with maybe some capital money I still think it's something that we and the Commissioners probably

need to consider at some point down the line. Yeah, there would be some initial investment costs to get it walled and HVAC and flooring and all that, but I think in the long run it would certainly be worth the money.

President Shetler: We are definitely getting to the point where we need to investigate that when we spend \$125,000 a year on records storage and it's climbing.

Debbie Stucki: And actually it was like \$140,000 last year. I know last year our office paid half of that according to the budget, \$60,000 and the county paid \$60,000, but really it was over \$60,000. The problem is those records, like I said before, there are a lot of open records out there and we have to request those for the judges, the prosecutor and now the expungement and we don't generate any revenue from that. The courts have to have those files to run the courts, so we're not making any money off of that traffic going back and forth with the files.

Councilmember Raben: Do we still have an employee on the premises out there?

Debbie Stucki: The warehouse? No, we do not.

Councilmember Raben: So they are retrieving all the records and scanning them and doing all that?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, it wouldn't take long to understand that it may not be a bad deal right where it's at. Frankly, I mean, if we look at hiring additional personnel to do it, I mean, they are maintaining records for a lot of other people other than just Vanderburgh County. We might think we were saving money, but we might find out we're spending twice as much trying to do it in-house. But that is something we do need to look at.

Debbie Stucki: And I have some ideas of how we can save money at the warehouse too sometime if you would like to discuss it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move on. Thank you. We will go to page 32, Election Office.

Debbie Stucki: Oh, I thought I was done.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2015 that will be city election.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: This figure that is requested is this the entire amount that will be split or is this just the county's portion?

President Shetler: It's a city, don't they pay it all?

Joe Gries: The city reimburses the county for the entire election.

President Shetler: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Thinking back to 2013 we did not budget...a few years back we did not budget anything in this line.

Debbie Stucki: Well, 2013 was not an election year.

Councilmember Raben: I thought one year back, not long ago though we—

President Shetler: Because it was a wash—

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Shetler: --and I think it was just a matter of the way we accounted for it.

Joe Gries: The problem there is you can't spend it if it's not in the budget. I mean, you get reimbursed from the city, but if it is not in our budget we can't do payroll, we can't process the claims. The 2013 was not an election year.

Jeff Ahlers: Sandie indicated that in the past, what we have done is budgeted for half of it, to Mr. Gries' point that you—

Joe Gries: That would work.

Jeff Ahlers: --have something in the budget then by the time we start paying bills and bill the city and then get reimbursed you'll get all of it, or however else you want to do it, but she says that is how it has been done in the past.

Councilmember Raben: I would recommend we do it probably that way anyway. This does help us get below the freeze, whatever we do here. So we will plan on doing something along those lines, taking it back to half or somewhere about. Any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: I have one question, for the city elections only, and that's a small number, what is the amount total that we spend every four years, or I guess an every two year cycle? Is it \$280,000 or is it more than that?

Debbie Stucki: It differs from what I have looked at in the past in the budget.

Councilmember Goebel: It's not...I mean, it is our concern, but it doesn't come out of our budget in the end, but it seems like a pretty large amount of funds going for an off year election or a small election just for the city.

Debbie Stucki: And I was going by comparing to the past, the 2011 city election figures. They are less than, like the presidential election years.

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, those are much larger and more offices too.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: I mean, how many offices really run in the city?

President Shetler: Ten or eleven. Eleven.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: The city is the mayor, the clerk and your nine city councilmembers.

President Shetler: So it's eleven.

Councilmember Goebel: And that costs us around \$380,000? Am I reading that correctly?

President Shetler: That is correct. \$30,000 for each one of those positions.

Councilmember Goebel: We should maybe change the terms in office to make it on even years like the rest. That's a lot of money.

Debbie Stucki: There is talk amongst the clerks that the legislature may look at just having elections every two years and joining city elections with the off year county election.

Councilmember Goebel: On the even number years that would be, it seems to me, a frugal way to handle this because most of us pay city taxes as well. Thank you.

President Shetler: You know, I'm looking down through it though a little bit I don't recall, Susie is here and she'll remember, but when we started going to the voting centers, I think it was just a couple years ago, but I don't think we had the last city election.

Debbie Stucki: It was 2011, in the fall they started the vote centers.

President Shetler: So we did do that in the city election?

Debbie Stucki: For half, for the general election they did, not for the primary.

President Shetler: So I didn't know if we would be able to, you know, save somewhat on, you know, the fewer places and all that. That's what I guess generally runs up the cost more than anything. Maybe we need to look real hard at the amount of voting centers we do have and see if that, you know, if that is what we really need to have that number out there. You know, how well they were used and not used. I guess we could just look at the different vote totals.

Debbie Stucki: Okay. I know per statute you have to have so many, but I can look and see what that number is and how many people voted at the centers.

Councilmember Goebel: And how many people voted all together?

President Shetler: I think it was less than 30,000 wasn't it? Twenty-five, 27 or something like that. That's \$10 a vote. Wow.

(Inaudible comments made away from the mic)

President Shetler: And does that go on the last election voters or registered voters?

(Inaudible comments made away from the mic)

President Shetler: Yeah, because then by the math on that, I mean, roughly, there is 110,000 registered voters and that might be county wide as opposed to city wide, so that would be 11 vote centers and what do we have? Twenty-ish?

Debbie Stucki: Twenty-two.

President Shetler: Twenty-two. So we can certainly look at those numbers and then I'm not recommending that we cut it back to 11 per se, but we might want to look real hard if there are some that are really trailing and the numbers there.

Debbie Stucki: Low numbers, there are a couple.

(Inaudible comments made away from the mic)

President Shetler: Yeah, right.

Susan Kirk: As long as I am here, it was postage, that's why. In my budget, the Treasurer's budget, because the postage normally comes of the Commissioners budget and this is all in mine, so that is why it's more because instead of the Commissioners paying the postage for the tax bills it would now be in the Treasurer's budget.

President Shetler: That's a good answer.

Susan Kirk: We're still saving money.

President Shetler: So there is \$35,000 less in the Commissioners' budget for postage? Alright, thank you.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you, Susie.

Councilmember Raben: There is actually...I don't think it is less. I looked at the Commissioners' postage and forgot to raise a question earlier, but that adjustment, I don't think it's—

President Shetler: Right.

Councilmember Raben: If I recall I think their postage is \$400,000, is that right?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And it should be \$35,000 less? Is that what we just said?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah. Okay, no other questions we'll move on. Thank you.

Debbie Stucki: I just wanted to point out if I could in the Clerk IV-D, the 1390 account, that \$25,000 that I cut there will be paid by the IV-D Incentive money as well. We're trying to use that as we can and are allowed to use.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, great.

Debbie Stucki: And then I would just like to say I hope we can all save enough to give the employees a raise this year. I know our employees work very hard. We

cut two employees last year from our staff and I think they deserve a raise if we can find that money for them. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I think most everyone here would concur that we are going to try to do our best to do what we can in regards to some sort of raise.

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Councilmember Raben: Okay, we will move on to page 11, Sheriff. Good morning.

Dave Wedding: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Because yours is multiple pages let us give everybody time just to page through and find our questions. I'll call attention to just a few items. Motor Vehicles we will end up pulling that from this budget and putting it in the Commissioners CCD budget. We've done that for the last, God, six or eight, maybe many more years than that.

Dave Wedding: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Some adjustments always get made because this is one of the larger budgets that we have to actually pull something from as needed. But one of the questions that I did have is on Equipment for \$50,000 on page 21. Did you find it?

Dave Wedding: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, okay I'm sorry. Is that for the cars? Is that equipment for the cars?

Dave Wedding: Yes. Yeah it is to put in light bars, sirens.

Councilmember Raben: So that will also be part of the CCD as well.

Dave Wedding: Yes, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Are there any questions?

President Shetler: I guess I do have two. On page 18, the Booking Clerk and the Post Command Receptionist.

Dave Wedding: Yes. Well, we actually have modified our Post Command Receptionist which will save us money in 2015. We have moved some people to the jail and we've closed our Command Post on evenings and weekends. So we hope to save money, especially in overtime money by doing that. But we have moved some staff from the Command Post to the Confinement Center to do our IDAC and NCIC functions.



Councilmember Goebel: If I remember correctly we shifted responsibilities and moved them to the—

Dave Wedding: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: So you eliminated two positions?

Dave Wedding: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: But added to the salary of the ones that remained.

President Shetler: The salaries that are listed in here, do these reflect, if I recall, what three or four years ago there was an attempt to get some parity between the city police officers and the county sheriff's department. We went half way there, if I recall. There was some talk about perhaps looking at doing that again at some point in time. Do these salaries...is that anticipated in this budget at all?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Dave Wedding: No, we did not include the new contract with the Deputy Sheriffs and the County Council.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I guess since you mentioned that I gave everyone a copy of a handout a month or two back. That is still an issue with the bargaining group that, you know, in fact I have met with them a couple of times. I've got commitments to meet with them again, you know, before we end our budget session, but it is still an issue. We'll keep you abreast of how that...what the outcome is, but I think the financial picture was roughly \$300 plus a year. I didn't bring that information inside with me to get them close to where they would need to be to be parallel with the EPD.

Dave Wedding: And I just brought today what we had submitted outside the anticipated contract talk with you and them.

Councilmember Raben: Are there any other questions on the Sheriff's budget? None, okay. You got off easy there. Sheriff COIT is on 154. You'll see that is Fuel and Rent where we have moved that two years ago. This is our second year moving that into COIT. Any questions on that?

Joe Gries: Councilman Raben, I just may add as far as rent is concerned, and Dave might be able to kind of speak to this as well, sorry, Sheriff Wedding, the rent now for the jail includes another department, EMA, which is a joint city/county department and so this amount maybe...I think we would have to talk to Dave Rector, but it could be reduced slightly because the city would then pick up their portion for that.

Dave Wedding: I haven't seen any numbers yet that we have agreed upon.

Joe Gries: I haven't either.

Dave Wedding: But once we see that we can probably make an adjustment.

Joe Gries: Yeah, make that adjustment.

Dave Wedding: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well we'll move on to let's go to Jail, page 50. Kind of got the same situation here with this budget. While we know when we do make cuts that they're not necessarily cuts that we will be able to hold for the year, but to help us meet our efforts to stay below the freeze. This is another budget that you'll see lines adjusted, but knowing that we'll have to fund at a later time. Any questions on this budget?

President Shetler: I do. Where would I find the dental? Is that in the jail?

Councilmember Raben: In the medical.

President Shetler: Is it all underneath medical? The reason why I'm bringing that up is that, you know, through the Health Department we are spending \$50,000 a year to keep the dental clinic in its new form going. I didn't know...I don't know how much we're spending, first of all, I don't recall on that. On the dental. There is a couple of chairs and you have a contractual thing with a dentist coming out there is that correct?

Dave Wedding: Yes.

President Shetler: What do we spend on that a year?

(Inaudible comments made from audience)

Dave Wedding: I'm sorry what did you say?

President Shetler: \$800 a week so \$40,000 a year? So I'm just wondering if there is not a way that we couldn't kind of pair this thing together a little bit here. You know, sit down and talk about this and we might be able to find some savings, you know, in that.

Dave Wedding: I would be more than happy to look into that.

President Shetler: Okay.

Dave Wedding: Some of it is keeping the inmates in-house.

President Shetler: Right.

Dave Wedding: Which is a tremendous savings for us with the manpower moving them from the jail to a dentist appointment and moving them back.

President Shetler: Right. Our facilities there are...I shouldn't say first class, but I mean they're to code and all that stuff, the dental facility.

Dave Wedding: Our dental office within the jail is basically for fillings and pulling teeth. That is what we do mostly.

President Shetler: Right. Yeah, but our facilities that we have there, I mean, they are good facilities?

Dave Wedding: Oh yeah. It's fairly reasonable accommodations.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, well we can get together afterwards and try to discuss that.

Dave Wedding: Sure.

President Shetler: See if there are ways we can—

Councilmember Raben: I would exercise caution on that though because I'm sure you probably have to go with two guys.

Dave Wedding: Generally on a felony you would want to take two deputies and transport them there.

Councilmember Raben: By the time you—

President Shetler: No, I'm not suggesting, my suggestion isn't necessarily that we would...I understand getting them out of that building and taking them somewhere else, but might be something that we can work out differently through Echo's program maybe to have someone to actually come there at some kind of reduced and I don't know if we are utilizing, I always get Medicare and Medicaid mixed up, but if we are utilizing those federal funds for, you know, even the extractions and stuff. There may be some ways there that we can get some reimbursements back on it if we aren't doing it today.

Councilmember Raben: Speaking of medical, I know the former Sheriff Eric Williams had spent a lot of time and work getting the medical costs down and it appears as if it is still working today. You know, I go back six or eight years ago and this \$400,000 number was, you know, much more than this. So I guess that program is still intact and still working well huh?

Dave Wedding: Yeah, I think we're doing a good job of monitoring who we have in jail and what times we maybe ask a judge to release somebody if they are in the hospital for a significant illness or something. So we are always trying to find ways to streamline our costs associated with medical care.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Just point of inquiry about your jail population now?

Dave Wedding: We are a little over 500 inmates.

Councilmember Goebel: Five hundred?

Dave Wedding: Which is a little bit down from the previous year. So we're doing a little better.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: We will move on. I don't think there is anything in Misdemeanor Housing that stands out. Are there any questions on the Misdemeanor Housing budget? We'll move on to Community Corrections, page 77. Are there any questions on Community Corrections? None? Then we will move on. Sheriff thank you.

Dave Wedding: Thank you.

<b>VOTERS REGISTRATION</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Voters Registration, page 34.

Connie Carrier: Good morning. Connie Carrier, Voters Registration.

Anthony Bushrod: Anthony Bushrod, Voters Registration.

Councilmember Raben: Are there any questions on Voters Registration? This one appears to be flat.

President Shetler: We kind of cut these guys to the bone the last few years here.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Shetler: They've lost help. They've lost their space. They have a new house that they are sharing with other people.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well if there are no questions we will move on. Thank you very much.

Connie Carrier: Thank you.

Anthony Bushrod: Thank you.

<b>CIRCUIT COURT CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL PROBATION</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Let's go to, well, we are going to hold Superior Court. We're going to go to—

President Shetler: I think Drug—

Councilmember Raben: Drug & Alcohol, page 59, is that correct?

President Shetler: Fifty-nine.

Councilmember Raben: Drug Court is what we're wanting.

President Shetler: Sixty-six.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Sixty-six is Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services.

President Shetler: Yeah, that is.

Councilmember Raben: I thought they wanted to leave Drug Court. Let's do this, let's move on to Circuit Court. We'll come back to Superior Court. Page 56.

Richard Kiely: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning. Is there any questions for page 56 through 58?

Councilmember Goebel: Judge Kiely, the Petit Jurors.

Richard Kiely: Yes?

Councilmember Goebel: The increase? We cut it back in 2014 by \$20,000 right?

Richard Kiely: We spent \$60,000 in '13. We're going to spend \$60,000 or more this year. So we're just trying to get it to the accurate level.

Councilmember Goebel: So you foresee the same number of trials by jury?

Richard Kiely: Actually we're up this year. Numbers of jury trials are going up.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thanks.

Councilmember Terry: What about psych evaluations? It looks like it is jumping back up to where it was back in 2013 and '12.

Richard Kiely: We're asking for an additional \$3,000 to reflect about where we are. We spent \$7,200 in '13 and we've spent all of that \$4,000, but \$250, so we have almost spent the \$4,000 this year in '14. We expect to spend that additional money before the year is up.

Councilmember Raben: Judge, you don't happen to have what your available balance is in the Supplemental Adult Probation Account do you?

Richard Kiely: \$486,000.

Councilmember Raben: \$486,000. Are there any questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question.

Councilmember Raben: Do you want to move on to page 142?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Before we move on, just on the Psychological Evaluations and the...are those numbers trending upward or are they staying pretty much at that level? Because I noticed that we went from \$4,500 to \$8,000 2011 to 2012. I'm just trying to see if we have a handle on the history of how that fund works.

Richard Kiely: I think they are trending upward starting four years ago is what I am seeing.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So that is a pretty solid number in there of expending \$7,000 to \$8,000 a year?

Richard Kiely: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay. And the same thing kind of on the Jurors situation?

Richard Kiely: Yes, the Jurors, we've been coming back and asking for additional funding of Jurors.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Judge, on that psych evaluations when the court orders that, does that preclude or stop like the Public Defenders Office or anybody else having to also get those done or are we duplicating?

Richard Kiely: No, we are the only ones doing them. Most of the time they will submit those reports on the record and we'll base our decision on those two evaluations that the court ordered. There is not additional ones taking place.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, no other questions? Well then we'll move on.

<b>DRUG &amp; ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICES</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services. Thanks, Judge.

Richard Kiely: Thank you all.

Councilmember Raben: Page 66. Are there any questions for page 66? This budget is actually down about \$17,000. So no questions? Alright.

<b>AREA PLAN COMMISSION</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Let's go to Area Plan, page 37.

Ron London: Good morning. Ron London with Area Plan. One thing that I would like to note is that this year as of the end of July we have had a revenue increase of over \$76,000 from last year. We anticipate just off of those numbers we would probably have an increase by the end of the year of somewhere between \$120,000 and \$150,000. That would be over last year's, what we brought in last year.

Councilmember Raben: The only item I have a question on is Motor Vehicles.

Ron London: Right now we have two vehicles. One is a model year 2000 and the other one is the 2003 Taurus which we received as a surplus from the Sheriff's Department last year which had transmission problems before we even received it. Those problems have come up again with the same vehicle so what we were asking for due to those issues, just the age of the vehicles, was to be able to purchase a new vehicle and what I did was I went to the Purchasing Department through the state and we were able...those was where the numbers came from for a new vehicle. I kind of compared to what the Evansville Water & Sewer Utility and the Building

Commission offices, the types of vehicles that they have and that was something that was comparable, so that is how I based that number off of.

President Shetler: Yeah, same question I asked earlier on other joint departments, do you have any idea how much time you guys spend in your office city versus county?

Ron London: Actually, I came up with some numbers and I can email those to you because that question was posed to us last year and what we did is we did a comparison from the year 2000 to 2013 just to get an average of what we're looking at as far as permits<sup>8</sup> that are issued. We came up with 30 percent city and 70 percent county. If you were to look at recent years, the last four years, I would reverse that number. Seventy percent city and 30 percent county, but we thought it to be fair to take an average over, I guess you could say, since the year 2000. So that's how we came up with those numbers percentage wise.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And what is our current split right now? Are we paying 87 percent or something like that?

Joe Gries: It's 85 county/15 city.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Fifteen city? Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: You know, I brought this up in the past. Would it not be then if it's 30/70 from 2000 until four years ago and now it is 70/30 it's about balanced perhaps this figure should be balanced as far as city/county contributions? Like 50/50? I mean is there a way—

Ron London: That's—

Councilmember Goebel: Right, I don't know if we can negotiate, but how long is the contract?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, do we know when that contract is up?

Jeff Ahlers: I looked at that and I remember telling when that question came up before. I can't remember exactly, but I think there is like maybe another year or two. Does that sound about right? Do you know when the last interlocal agreement was entered?

Ron London: I don't know when that is coming due. From my understanding from last year that was roughly a year or two from now.

Jeff Ahlers: I had asked the Commissioners' attorney, Joe Harrison, to make sure to docket that and send a notice of termination. I know that it is...I think you have to give notice under that one, if I remember right one year in advance or it automatically renews for another four years. So if it is the desire that be terminated we need to make sure that's done from the county side. The Commissioners would be the one to make that termination. I think there has also been negotiations that are going on between some of the Commissioners and the city, but I don't know if that went anywhere or if it was just talk about there needed to be some reallocation.

Ron London: I have not been in those discussions so I couldn't tell you.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I haven't heard anything for the last year. We've been told that there were negotiations and it was under study, but obviously the city likes the arrangement the way it is. Ron, back to the income you're bringing in, is that 85% county and 15% city?

Ron London: Correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, that's a factor as well.

President Shetler: But it is...the whole program is in the red, so it goes on the General Fund tax so it is still behooves us to straighten it out.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Ron, can you continue to just keep track of those numbers as far as percentages city/county wide so that we have some good data to go with?

Ron London: Yeah, I try and keep that up-to-date every six months or so. We try to just keep those numbers. But I have them all the way back from 2000.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Can you send us that on email?

Ron London: Absolutely.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That would be great.

Ron London: I have one prepared, so I would be more than happy to email you those numbers.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: And how involved with the new medical center and all that, you're going to be pretty much involved with this whole project?

Ron London: Medical center, convention hotel, yes. There is a lot going on.

Councilmember Goebel: So the foreseeable future most of the happenings are going to be within the city limits?

Ron London: Well, we also have Walmart out in the county that we are dealing with now too. But, yes, there are a lot of things going on downtown.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you, and that's good news for the community.

Ron London: Yes, absolutely.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, no other questions? Well we will keep moving. Thank you.

Ron London: Thank you.



**CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU  
TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

Councilmember Raben: Let's move to Convention & Visitors Bureau, page 90.

Bob Warren: Good morning. I'm Bob Warren, Executive Director of the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau and I have with me the president of our board, John Montrastelle who is also on our admin committee and has been a party to full review of our budget process. For 2015 if you're looking at our income and projection statements we've gone from \$1,698,936 to \$1,722,495 which is a \$23,559 increase representing 1.37 percent. If I may, I'd like to just kind of point out there are some things that are happening at the CVB right now. We are actively working to build a comprehensive budget for the new sports complex. We have our new personnel in place. As a direct result of that we're trying to segment a complete and comprehensive budget for the ball fields. In our budget I am anticipating some questions like insurance. Insurance went up double, but that's because we are including for 2015 an \$18,500 expense for the general liability of the new park. We have also added that position for the facility sports manager. As you know we've invested \$2 million into the hotel project and we're certainly trying to work hard to make that a successful project once built. So there are some changes in the budget. We will be at a later date bringing you the full budget on the sports park. We anticipate that will likely be in excess of half a million dollars of operating costs. That will not require any additional money with the exception of perhaps through our Capital Development Fund, our Promotional Fund which we currently have assets in. I would be delighted to answer any questions.

President Shetler: Bob, the Office Machines, you got on your Office Machines a pretty big increase there, \$18,000.

Bob Warren: Yes, sir. That is...we have had Lieberman Technologies speak with us. Our current server at our facility is seven years old and beginning to develop problems. It has been recommended that we change that and then you have licensing fees associated with the software and the D3000 program that we currently run for our conventions and meetings. I questioned that and it is a needed item and we're hopeful that will be passed.

President Shetler: So Lieberman, is that underneath the Contractual Services?

Bob Warren: No, sir. Lieberman has done work for us. They are not under contractual services I don't believe. No, sir, they are not currently under our Contractual Services line item. We use them for general maintenance when we have a repair needed on computers or IT work that is associated with our server.

President Shetler: Okay, how much are we spending and what line item would that be found under?

Bob Warren: I'm sorry that would be coming...that particular line item for that particular repair comes out of our Visitors Center account. It's not under Contractual Services here. I'll try to answer the question. You're looking for where we would pay for the repairs of our current server?

President Shetler: Right.

Bob Warren: That would come out of our Visitors Center account. That's a different account from the Convention & Visitors Bureau account.

Councilmember Swaim: What do they charge you per hour to do services?

Bob Warren: I'm sorry, I don't know what that number is.

President Shetler: Yeah, I'm having trouble. The Visitors Center account?

Bob Warren: We have four different companies associated with the CVB. We have the Convention & Visitors Bureau, we have our special events account which is a not-for-profit that we can, in fact, run special events through. The Convention & Visitors Bureau, if you look under Contractual Services, there is \$120,000 a year paid to the Convention Welcome Center and they operate an independent budget from the budget that is before you with the CVB. Under Contractual Services, under 353000. I've got our CVB detailed account here, so there is \$120,000 of that which goes to the Convention & Visitors Bureau for the Welcome Center operations which manages about 35,000 or 40,000 visitors a year and has part-time staff that has independent funding for that. That's not part of the CVB per se.

President Shetler: So are you saying that those are kind of subsets of these?

Bob Warren: Yes, sir. Right and then we have building—

President Shetler: So that money, the total money is actually in this budget?

Bob Warren: Right, the \$120,000 is what funds the Convention & Visitors Bureau Welcome Center operations.

President Shetler: Okay, and that money that you're speaking of on these four other companies—

Bob Warren: Okay. We've got four different companies. We've got the CVB which is quasi governmental. That's the budget that is before you today.

President Shetler: Right.

Bob Warren: We have the Evansville Events Corporation—

President Shetler: Okay, that Evansville Events Corporation, is that funded through this?

Bob Warren: Not through this, no sir.

President Shetler: Not through this, and that's funded how?

Bob Warren: That's funded by events that we may host or have people come to us with. I think currently that budget has about \$6,000 in it.

President Shetler: So that's for like—

Bob Warren: Bicentennial ran through that. When we did the bicentennial celebration for—

President Shetler: Sponsorships and things like that–

Bob Warren: Right.

President Shetler: --for different programs that go on.

Bob Warren: If you come to us or we go to you and you provide us \$20,000 in sponsorship to put on a special event it would flow through that account instead of flowing through the CVB. And then we have our building corporation which is the new organization we just built and are incorporated for the purpose of building the ballfields.

President Shetler: Okay, and that is funded?

Bob Warren: That's funded through...actually that's just–

President Shetler: The bonding?

Bob Warren: The bonding. There is not a lot of funds that roll through that.

President Shetler: Right.

Bob Warren: It's just basically to manage the bond issuance that we had for the construction of the new ballfields. Pardon me?

Councilmember Raben: It's through the Capital Development Fund.

Bob Warren: Right, right.

President Shetler: Okay, and then your other?

Bob Warren: That's it.

Councilmember Raben: The other, the tourism center is in that contractual services on page 91, right?

Bob Warren: Yes, sir. I'm sorry. I'm not looking at your version.

Councilmember Raben: Is that what you are still asking?

President Shetler: Yeah, that Contractual Service–

Councilmember Raben: That's in that.

President Shetler: The \$120,000 of it going to the tourism.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Shetler: Is that out of the Contractual Services?

Bob Warren: That's Contractual Services that pays for the Welcome Center operations. It also provides for our utilities for the Pagoda. There are several things that flow through that.

President Shetler: Right, so getting back to the original question then, the Lieberman bills and stuff, those are paid for from the visitors center that come out of that Contractual?

Bob Warren: It comes out of that contractual fund, right. So it's part of...there are revenues that are generated up there too. It's not much in revenues, but there are rental fees, there is collateral sales, postcards, those types of things. Anything like the telephone as an example are paid for through the Convention & Visitors Bureau. The utilities for the building are paid by the Welcome Center because they stay open seven days a week, you know, and they provide, you know, assistance as part of the \$120,000 contribution to them.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, well, Bob, thank you. We're anxious for--

Bob Warren: We look forward to bringing you the big budget.

Councilmember Raben: --the first tournament is scheduled out at the ballpark for when?

Bob Warren: Actually, it will be July of 2015. We're still on target. We have a meeting with the construction company this afternoon and we should be able to take the keys by May 15, 2015. It's starting to shape up.

Councilmember Raben: Exciting times.

Bob Warren: Again, if you haven't seen it please go look at it. It's quite impressive. Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX</b></p>
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Councilmember Raben: Alright, I see Judge Pigman in the room, so we will go back to Superior Court, page 59.

Robert Pigman: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: We cut this pretty sizably while you were gone. We thought maybe you might want to--

Robert Pigman: Why should this year be any different? Ours is pretty straight forward. It's basically what we asked for last year with two exceptions that I had spoken to Mr. Raben about. I'm not sure, Jim, whether you've had a chance to talk to the rest of the Council.

Councilmember Raben: No, we're just now...we skipped over your budget so we haven't discussed your budget yet.

Robert Pigman: Well, I'm talking the two...our budget is the same as last year, so we're really not asking for any major...or any changes except the two IT people that

I talked to you about. I don't know whether you've had a chance to talk to them about that.

Councilmember Raben: No, but we can talk about it today.

Robert Pigman: Okay, good. That is--

Councilmember Raben: Sixty-three.

Robert Pigman: Sixty-three, okay. You guys are waiting for me on this. I feel like an animal. Alright, 137186 and 137187 we've asked for raises for those two individuals who are currently unclassified under the county's classification system. They have not had a raise since they have taken those positions many years ago. They've had the general percentage raises that you have awarded the county workers generally, but as far as step or anything like that they've not had any raises. They are computer folks. They are, you know, highly trained. We need to make some accommodation for them or I am afraid we might lose them to the marketplace. So that's the only increase though in the Superior Court budget that I can see. I think we went through this before, but I would be willing to answer any questions on that.

President Shetler: Yeah, Judge, I did have a question on are we utilizing that Odyssey I guess which is what they're pushing through the state?

Robert Pigman: In fact, we are in the conversion process now. We will go live on September 2nd. So the big conversion or transfer will occur on Labor Day weekend and we'll go live September 2nd and that will result in significant savings to the county because we will go off the Maximus Courtview system and go on the statewide system. We won't be paying for all those 250-300 licenses we pay for each year.

President Shetler: Yeah, I understand that it's free access or something, isn't it?

Robert Pigman: Yes. It's an internet based system sponsored by the Indiana Supreme Court. Eventually all trial courts in the state will be on that system, but we sort of jumped in line. Actually, Susan Kirk pushed this several years ago to get us kind of started on the project. Yeah, it will save...it will be significant savings for the county once that is done.

Robert Pigman: Judge, would you anticipate, and I'm not trying to put you in a bind here, but would you anticipate that this would actually save some labor costs in the judiciary system as a whole? I'm talking about the Clerk's Office and the whole business there as well?

Robert Pigman: Ultimately down the road it will. It won't initially. Initially it will be a little bit more labor intensive than the system we use now, so initially there won't be any cost savings, but eventually, yes, I think eventually the hope is, and the Supreme Court's projected plan is for a fully automated filing system, a fully automated eticket system where the officers flash or scan your card. There is no data entry by anybody here. It goes straight to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. There are some features in there that already implement some of that. But for now, for the immediate future, I mean for the end of this year and probably well into next year I don't see it, but five years from now, yes, I think it will save us.

President Shetler: And then are we required to kind of maintain that or is that kind of maintained through the state program?

Robert Pigman: No, they maintain that. Odyssey is their system. I'm talking about the software.

President Shetler: Right.

Robert Pigman: The system it runs on. It's theirs. It's a contract that they awarded. There is a long history here and I won't go into all that, but it was a contract they awarded to a firm probably six or seven years ago now.

President Shetler: So do they give technical support in the whole business there with that?

Robert Pigman: Yes, some.

President Shetler: So the direct question then going back to these two positions here, is that, I mean, in the future and I understand the transition happening here, are these going to be as necessary tomorrow as they are today?

Robert Pigman: Yes, tomorrow they will be. For the indefinite future they will be.

President Shetler: Well, I'm talking about tomorrow being a year from now.

Robert Pigman: Maybe, maybe...no, maybe five years from now no. I don't know. I don't how it plays out. There is a possibility...now they don't maintain the hardware, so we still need all that. We still need some of the...you're really asking the wrong person because I don't know as much about computers as maybe some others might. But my response would be long term that's a possibility, but short term no.

President Shetler: Our people here, are they more into the software side of providing things or are they in to more the hardware?

Robert Pigman: Well, the director is both. The specialist is more hardware. He is our fix-it guy. If things don't work he comes and gets it going again.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions? We can move on to page 145 on the Supplement. There is really, I think just one item there.

Robert Pigman: One forty-five?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that's actually down about \$13,000. That's your Supplemental program.

Robert Pigman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Any questions on that one? None, then we can go to 160, which has the YCC contract. As you can see that's what it was last year which is significantly down from years past. Any questions on that one? None?

Jeff Ahlers: What does it look like that...well, maybe that figure is right. I was looking at the year-to-date expended, but that is actually a month past half way, isn't it?

Robert Pigman: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: No questions? Judge, thank you.

<b>DRUG &amp; ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE</b>
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Robert Pigman: Alright. I'm here on the DADS budget also or do I have to step back in line and wait my turn again?

Councilmember Raben: No, let's go to 66.

Robert Pigman: You can see there our budget is seventeen and some thousand less than it was last year which was probably \$30,000 or \$40,000 less than it was the year before.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So we are still without a director for that program currently?

Robert Pigman: We haven't found one yet. We're actually in the process of reevaluating the program and determining whether changes could be made or reorganization could be made in such a way that we can operate without a director and bring that within the confines of our Misdemeanor Probation Department, which if we did that we wouldn't need a director and we would save those costs and maybe save one of these clerical positions in the future. Part of that depends on being able to get space to put these folks together, but if we can find that and solve that problem I think our long term goal would be to merge those two and probably save even more money out of these budgets.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Great.

Robert Pigman: We need some space.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So who is kind of the acting director now?

Robert Pigman: Well, I'm the supervisor from Superior Court. They're all adults. They kind of get along. If they have any problems I intervene and take care of it. That's how it works for right now.

Councilmember Raben: I like the fact that you're actually looking into doing just what you said, though, possibly consolidating one or two.

Robert Pigman: In a lot of ways it makes sense. It makes sense if we can find a place to put them all in one spot. So if you guys are interested in cutting part of your building off here, I'll take this room right here.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, alright. Well, Judge, thank you.

Robert Pigman: Thank you.

<b>COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Let's go to page 86, County Council.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So are we just going to kind of plow through this and get done or are we going to take a break?

Councilmember Raben: We can take a break if you wish.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Are we almost done?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we're almost--

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Well, then let's keep going.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I just can't wait forever.

Councilmember Raben: Is that okay with everyone? Keep going? Alright, County Council, page 86. Are there any questions on County Council? A lot of what is in our budget is kind of a catchall. You know, some of the things that we try to keep oversight on, like travel and mileage and the insurance, the data management and things like that and insurance, particularly insurance.

Councilmember Goebel: Do we expect that to remain flat?

Councilmember Raben: I think the initial figure that was put in was a five percent increase, is that correct?

Councilmember Goebel: In this book it's the same.

Joe Gries: Yeah, the same number has been put in.

President Shetler: I might shed some light on that though.

Councilmember Raben: We also have insurance in COIT. What's the...go ahead.

President Shetler: The clinic that we set up is, I think, basically saved about \$1.1 million so far this year. In addition to that our new rates that they've just come back with keeping everything the same on our health insurance looks like an increase of about six and a half percent from what I understand. I didn't get those directly. I got them indirectly, but from pretty reliable sources on that. So I'm really feeling like we should probably get a little bit better savings and saving a million dollars off of the, you know, use of the clinic and stuff. Hopefully that's not set in concrete yet. But six and a half compared to what we're hearing from a lot of other people outside here is also a very attractive at this point.

Councilmember Raben: And it's not that we've actually realized a million dollar savings. Our claims are down about a million dollars.

President Shetler: Correct. We still have the cost--



Councilmember Raben: Right, typically those numbers don't catch up with you in one year. I mean, it takes you, you know, probably two or three years of history running close to that type of savings before you can see any or realize any real adjustment in your overall premiums.

President Shetler: Right, that's correct.

Councilmember Raben: It's good news.

Councilmember Terry: Question. The Court Technology that is listed here on 87, what does that cover and does it, I guess, it is reflecting some of the changes that are going on now in the courts?

Joe Gries: Mr. VanCleave is here. He may be able to help answer those questions.

Timothy VanCleave: Good morning, Timothy VanCleave.

Councilmember Terry: Good morning. I was just asking what that covered.

Joe Gries: It's on page 87, Tim, in that book there.

Timothy VanCleave: As a whole, the budget request for this year is down about 22 percent and the big result of that is the changing from Courtview which was housed here locally to the state's case management system, Odyssey. Normally, in technology budgets you will see about a five to ten percent increase in support costs if you continue forward. So we're going to be seeing about \$190,000 to \$200,000 savings annually from this switch which helped to offset some of the other support costs that did increase. That is why the request as a whole is coming about 20 to 22 percent down from last year.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do we anticipate that we will continue to see it either trending down or staying at the level you've asked for this year?

Timothy VanCleave: I would think so. There are some technology upgrades that are needed and depending on how we move forward with those I would expect another \$50,000 or \$60,000 potentially off next year in the 2016 budget. This technology also affects what we consider the judiciary, which is Circuit Court, Superior Court, Clerk of Courts, Prosecutor and Public Defender's office. So it's not just strictly the, you know, Circuit and Superior Court. Sometimes I think that does get overlooked. We also do support the Election Office as part of being the Clerk's responsibilities.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Any other questions? None. Okay, thank you.

<b>911 EMERGENCY</b>
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Councilmember Raben: We will move on to 911, page 106. Are there any questions for the 911 account? None? Very well, we will move—

President Shetler: James. I mean, my question, again and I don't know if this has so much to do with the service fund itself or the 911, but my question, once again, I would really like know how much the city versus the county, what our difference is there on who is using it. You know, the 911 calls and stuff.

Councilmember Raben: If I recall, they gave us that information last year and it might surprise you. I think the county was a very small percentage of it.

President Shetler: No, it doesn't surprise me which is why...again, I would like, that's why I would to address and try to get some parity between, you know, who is using what and account for it so that we can get our costs in line.

Councilmember Raben: This split is what? Sixty-six percent?

Joe Gries: Sixty-seven for the city and 33 for the county.

President Shetler: Yeah, so I mean if we're talking 90/10 or an 80/20 I mean we could be talking, you know, a couple hundred thousand dollars here difference.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So how can we get...who do we get those numbers from?

President Shetler: That should be really probably the easiest one of all.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I would think that would be pretty easy. We just need to ask the director maybe.

President Shetler: The phone lines ought to, except for cell phones, I guess.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Can we get that word out and maybe have that answer tomorrow at the joint meeting?

Councilmember Raben: I think they handed out that information last year. I remember that information being made available to us last year.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So maybe she can just update it. Just update it for this year. She/he whoever it is.

President Shetler: Call Rodney and let him know that is going to be questioned tomorrow at 3:30.

Joe Gries: I'll do that.

<b>LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move on to page 105, Emergency Planning Commission. This budget is \$8,000, exactly what it was last year. Are there any questions on this? None?

<b>LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Page 103, Local Drug Free Community. Questions? I don't know that I could answer them, but are there any questions? None? Okay, well that takes care of the agenda for today. Does anybody have any questions or comments? I guess I can turn the meeting over at this point to our president.

Councilmember Terry: Jim, I have a question. I think we keep having questions about our joint departments and those agreements. This just keeps coming up, so is there a process for how we are going to ensure that those are being reviewed or discussed and who is taking on that responsibility?

Councilmember Raben: You know, all of those agreements fall within the Commissioners' authority. I formally asked that they begin renewing those contracts and serve notice so we don't fall into the terms of the existing agreements where if we don't notify them in writing by X amount of time that the contract renews, so can we, Jeff, would that be something you would want to do with Ted? Or with Joe?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah. Do you want to let me know or tic off right now which ones that you want us to look into or give notice? I mean, I know you said Area Plan.

Councilmember Raben: Area Plan and 911.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I would say all. I would like to know what the breakdown is on all of them and I mean, we've been talking about this for how many years to do this review? We keep hearing, well, somebody else is working on it. We need to get some solid numbers so we can start making these changes, know when these contracts end and then we can go forward and figure out which ones we can change. Maybe some of them are going to be advantageous for the city, some of them will be advantageous for us.

Councilmember Goebel: I think particularly in a sense of fairness with the city requesting again another two percent salary increase for the employees and we're starting with ground zero again after that last year we should not be picking up over our share on any of the tabs.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Amen.

Councilmember Goebel: Our funds have really been restricted. Once again, just a sense of fairness.

President Shetler: I have noticed that Mr. Ungethiem is in the audience and taking diligent notes here I think on this to try to get something done at the Commissioners' level in the future on that, so I appreciate that part of it. Anybody else have any other questions or comments? If not then we will be recessing until tomorrow morning, and that again will be at 9:00 where we will resume our hearings. I think we start first with the Records Office.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So you're going to get with Joe and find out?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I'll go through that. We pulled at one time, I know we talked about this you know a year or so ago, and we pulled all those contracts and I'll follow up with Joe, but my understanding was that the Commissioners, because they are the executive, were engaging in whatever needed to be done. I will follow up and see where they are and report back.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Great.

**(The meeting was recessed at 11:06 a.m.)**

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 20, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council reconvened their budget hearing session this 20th day of August, 2014 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. We will reconvene the budget session from yesterday. If the clerk would call the roll please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry		<b>X*</b>
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey		<b>X*</b>
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben		<b>X*</b>
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

\*Arrived after roll called

President Shetler: I thought I saw Stephanie.

Councilmember Bassemier: Stephanie is here, she just stepped out.

President Shetler: I guess at the moment we have four present, three absent and I know Stephanie is in the building. So we'll dispense with doing the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation since we're reconvening the meeting from yesterday. The first up on the list is going to be the Prosecutors Office. Stephanie Terry is here, as we mentioned, so if the record would please reflect that. First up will be the Prosecutors Office. He told me earlier this morning he couldn't wait to do this.

<p><b>PROSECUTOR (INCLUDES GRANTS) IV-D PRETRIAL DIVERSION</b></p>
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Nick Hermann: I think I encouraged you to be benevolent today. Good morning. We've turned in our budget. From an employee standpoint we stay completely flat. We haven't asked for any new positions. I knew the budget, what the budget was going to look like, and kind of where the Council was going to be, so we didn't ask for any help. We are in an interesting area of flux at this point with the new criminal code going in July 1st. We are adapting to and adjusting to that, trying to figure it and move our personnel around to places that have the need, so we're still in the matter of evaluating what that is going to do to our office. We also have quite of bit of movement out of our office. Our Chief Trial Deputy won the Prosecutor race up in Warrick County. He is leaving and taking our gun and gang prosecutor with him. We had a retirement due to the PERF changes so we've got a lot of changes going on in our office. With regard to our budget, you'll note that the only change or the only different request over last year is we addressed some of the line items, specifically Supplies and those types of things. Within the last year, I think we've only come before you and asked for an appropriation, I believe it was last month for

Return of Fugitives. I believe that amount was \$6,000. Our supply budget and all of our line items woefully lack what we actually spend. I know the Council is aware of that. I know you have been aware of that for years. We have hit a point where we are no longer able to make up a lot of those shortfalls. That's why I am in here every other month asking to transfer money from one account to another. Specifically, I want to call your attention to the supply budget. In our criminal supply budget we are appropriated \$6,500. Yearly we spend about \$40,000 to \$45,000. In 2013 the number was \$44,712. I brought some comparables to other offices. The reason our supply budget is so high is that it's our job to supply the paper to the criminal justice system. Every time we file a case we not only have our case file, but we provide a case file to defense, we provide a case file to the court and so everything we do is done in triplicate. That obviously increases our costs for paper, toner, copy machines, those types of things. We're the ones that supply the majority of the paper goods to the Clerk's office, the courts, Public Defenders office, private attorneys. The only people out of those groups that we actually are able to charge are the private attorneys. I believe that we recoup about almost \$5,000 a year in copy fees from private attorneys and that goes back into the General Fund. So right now in our supply budget the Council, in essence, is funding about \$1,500 of our supply request. Even though it is budgeted at \$6,500 \$5,000 of that or so is returned. So it's not that we're asking for that big of a year over year increase. What we are simply asking is that the Council consider funding our office. That has been one of the biggest problems that we've had. We always have fluctuating costs. In the last month alone we brought in three different victims for three different cases, a rape, a child molesting and attempted murder. Our costs for bringing them in and housing them was over \$5,000 just for those three cases, whereas we end up getting, I believe, it is \$2,000 for Travel a year. Our \$8,000 Witness Fees typically go to transcripts and those types of things, trying to get those done whenever we need those for trial. We've asked for...what I asked Regene to do was I asked her to request in our budget what we spent in 2013. Nothing more, nothing less, just to give the Council a true record of what it is that we actually spend and my intention is to ask the Council to fully fund those requests and to help fund our office. So those are really the only changes that we had.

President Shetler: Nick, do you guys use the print shop, I call it that for lack of a better name right now, in the Treasurer's office that was set up a few years ago?

Nick Hermann: We do not.

President Shetler: Do you have the need for using any printing or do you go outside to do it?

Nick Hermann: No, our printing costs is done in-house. We have, I believe, four large copiers, two small ones, a couple of fax machines, those types of things. Our copying is done...when we file a case we print off everything. We print off the police reports, we print off the charging information and then we have to make a copy for the court, we have to make a copy for our file, we have to make a copy for the defense counsel. I know we are switching to Odyssey here in September and there is this big thing about we're going to be able to do paperless filing. That's been explained to me as we're going to hit a button and then do what we normally do otherwise and print out three copies of everything and take those. I don't know. I haven't been able to get an answer necessarily from the computer guys as to if we will ever truly go to paperless filing where things will be done electronically. Where the courts would be able to see it electronically, where the defense counsel will be

able to like they do in federal court, but right now all of that burden, all of that cost is on our office. Like I said, I'm not here asking for the Public Defenders office, or the Courts or the Clerk's office to fund it. You know, that is not my intention. It's just these are costs and this is where the money is going.

President Shetler: Well, getting Odyssey was kind of my follow-up question in a second on kind of a different angle on it. But I understand the copying parts of it, in the printing, like forms and those kinds of things that you have, you know, I'm sure stacks of forms that you fill out this and that for different situations, but are those things done outside?

Nick Hermann: We do those on our copy machines.

President Shetler: Because it may be more efficient, I don't know, to do it with kind of offset type of copying or whatever process we have down in the Treasurer's office. And then in regards to Odyssey, other than just, you know, the printing and the copying, the storing of the, you know, digitized information and stuff as opposed to paper files, are there other ways that you might be able to save money in the future?

Nick Hermann: I would like to see our criminal side go paperless. I would like to see us have the ability to paperlessly file with the Clerk's office to not have to provide paper to the courts and for the defense counsel to be able to access it electronically, but that is more of a question for Tim and Steve than it is, I mean, we're onboard. But anytime you make any of those technological changes it is very expensive and time consuming because we did that on our child support side. We brought in a company and we did that a couple of years ago and that's resulted in a huge cost savings for us in child support. But, again, what that has done is it has gotten the number we actually spend on things down closer to what we actually budget, not resulting in much of a savings with regards to budget, but it has on the back end. So I think that's more of a question for Tim and Steve. I don't know the answer to that. I would love to be there, I would love to go to that, but my understanding is that technologically we're not going to be there yet.

Councilmember Goebel: I was just curious if there were any funds you have where you could offset some of these?

Nick Hermann: There have been and that's what has been done in the past, but we have had, as our office has continued to grow our budget has not. Specifically with regards to supplies and the line items. What has always happened is we've had to use funds from other places. For example, the death penalty case. We were appropriated \$25,000 from this Council. You ended up taking, I think, \$13,000 or so back so we ended up getting \$12,000 to do a death penalty case. So that depleted all the funds that we had. So that's why I keep coming back and having to move funds from one account to another account to cover bills almost every month.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, on a death penalty case customarily though is handled by your office without coming before this body to request additional funds. Other prior death penalty cases.

Nick Hermann: That's correct because at that time the office was funded properly by the Council. Now we're in a situation where we are habitually not and so we're

having to make up the line item. We currently have three life without parole cases going on right now that, I mean, it's not a financial reason why they were filed as life without parole. It's more talking with the family and the situations, but, I mean, those very easily could of been, I mean, they are all death penalty eligible. I mean, we try to keep...we try to do everything we can to keep costs down. You know, but at some point—

Councilmember Goebel: That's definitely one way.

Nick Hermann: --when you're taking money out of a savings account to put money into a checking account to cover bills your savings account gets depleted. That's what has happened. While there may have been a lot of money years ago in some of these accounts there is not now. I think that's a function of cost. Just to point out another one, I don't know how or when, I don't know if it's on that sheet or not, but we pay a company a cost to maintain and repair our copy machines. We've been budgeted \$1,500 for years. We pay \$7,200 every year for that. I mean, it's everything that we do, every line item. I guess what will end up happening is we'll be like the rest of the offices and show up every month and request appropriations. You know, last month when we spent \$5,000, bring in three different victims we weren't here asking for an appropriation and I guess my warning is it's not going to be that far in the future that we will be. How the Council wants to deal with that, or how they want to handle that, that's obviously your purview, but that's my warning and something I have been saying since the death penalty case started. There is not an unlimited pool of money, just like there is not here, and so we need to, in my opinion, we need to take steps to adequately fund the office.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that, Nick, but like for instance on your Travel Mileage you asked for \$2,000 which has been the standard go to \$15,000. Return of Fugitive was \$12,400, I think, and now you also ask for \$18,700 on that. Now is this Travel for Return of Fugitive as well? Are these two accounts covering one item?

Nick Hermann: The Travel typically covers travel for witnesses that we have to bring in. I mean, just last week we had a young child that was a victim of a horrible crime that had to be brought in from Florida and had to be put up in a hotel for several days during the trial. I mean, you have those expenses and obviously anybody that travels and flies, you know, we had somebody else in from Seattle earlier in the month that was the victim of a horrible crime so we have...in my opinion we have an obligation to get that person here and to prosecute the perpetrator so that they are not back out on the street revictimizing and so we have to pay that. We pay those things every day and every month. These are not fluff numbers. This is exactly what we spent in 2013.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, that clarifies those two line items. Thank you.

President Shetler: Nick, the point I was making earlier on the copies, you kind of really brought that up. Some of those service agreements go on the amount of copies that you actually do, so whatever you could reduce on your machines and put it on...I'm not talking about copy work, I'm talking about stuff that is printed, the mimeographing or whatever, that you actually would do, if that's placed on a larger print machine, offset type machine, like we have down in the Treasurer's office then you could, you know, save a lot on that, I would think.



Nick Hermann: We don't do a lot of large scale. I mean, when we do a plea agreement it is specific to a case. When it's a case filed specific to a case, so it's a secretary physically going and running two or three additional copies, whatever number of copies are needed at that time. We don't do a lot of I need 5,000 of these. In fact, I don't know that we do that at all.

President Shetler: No, but I didn't know if you kept forms in stock where you've got 1,000 or 1,200 of them or so and you need those run off and you run them on the copy machine and have them on a shelf so you just pull it off. You know, some kind of warrant thing that...I mean, I don't know your business.

Nick Hermann: We try to computerize as many of those things that we can.

President Shetler: Yeah.

Nick Hermann: So we don't have to print those out.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, under the category...I still feel like I'm a new Councilman. Talk about, is there a possibility of grants? I'm sure you explore those. Do we have someone that looks for those? Then this sounds like in Supplies, is there anything in Riverboat that could be, and that might be more of a question for you guys, transferred over to offset some of this?

Nick Hermann: I would love money from the riverboat. I feel like (inaudible) of us have given money to them.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I know we all would I know it's probably there.

Nick Hermann: No, I don't know. We try to look for as many grants as we can. We don't have a dedicated grant person. You know, that is a specific skill set. That may be a suggestion. I don't know if it would be beneficial for the county to have a grant person for all the offices or what. Somebody that makes a living or has expertise. I know some times you can set them up where they make a percentage even. We have had grants in the past. Specifically the ones...we currently have, I believe, a victim assistance and a domestic violence prosecutor that have some partial grant funding. The only real significant grant funding that I recall this office ever receiving was there was a period of time where the federal government was interested in prosecuting people with drugs. They no longer seem to be in that mind set, but there was a time period when we had, I believe, three full-time prosecutors that were funded out of that. All of those have gone away. All that money has been transferred into drug courts, rehabilitation type things. I can't say whether that is right or wrong, but that is where the money has gone. It is no longer in enforcement. Other grants that are out there are typically Homeland Security type things for vehicles and those types. That's more of a Sheriff's Department/Police Department. There currently aren't really any grants available for our office. I feel the Council's pain with regard to we're expected to do this, we're expected to do that, and then we don't get funding from the state or federal government. I mean, we have a lot of things that we are required to do by statute from notifying victims of sentencing and all these types of things, which we should do and want to do anyway, but they give us all these mandates and they don't give us any people to do it which has been difficult.

Councilmember Raben: Nick, you still get a certain percentage of drug seizure monies and what have you, right?

Nick Hermann: We do.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Nick Hermann: That balance last month was \$8,000 in the hole because we are responsible for paying for the rent and the associated fees of running that department and over the last year, year and a half, we have not met what we need. That's mainly because the drug community in Evansville has gone from money making ventures such as cocaine and those types of drugs to a bunch of people with meth labs that have nothing at all in their homes including food or water. So there is nothing to seize which has caused quite a problem.

Councilmember Raben: You have a pretrial diversion fund?

Nick Hermann: We do.

Councilmember Raben: Do you know what the balance is in that?

Nick Hermann: I believe that is where we have been taking money out to transfer into basically our supply budget and our travel budget. I can't give you a number right now. I can supply it to the Council. My guess is that is probably in the \$70,000 range. Somewhere in that neighborhood. It also pays an employee actually, too, I think.

Councilmember Raben: It raises...how much does that fund raise annually?

President Shetler: I think the Auditor has that number.

Joe Gries: The current balance when we ran this yesterday is \$81,334. The year-to-date receipts \$37,686 and that is through seven and a half months.

Nick Hermann: So about \$50,000 a year.

Councilmember Goebel: That is a fund if someone receives a speeding ticket or something and they can pay in advance?

Nick Hermann: No. No, that is a fund that we're...to do the pretrial diversion program we have to have somebody that runs it. It is to defer a misdemeanor, so if someone goes on the program and we have to monitor them for 12 months. We are allowed to charge a \$50 set up fee and \$10 a month for that monitor. That's where those funds come from, from the people that pay.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, that makes sense. What about the infraction fee that someone can pay and not appear and then that infraction will disappear if there is not another ticket, what is it six, nine, 12 months or something like that?

Nick Hermann: That has gone down drastically over the last three or four years. We used to write in our community, I think our high was in the 24,000 to 26,000 tickets a year range and I think we're down to 10,000 tickets a year. I attribute that to the fact that the Sheriff's Department and the Police Department are at meth labs

or at shootings or at these events where you have ten and 12 officers for an extended period of time. We quite frankly don't have the people doing traffic enforcement that we used to do. So that program is off significantly and that is where we make up the budget shortfalls and that is the account that we have had to take money out of pretrial diversion and put into that, I believe twice this year. I mean, it gets dispersed quarterly and we're regularly deficient.

Councilmember Goebel: Do all those funds stay with the Prosecutor's Office?

Nick Hermann: No.

Councilmember Goebel: You split with the state or city?

Nick Hermann: They go to the State Police gets a share, the Evansville Police Department, Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Nick Hermann: And the General Fund gets a portion as well.

Councilmember Raben: Do we need to move to IV-D?

President Shetler: Yeah, I was going to pass the baton over to you, James, and did want the record to show that earlier James and Councilman Lindsey joined us, so James Raben and Councilman Lindsey.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we will move to page 69.

Nick Hermann: In IV-D we have much of the same thing. We have no staffing changes. It looks like we had five people that reached a step increase. We are asking to go from \$2,600 in Supplies to \$9,600 which is what we spent in 2013. We're asking to take Printing down from \$3,410 to \$600 because that is what we spent in 2013. The Maintenance Fee went down as well from \$3,520 to \$1,300. Oh, I'm sorry...that's the line item number. Sorry about that. The three changes on the accounts, I'm sorry, are Supplies from \$7,000 to \$16,600, Printing is \$1,000 to \$1,600 and Maintenance is \$1,500 to \$2,800. Those were the three changes there. The rest was basically flat.

Councilmember Goebel: I'll be asking this question of other officeholders as well, in your supply list do any of those funds from the supplies go to the purchasing of office furniture?

Nick Hermann: No.

Councilmember Goebel: Not a bit?

Nick Hermann: Nope.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Any other questions on IV-D?

Nick Hermann: Also, with regard to IV-D any money that is budgeted and spent from the Council gets reimbursed two-thirds by the state with regard to IV-D. That's a situation where actually funding the office helps everyone involved, I think.

Councilmember Goebel: Another question in that regard, can you move any of the supply requests that you have from your general budget, any more of that to the IV-D or are you maxed out?

Nick Hermann: I think we have done everything that we can ethically do to move everything to IV-D. We moved the attorneys that make the most to IV-d so that they could be reimbursed two-thirds. Needless to say, if there are any overlap at all between the two sides it is charged to IV-D. I mean, I would love to go further with that and I'm sure the Council would love for me to go further as well.

Councilmember Goebel: You have been very good about doing that in the past, there is no doubt.

Nick Hermann: Any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: None. Page 121, Pretrial. This one there is not a whole lot to talk about.

Nick Hermann: I don't think we have any changes.

Councilmember Raben: It's got a salary and some benefits in it.

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Any other questions in regards to the Prosecutor's Office? None. Nick, thank you.

Nick Hermann: Thank you.

<b>COUNTY RECORDER</b>
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Councilmember Raben: We'll move onto County Commission, page 44.

President Shetler: This doesn't have anything to do with the Prosecutor's Office or the Commission, but I did want to ask that if we could get the County Treasurer to come back some time during our session today. I do have some questions about that postage and how that was all being done, so maybe somehow, I don't know, Sarah could get a message down there to the Treasurer's Office if we could revisit a few issues on that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Do you want to go back...Councilman Goebel said we need to go back and pick up Recorder. So we'll go to Recorder, page 10.

Z Tuley: Z Tuley, County Recorder.

Councilmember Goebel: I think it's pretty flat. The Recorder is going to pick up six salaries as last year and she has worked, I think, very creatively in her office with the Perpetuation Fund, another fund to help her stay afloat. So I just want to say thank you for the job you've done and the job you continue to do.

Z Tuley: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

President Shetler: And I might add to that, and you know a couple...I think we feel the pressure as much as anybody else does and that is that the employees need an increase because of increased workloads and all that. Without you coming forward and doing this for us, and a couple of the other departments that are coming forward with some of their outside funds as well, we wouldn't have the ability and this gives us a little bit of some light here to be able to pass on, I hope, some kind of wage increase before the day is over with. So I greatly appreciate what you have done.

Z Tuley: Thank you.

Councilmember Terry: In the, I guess, in your fund as well if there was an increase given this year will you have the flexibility within that fund to make those increases for those employees that we moved over?

Z Tuley: Yeah, I don't believe it will significantly change anything. The only thing that I have asked is that it not exceed \$250,000. The numbers that I ran yesterday it's in the ballpark of \$242,000 so I think we're all good. I feel real comfortable about that figure.

Councilmember Terry: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Z, thank you. Any other questions? None? Thank you.

Z Tuley: Thank you.

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>
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Councilmember Raben: We'll move on to page 73 then, Public Defender.

President Shetler: Were you going to go with County Commission? Okay, right. Public Defender which was second, 73.

David Bunner: Good morning. I am David Bunner with the Public Defenders office. Mr. Owen earlier this week was called out of town for a family medical situation in another state, and so I am filling in for him today. We did give you this morning, that should have been on your desk, some proposed modifications to what Mr. Owen had submitted earlier. I don't know if you want to go on to questions regarding the original submission or how you want to handle it. However you would prefer.

Councilmember Raben: Personnel matters, we'll make these adjustments between now and our September meeting. We do appreciate you bringing these to our attention, but we don't really need to deal with the personnel matters today, on the changes on the salaries.

David Bunner: Alright.

Councilmember Goebel: David, if I read this correctly you're not going to be coming before this group very many more times.

David Bunner: Well, certainly I would like to and I may still.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, well thank you.

David Bunner: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, thank you for your service. We're in full compliance now with the Public Defender Commission to get our 40 percent reimbursements, is that correct?

David Bunner: You are today, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Today is a good day, thank you.

David Bunner: The next Commission meeting is in September and everything should be in order for that, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

David Bunner: After the job study, I think, last week or two weeks ago.

President Shetler: Mike, you might be able to help refresh my memory on this a little bit, but if I recall at the Commission meeting we attended a month or two ago we were not being reimbursed for the health insurance, if I recall, on maybe the part-time? Do you remember that, Jeff? On the part-time attorneys. I am wondering if we would orchestrate that a little differently in that perhaps we would basically give them, I don't want to call it a stipend, but we would actually give the part-time attorneys the amount of money that we're spending on the insurance, include that into their salary line and then we would be reimbursed. Otherwise what we're doing is losing—

David Bunner: You indicated that we are not being reimbursed for their medical?

President Shetler: That's what we were told.

Jeff Ahlers: I believe that is the case. It's either that or it is not included in the formula for the case handling guidelines, but I thought there was also something to the effect as to what was being reimbursed. So we get reimbursement on it?

David Bunner: No, the salary is based on the case handling guidelines. We are reimbursed for the medical expenses, or the medical insurance plan.

Jeff Ahlers: Even for part-time insurance, PERF, everything?

David Bunner: Everything.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, so then what it was, I think, they in the part-time then I guess what Tom is thinking of is that I remember when they were talking about the case handling guidelines though on part-time, they don't consider that as part of the compensation in terms of weighting. My understanding is the way they do the

guidelines is the percentage of your salary of a full-time as to how many cases you can handle.

David Bunner: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: But they don't consider for the part-time the benefits, which in some counties the benefits may be very little or not as good as ours. In our county, you know, it adds up. It is pretty generous, so I think what Tom was talking about was to try to figure that in so we somehow get credit for that.

David Bunner: Well, they look at that and we are required to also submit to them the salaries of the prosecutors and the deputy prosecutors so they can make the comparison and make sure that we are in parity with the salaries of the prosecutors, but they do not, and we do not when we submit it to them, include the cost of the benefits for the deputy prosecutors. We send them apples and apples.

President Shetler: Okay, so if we, I guess the point is if we change that around so that the compensation...that their total compensation package included all, say, in the salary line item, then it's conceivable that we could increase the workload by the deputy as far as what they're looking at because that is where we're getting into a little bit of problems there on occasions as to whether or not we're going to actually qualify for the reimbursement based on their caseload. So if we can increase that caseload we might be able to even drop a part-time deputy prosecutor as well. I mean, public defender, and therefore save the county some money here. Not costing the public defender any money at all, the employee any money because he would be compensated for it, but in a different fashion.

David Bunner: But in a taxable fashion to the employee, I guess, as opposed to the benefit package. I don't know. We have not considered that because we have heretofore been treated as any other department of the county. We hadn't considered eliminating the insurance for our employees.

President Shetler: Well, it's not eliminating it, it's compensating them in a different way of doing it so that we can get our—

David Bunner: They could buy it on the open market?

President Shetler: That could possibly be an option, yes.

David Bunner: I guess that would be an option, yes. Viable or not, I don't know. I don't know what the cost of insurance on the open market is compared to group, large group plans as the one that we're in now.

President Shetler: Well, I mean, they could still buy in. There would still be a method that we could look at, you know, buying into our system. What I am looking at is some way that we can really get credit for the \$20,000 that we're giving and we are not getting full credit for that right now.

David Bunner: We get reimbursed 40 percent for their insurance cost now.

President Shetler: I understand that.

David Bunner: Now as you are aware—

President Shetler: But what we're not getting credit for is the compensation that they receive, they receive about...well, actually about 50 percent more in compensation that we're not getting credit for which would increase their caseload which would therefore reduce the number of part-time deputy public defenders we have or would increase the caseload that we can take so that we are eligible and don't get into those gray areas there from time to time where we're not going to get our 40 percent back.

David Bunner: Of course, we would then when we provide the comparison to the prosecutor's office, because again it is supposed to be fairly equal between the deputy prosecutor and the deputy—

President Shetler: Yeah, I don't think that has anything to do with the prosecutor's office.

Jeff Ahlers: He is talking about case handling guidelines. I think what you guys are doing is one of you is talking about comparative salaries and the other one is talking about how they compute the amount of cases that a public defender can handle which doesn't have anything to do with the prosecutor's office. That is just a formula based upon the state says a full-time public defender can handle X amount of cases. A part-time public defender can handle whatever percentage of his salary is of a full-time public defender, that percentage of cases. What Tom is saying as it was explained to us is that because the benefits don't compute that you're getting 100 percent of the benefits of a full-time, but the county doesn't get credit for that in computing how many cases they can handle.

David Bunner: So as I understand it, you would take their salary and you take the cost of their insurance and they would not have insurance, but you would take the cost of that insurance and put it in their salary?

President Shetler: That's one option. I mean, I haven't explored all the possibilities. Maybe they would take it underneath a contractual line and there may be a way of doing it. You know, I don't know. We can work that out.

David Bunner: And then the Chief Deputy Public Defender and the Auditor would have to certify to the Public Defender Commission that we're not doing an end run on their caseloads. I don't know. I won't be the Chief Public Defender.

Jeff Ahlers: I don't see that, and I don't know that Tom is saying anything, he is, I guess, we're just trying to think outside the box. There may be some public defenders that would prefer that. You know, if their spouse has insurance they're not getting anything for their insurance benefit if they're not taking it, for some people they would say, hey, that's the best thing since sliced bread. Others may say not, so I think he is just exploring.

David Bunner: Having not heard the concept until this morning I don't know. We haven't talked to the defenders or investigated the tax consequences of adding such a substantial amount to their gross income.

Jeff Ahlers: I just wanted to make sure you understood what he was saying.

David Bunner: Yes.



President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

David Bunner: There is one matter. I didn't know if you wanted to discuss it. It's not a personnel matter, but it is included on the sheet we gave you and that is in regard to the Pauper Transcript account. We had asked, that has traditionally been set in at \$50,000 and as you know that pays for the transcripts of trials for the appellate process and we have in 2014 with the additional appropriations that was at \$100,000. We are asking that be set at \$75,000. However, we are also asking that the entire account be moved out of the Public Defender budget and put where logically it should be and that is with the judges in that it is their court reporters who are preparing those transcripts. I did yesterday speak with Judge Pigman regarding that concept and he volunteered to come over today and he is here if you want to hear from him.

Robert Pigman: I can't speak for Judge Kiely and how he feels about Circuit Court, but certainly in Superior Court we would be in favor of that. We would prefer to have that account in our budget and have our administration administer that account so I can keep an eye on it.

Councilmember Raben: Would we, I mean if we're going to spend \$100,000 it's going to cost us. We're going to lose that 60 percent...or 40 percent reimbursement.

Robert Pigman: I think we're still eligible for reimbursement. I don't think it changes the reimbursement.

David Bunner: When the county or even the Building Authority does work in our office that gets reimbursed, so it is a legitimate expense of pauper defense regardless of where it is being paid from.

Robert Pigman: My understanding is that it is reimbursable and if it is reimbursable I think I would be willing to do that.

Councilmember Raben: Judge, can you explain kind of the history why the rapid growth in that line? I mean, it looks like we go back as far as '11 and we expended \$50,000 and we're saying in 2015 we're going to spend \$100,000.

Robert Pigman: Well, all I can tell you is that last year in Superior Court there were 38 jury trials. That's probably a historical record. I conducted 33 of those myself. That is certainly a record for any superior court judge ever to do that. At the same time we were going through a bubble like Circuit Court, I know, was going through a similar type thing. I don't know specifically why. The Prosecutor files approximately 3,200 felony cases a year. We tried 38 jury trials. My guess is Circuit Court tried somewhere around 50 or 60 so we are close to 100. That is not a large percentage of those cases, but it is an expensive proposition. You know, the meth thing is definitely part of it. We're the meth capital of the world. Indiana leads the country and we lead Indiana, so we are right in the heart of that. Probably half of my jury trials are meth lab cases. Defendants refused to accept responsibility. The state says they're guilty. The only way to resolve it is a trial. You know, it's what happens. So I would say meth is definitely the root of some of that. You know, when I left office, the Prosecuting Attorney's office in 1991 we had just crossed the 1,200 threshold for felonies. I thought when I took office I think we were at like 500 and I thought then that the office had exhausted and that was

about as much as you could do in a year. Now they're at 3,200. Times have changed. I can go into all the sociological economic reasons I think we're in worse shape now than we were 20 years ago.

Councilmember Raben: Well I appreciate the explanation.

Robert Pigman: I think, you know, probably meth is most of it.

Councilmember Goebel: Concerning the meth, is there any...do we get any federal funding to combat this situation that plagues our community?

Robert Pigman: I know law enforcement does. They have grants and things, but for enforcement.

Councilmember Goebel: Right.

Robert Pigman: And I know that drug court has a number of grants that they get for their treatment courts. But that would be the extent of it.

Councilmember Goebel: It wouldn't be on the legal side?

Robert Pigman: No.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions?

President Shetler: We're basically talking about Pauper Transcripts and that's not the same thing as depositions that get done through the office as well?

David Bunner: No.

President Shetler: That's a different ball game there.

David Bunner: Well, we have traditionally paid the cost of depositions out of that account.

Robert Pigman: All I am here to say is we are willing to take that.

President Shetler: Right, sure.

Robert Pigman: We are willing to administer that account so long as it is reimbursed.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you, Judge. So give me an idea, out of that \$75,000 or \$100,000 whatever we are talking about in that line item now, how much of that is coming out for depositions?

David Bunner: Maybe \$20,000. I'm guessing. I can't answer the question, but I would say about \$20,000. Now the cost of the trial transcripts, of course, exceeded the balance of that account and that is why we would have to come back.

President Shetler: Now the transcripts we're contracting that out?

David Bunner: The court reporters prepare those.

President Shetler: It seems like most of those bills come from like an employee that is there that does a lot of the transcripts that we get the bills and stuff from, out of the office there.

David Bunner: They don't do it in their office.

President Shetler: Okay, they may do it after hours.

David Bunner: That is my understanding.

President Shetler: It's an employee consistently out of that.

David Bunner: Yes.

President Shetler: Is there any merit to having one of these employees do those depositions on work time and then we wouldn't have the –

David Bunner: I wouldn't suppose to respond for the judges and the judge's court reporter employees. I know certainly that the court reporters–

President Shetler: I'm not talking about the court reporters. I'm talking about the depositions that are basically gone through the transcripts and things that you have to do for depositions. You get paid so much a page and all that kind of stuff. I'm talking about that roughly \$20,000 that we're spending a year, is that possible that could be done with an employee that is employed during the 40 hour work week?

David Bunner: That would be...you mean in our office? For our depositions?

President Shetler: Correct.

David Bunner: Our deposition transcripts?

President Shetler: That's correct. If that is coming out of that fund and is that a way to save \$20,000 here?

David Bunner: That is possible. Without thinking about it further, but that is possible.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions? None? David, thank you.

David Bunner: Thank you.

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Councilmember Raben: We will move to County Commissioners, page 44.

Joe Kiefer: Good morning. Joe Kiefer with the County Commissioners. I didn't know if you had any questions. We've got and met with Tony Flitner and he gave me a insurance report, estimates for next year. I would be glad to...I just got this yesterday so I'll get a copy over to you, but you may have heard that they estimate a 6.3 percent increase in the insurance. Which according to the other Commissioners they were ecstatic by that small of an increase. That was for the health insurance. I would be glad to get a copy of this over to you. But I think everything else through here is minor. Are there any questions?

President Shetler: Joe, I do have a little bit of question about that health insurance, and I don't mean to put you on the spot since you just received it because I know it's a pretty thick book there.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah.

President Shetler: I doubt if you have digested the whole thing, but I understand that the claims actually went down what, maybe a million dollars plus?

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, a lot. I mean, that was my main question when I met with Tony yesterday. I said, why do we have any increase, you know, if we had all these claim reductions? So he went in with a bunch of, you know, reasoning behind it. The main one was he gave me a list of reasons, but the main one he said was Affordable Care Act takes up 3.79 percent of that increase. That, you know, is federal legislation. So he said that's 3.79 percent of it and then, you know, other...he gave me a whole list of things. Now I'm going to copy all of this and send it over to you guys to look at and examine. But, no, I agree with you, Tom, a hundred percent. I was confused why we had any increase with all the reduction in claims because we have the health clinic, but he said that they're going to still shop and see if they can find some other opportunities less expensive and if they do then they might have some leverage to negotiate a lower price with our current provider.

President Shetler: Well, I know that a part of that Affordable Care Act, that there is a formula in there that kind of spells out what the margin of profit can be for an insurance company. It is, I guess, pretty detailed on what can be...what they can actually retain.

Joe Kiefer: Right.

President Shetler: And then if it goes over that point on money then they have to actually reimburse that back, too. So I would assume that it would be good on us people and send it back, but I am curious to that 6.1 because—

Joe Kiefer: I'll ask Tony about that and see if he has got an explanation on that as well. But, no, I agree. I just know that when I discussed this through email everybody else was acting excited about it and I didn't quite understand why there should be any increase. I did ask Tony to evaluate what our total out of pocket expense is considering we have the clinic. You know, we have that cost, that additional costs.

President Shetler: And how much is that?

Joe Kiefer: I don't know that number yet. So that is what I am going to try to find out. Maybe Joe can help us with that.

Joe Gries: The first six months, or actually February through July when it has been opened, we paid \$358,000. We have not billed back though the other non payroll units. We're working with Novia to get an idea of what we need to bill those folks, so that \$350,000 so far or 358 is not a true and accurate number. It is probably close. I mean we're not going to bill them, you know, a ton of money, but it will be some money.

President Shetler: So it is probably costing us say \$700,000 a year because that was only for—

Joe Gries: Right.

President Shetler: --what is that, five months or something? So \$700,000 or \$800,000 a year and then we saved or we actually saved on claims about \$1.1 million?

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, yeah. So we're coming—

President Shetler: And that is a first year experience which is I mean pretty darn good.

Joe Kiefer: No, I think it's great. But the other thing to balance with that is we did lose the Teamster employees they went to their Teamster plan, so we have to still try to reconcile all that together because we have fewer employees on the plan.

Joe Gries: But the county does still pay their premiums.

Joe Kiefer: Okay, good point.

Joe Gries: That is still expense to the county. It's just a different plan. Now I don't know what their premiums are compared to ours.

Councilmember Raben: It is my understanding that the premiums are going to be flatter maybe even go down for next year.

President Shetler: And they are eligible to use our clinic as well?

Joe Gries: No.

President Shetler: Oh, okay.

Joe Gries: They have to be on the county's Anthem plan.

Councilmember Raben: You know, Joe, I mean typically what happens if you have a good year they usually want to see a little longer model than six or seven months. I mean, before you see any type of reduction if we can continue to see increased traffic in the clinic and our model keeps going down, our claims continue to go down, you know, hopefully next year you'll see a reduction in our premiums.

Joe Kiefer: Tony told me that the average increase is usually ten percent, so he was feeling good that it was 6.3 at this point, but then we're only in August so he still said this information, you know, we don't have the rest of the year yet to see how the rest of the claims come in.

Councilmember Raben: Can you explain the increase in the P&C line? The other insurance which is at the bottom of 44.

Joe Kiefer: Page 44?

Councilmember Raben: I think it's the Property & Casualty.

Joe Kiefer: No, I can't. I haven't gotten any reports back from Torian, Hofmann, and Dillow yet on that. I had requested some information from Greg Hofmann, but I haven't received anything back yet.

Councilmember Raben: Because that's about a hundred percent increase over the last two years, so that is significant. It's only showing 18 percent from last year to this year, but if you look at 2013 we spent half this much, so it's a hundred percent increase over a two year span. They definitely need to dig into that one. If we go to 45 we get into Communications. I don't really recall why that is what it is and it looks like it is consistent with last year, but I don't recall why that line jumped last year.

Joe Kiefer: Which line item is that?

Councilmember Raben: That would be Communications on page 45.

Joe Kiefer: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Raben: Some of this, if you don't have it, if you would just take notes.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, that's what I am doing.

Councilmember Raben: And shoot us all emails it would be great. Is there any other questions on 45? None, okay. Page 46. We have a huge increase in the last item Transportation Services. If you could expand on that it would be great.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, that's the annual contract with METS for transportation services. I did talk to METS and they advised me that our usage is way up in the county, that it is really highly utilized service, so those numbers, you know, basically just come from METS on our transportation services for the elderly and the handicapped.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to see those numbers.

Joe Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: By run actually.

Joe Kiefer: Alright, I can—

Councilmember Raben: And maybe a two or three year comparison.

Joe Kiefer: I'll get with Tony Kirkland on that and get something.

Councilmember Raben: And that's all elderly transport? This has nothing to do with a northern bus route?

Joe Kiefer: Well, that's this...let's see. I think that might be included in that. That is the annual contract with USI.

Councilmember Raben: That's a separate line.

President Shetler: That's a separate deal.

Joe Kiefer: No, no. Oh, you're saying northern route. No, that has nothing to do with it. This is strictly METS transportation services for the elderly and the handicapped.

President Shetler: Is that contract written per head? I mean, per person that gets transported or is it by route and there are multiple people on the bus?

Joe Kiefer: I think it's...Tom, I'll have to check that. I'm not a hundred percent sure, but I believe it was per rider. That's what I was thinking, that it was per rider, but I'll ask about that. I'll find out.

Councilmember Raben: Granted some of this could have to do with some of the new developments, particularly the one on 62 West. Nonetheless, I would like to see it. That's about a \$100,000 increase from year to year.

Joe Kiefer: Okay, yeah we'll get that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: On the YMCA line item I was thinking that we weren't paying that for employees any more, so I didn't know why that line item was in there.

Joe Kiefer: I think we just put that in there because of, you know, it is something at your discretion to cut out. You know, if the Council chooses to cut that out.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Is that something that we—

Joe Kiefer: I think that was just supposedly established to help people stay in shape, you know, be active and used it for the healthcare. The thought was if they are active and exercised, but if the Council chooses to cut that out then that's your decision.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we will move on to page 100, and that is the CCD account. I have one question on this one. The Energy Savings Contract, are we near the end of that?

Joe Kiefer: Yes, that ends at the end of 2015 it will be over. Which should prove to be a pretty substantial savings at that point. But, yes, the end of 2015 it ends.

Councilmember Raben: The last payment, that's good riddance on that. And then Park & Playground I know Steve is here and we can probably address this one later, are we talking about something new at Burdette I presume, or is that in there just because it's always in there?

Joe Kiefer: Steve? I'll let Steve or Darren answer that question. What page is that on?

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager at Burdette. The rationale on that is part of it is going to resurfacing the existing campground and we are expanding the campground. At the present time we are looking into expanding them. This is due to the construction that is going to be going on during the next three or four years, mostly to the west of us, but it will give us an opportunity with full sites that we can have some of these people that are working at them stay. We need to replace one of our RTVs, it's an all utility vehicle. The two that we have are completely wore out. Another item was to replace the vinyl fence that goes between the baby pool at the aquatic center. It keeps the little kids out of the diving well. The fence up there is almost 20 years old and is deteriorating quickly. The Discovery Lodge we have a parapet wall on the north side of it that has got rain damage or moisture damage and it needs to be repaired immediately. The pavilion roof needs to be patched and painted. It's starting to rust. It's lost all of its paint. Our dumpster needs a cover over it to be in compliance with the EPA. It's an open top dumpster and even though we were told that they're fine to have, the EPA wants us to put a roof over it, so that it does not rain into it.

Councilmember Raben: Most disposal companies though, it may not be the exact same dumpster, but most of them have covered dumpsters that they will switch out. I know that we have them at our office.

Steve Craig: Are they the big—

Councilmember Raben: Well, you might have two smaller ones instead of one large one, but they are available.

Steve Craig: We would buy the smaller ones and then we have to be able to back a dump truck up into our area and dump it in there. We talked extensively with the trash pickup people and they assured us that we didn't need a top, but the other people did assure us that we needed a top.

Councilmember Raben: Well, if you get into putting a roof over it you're not going to dump a dump truck into it unless it's going to be really really tall, but I would just buy a tarp then at that point. I would cover the dumpster up with a tarp before I would spend money putting a roof. Okay, well that's good. I understand. It sounds like a pretty long list of things there.



Steve Craig: Yeah (inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: Oh, yeah. We're good. Sounds like you've got a lot going there.

Steve Craig: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: But do consider on the dumpster side. I wouldn't spend a great deal of money on a roof when tarps work just fine. That same truck is going to cover that dumpster with a tarp when he goes to the dump. Joe, on EMA Office Build Out, I thought that was...are we not finished with that?

Joe Kiefer: I think that is some work that the Sheriff is doing to move some of the people over from the Command Post. He is trying to reorganize a little but, so it just makes more sense for their communication, how they work together. Because he had a lot of extra space, I believe, in the old sheriff...where the sheriff...when Williams was there—

Councilmember Raben: The project, but I thought the build out was completed.

Joe Kiefer: I don't know. I didn't see Dave Rector here, but I am not sure if that is completed or not, but that was something that was new. I just met with the Sheriff on that about two weeks ago.

Councilmember Raben: And there may be other things happening other than the EMA original build out.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: So, yeah, if you can just get back to us with that one.

Joe Kiefer: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: Lastly is Office Machines. I don't remember what this \$99,000 is.

Joe Kiefer: Okay, what was the number on that?

Councilmember Raben: Office Machines, that is 422000 is the line item or it's 11381300 depending on which line item you're using. But the account reads Office Machines, page 100.

Joe Kiefer: I'm just checking my notes here. I may have to get back with you on that, James. I'll get back with you on that.

Councilmember Raben: The last item everybody recalls that is the cars for the Sheriff's office. Any other questions on CCD? If not we'll move on to COIT, page 157.

President Shetler: James, I do have a question and this might be the point to bring the Treasurer representative up here. The Postage is \$400,000 and it was indicated yesterday that was going to be cut by \$50,000 because if we went with

that contract deal. I don't know if we want to bring up the questions directly to the Treasurer now or deal with it in a little bit, but it is all part of that same line.

Councilmember Raben: Well we can. We will finish with Joe and then call the Treasurer's office back up. Joe, the last is rent.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: That's 600, or what is that? It's \$600,000 more this year. Do you know why the increase? What's going on there?

Joe Kiefer: I probably need to get with...you're talking about with the Civic Center? Yeah, I'm going to have to get with Dave Rector to get a better explanation of what-

Councilmember Raben: I don't, I mean, that's one for sure that we ought to have some control over. You know, whatever that is, we're not in a position to pay an extra \$600,000 in rent. If there is additional repairs or something lying within this building or any of the other ones, I mean, we do have building reserve funds and what have you to help make up those shortfalls, but I would like to see that number get back down to the 4.3 where it was at last year.

Joe Kiefer: Okay.

President Shetler: I think I may know a little bit about it. I think some of the depreciation over at the Old National Events Plaza was taken out of there last year. That reserve for depreciation and he may have included that back in there this year. My guess is...my recollection is that it was about 350 or four. I'm not sure about the six unless he trying to recoup it all.

Councilmember Raben: You're talking about for the carpeting and repairs that have been done?

President Shetler: No, I'm talking about last year when we really were in a hurt to come up with two or three million dollars, one of the things that we did is got the rent reduced from what it had traditionally been. By reducing the reserve that we set for depreciation at the Old National Events Plaza, maybe even at the jail, I don't recall if a couple of buildings were involved in that or not, but basically it amounts to, I think, overall close to half a million dollars, so it may be that he has gone back to recouping that, but we can...I will talk to Dave.

Councilmember Raben: I liked the situation we had last year.

President Shetler: And I will talk to David about that.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, the rent that we've been paying, I mean if you go back too many years, I mean, that reserve, those funds have been building for The Centre over here is 20 plus years old probably or 20 years old today. The jail is probably eleven years old, ten years old, so I mean we haven't by any means depleted those depreciation reserve funds.

President Shetler: Oh, no. No, that's the reason why-

Councilmember Raben: So I'm not really concerned about-

President Shetler: Because what do we have in there?

Councilmember Raben: --pouring that money back in, frankly.

President Shetler: Eight, nine million? Joe? But there are two different ones, I think, isn't there? I mean, there is a substantial amount of money there.

Councilmember Raben: My point is if we...you can almost look at it as if, you know, we have been over funding to build those reserves. I think we're okay.

President Shetler: I agree.

Councilmember Raben: I think we are okay today not replacing, you know, if there is still three million in reserves here and one or two or three here I think we're fine.

President Shetler: I agree.

Councilmember Raben: I think we need to continue on at the rate we were paying last year.

President Shetler: Okay.

Joe Kiefer: That's probably what it is though. I'll talk to Rector about that.

Councilmember Raben: Any other questions? None, Joe, thank you. If you would--

Joe Kiefer: Was there any other questions later on down, Superintendent of County Buildings?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I'm sorry. I forgot about that. That is page 48.

President Shetler: Well, you've got Drainage Board and Riverboat if you want to keep those in order.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, I think the Drainage Board is just the stipend there for the members.

Councilmember Raben: The Superintendent of County Buildings is flat. In fact, it is down slightly. Any questions there? None? Okay, Superintendent of County Buildings COIT, 158. It only has Utilities. That is the same. That is flat. Any questions on Utilities? None? Okay, we will move to--

President Shetler: Riverboat?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, Riverboat page 89. You know, the question was raised earlier about whether we can pay items, other personnel items or other expense items out of Riverboat. Riverboat, for all practical purposes is General Fund money. We keep it separate because it was this Council's decision back years ago that we would always treat that as side money. We didn't ever want to tie it in to, you know, the county government for standard operations, general expenses, because, you know, we never know if we're going to have it or how much we're going to have year to year. So that is why we have this budget like we have it. I would encourage that we keep it that way. I think possibly the city may be seeing some of the repercussions of intertwining or commingling riverboat funds

today with general expenses. Again, my wish would be that we continue to maintain a Riverboat fund the way we have in the past. If there is questions or comments on that please speak up, but I think that is my gut.

Councilmember Goebel: But we do use this to supplement the General Fund, is that correct? When needed for like drainage and things like that?

Councilmember Raben: Special projects or something, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Any questions here? Some of this, you know, we can set back a little bit as we get into our September meeting. You know, we don't have to appropriate it all up front, but the money doesn't go anywhere. We always know where it is and how much, so that is something we can decide between now and our final budget hearings.

Joe Kiefer: James, one of the things I was going to look at is this Initiative Based Assistance Program. I was going to meet with them to see how and if that is really being utilized because that is a pretty good chunk of money, but I haven't had that meeting arranged with them. Because I saw a couple of their reports where like they were sending out notices saying, you know, trying to get people, trying to get their client base built up, so that just calls me to question, you know, how much is it really needed. I mean, it's a good program, I'm sure, but it was something I was going to look at and see if there is room to scale back some of that.

Councilmember Raben: And we can do that. We can always reappropriate more back in.

Joe Kiefer: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions? None? Alright, thank you.

Joe Kiefer: Thank you, appreciate it.

President Shetler: I don't know if we want to bring the Treasurer up and address those or if you want to go on?

Dottie Thomas: Good morning.

President Shetler: Hi. Yesterday they indicated that there would be a \$50,000 savings on Postage from the Commissioners' budget.

Dottie Thomas: Okay.

President Shetler: The question I had, and I was just kind of doing the math out, it didn't dawn on me yesterday at the time, but when the representative was here with the company he mentioned that it would save about one to two percent of the mailings.

Dottie Thomas: Right.

President Shetler: By going electronic. I don't know exactly how many tax forms we mail out, but I think it's in the \$100,000...i mean, 100,000 parcel list, so if we save one to two percent that's seems to me we'll save \$500 to \$1,000 off of the postage part of it.

Dottie Thomas: Right.

President Shetler: But if we eliminate \$50,000 of postage here I'm not sure.

Dottie Thomas: I don't think they have eliminated \$50,000. We have postage at \$32,190. That would be included...postage—

President Shetler: She said yesterday that we dropped Postage by \$50,000. That's what I thought. It was fifty something thousand dollars that we would be able to eliminate out of the Postage account if we went along with this new program. That's how we're going to get the net savings here. That's why the math isn't coming up to me and that's what my question is.

Dottie Thomas: Right. With Masters Touch we have got it where Printing would be the \$13,000 and then the Postage is the \$32,000. Together it would be the \$46,143 which doing it in house was the \$55,000 so it was going to be about a \$6,000 savings to go with Masters Touch.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And my notes yesterday say that it was \$47,800 to out source and it used to be \$56,000.

President Shetler: Yeah, you've got Contractual Services.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay it used to be \$56,000 and this year it is \$47,800?

Dottie Thomas: Yeah, this year would be.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: But then I have a note that says it should be \$35,000 less, so I don't know.

President Shetler: Okay, well, wait a minute. Let me get back on the numbers here a minute. Okay, the Printing will go down to \$2,000 okay? The Contractual Services will be \$47,800. Okay, so I'm going to round it off and just say \$48,000. Okay, and then the Printing then you're saying to me will be...I mean, the Postage would be \$32,000.

Dottie Thomas: That is included in the forty-seven, the rounded off figure, the \$47,000. That postage is included in that amount.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright.

Councilmember Goebel: So we will deduct \$32,000 from Commissioner, correct? From Postage?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: What page are we on?

President Shetler: So total then, you're saying that we're going to, the contract will basically, we would be at \$50,000 and then we would have spent \$57,000?

Dottie Thomas: Right, uh-huh.

President Shetler: In the past?

Dottie Thomas: Yes, and that is including the postage.

President Shetler: Okay. Because the numbers still, I mean, because you are showing an increase of \$34,000 then...you are showing an increase on the front budget of \$34,000 and coming out of the Commissioners thirty...what did you say on the Postage again? Was it \$36,000 or \$37,000?

Dottie Thomas: \$32,190.

President Shetler: Okay, so those numbers come up to about \$1,500 to \$2,000 increase and then the other way it came out to about a \$7,000 decrease. So that's why the math is coming out square to me.

Dottie Thomas: I'm not understanding. The total for them to print...for us to print bills including postage the printing process, the paper and everything \$55,560. That's what it cost us this year to do it. If Masters Touch does it including all of the printing, the paper, the postage, it is \$46,143.

Councilmember Goebel: You're just switching companies? Is that correct?

Dottie Thomas: Well we do it in house, but our equipment is breaking down. It is starting to cost a lot of money. New rollers, it just sits all year.

Councilmember Goebel: The equipment that we purchased about four years ago?

Dottie Thomas: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Goebel: It's breaking down? Is there any type of warranty with that?

Dottie Thomas: We have a contract that we pay yearly for maintenance.

Councilmember Goebel: So that printing press will be basically idle, is that correct?

Dottie Thomas: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: That's a pretty big investment we made to let sit.

President Shetler: Okay, so with those new numbers to me you're showing that there should be a savings there of about \$9,000 and some change?

Dottie Thomas: Yeah, about seven to nine.

President Shetler: Pardon?

Dottie Thomas: Yeah.

President Shetler: Okay, when I look at the budget book what you're showing is about a \$35,000...of course, that's over the original budget. Over, well, you're showing a \$35,000 increase is what you're showing there and then the Postage you're still going to be spending \$32,000 did you say?

Dottie Thomas: It's about \$32,190.

President Shetler: And that's in the \$47,000?

Dottie Thomas: But that's not going up or anything. Yeah, that is included in the \$46,143.

President Shetler: Okay, let me just ask you this question. How much did you have budgeted in the Postage line in the Commissioners' budget? That might be where the difference is here.

Dottie Thomas: You talking about the 2015 Treasurer's budget?

President Shetler: I'm talking about how much money you budgeted in 2014 in the Commissioners' budget for postage.

Dottie Thomas: \$33,200.

President Shetler: Okay. I'll figure this out in between here somewhere. Alright, and I agree with Councilman Goebel on that. I mean, I don't recall how much that investment was four or five years ago, but it was significant plus we've been paying the maintenance agreement on it continually so I would think that maintenance agreement means that they are going to keep it in working order. That concerns me that we're letting that go off to the side. Plus there are other departments who relied on that somewhat for doing different kinds of printing and those are extra expenses that are going to be coming back in here that we will see as well.

Councilmember Goebel: Does anyone else use, in this building, use that printing apparatus?

Dottie Thomas: I think we print off, I'm not sure what it is, but I think a couple forms for the Assessor's office maybe.

Councilmember Goebel: So it is used?

Dottie Thomas: It's like a one day process out of a year.

Joe Gries: The Assessor's office sends out Form 11's which are notice of assessments each year and then also I think they have printing done for the personal property returns as well.

Councilmember Goebel: So if we actually get rid of that printing possibility here you're going to have to out source that, is that correct?

Joe Gries: That or find a way to do it within their office, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Yes, Pete.

Councilmember Swaim: Dottie, you mentioned your service contract. Is that kind of like an extended warranty kind of thing on the four year old equipment? Or does it cover labor and parts?

Dottie Thomas: Not all the time.

Councilmember Swaim: Does that come out of your Printing line item?

Dottie Thomas: Yes.

Councilmember Swaim: Or Contractual Services?

Dottie Thomas: Right. I'm not for sure, totally for sure on that. Susie takes care of that.

Councilmember Swaim: Yeah, but you don't know what the yearly cost is on that contract?

Dottie Thomas: I don't.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you. Does anybody else have any other questions or any comments? Okay, thank you. I appreciate you coming down.

Dottie Thomas: Thank you.

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>
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President Shetler: Next, is James...he was going to have to leave for a little bit. Health Department.

Ken Spear: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning.

Ken Spear: Dr. Ken Spear from Vanderburgh County Health Department.

President Shetler: That's on 107. Anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: On the letter that we got on our desks this morning, can you speak to that please?

Ken Spear: On the lab?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes, the Lab account.

Ken Spear: Yes, that was there. It was put in at \$3,000 and it should be \$30,000 for Lab Expenses.



Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So you're saying you guys would like that account to be adjusted to \$30,000?

Ken Spear: Please, yes.

President Shetler: Spear you're actually losing quite a few through retirement aren't you?

Ken Spear: Yes, Gary Heck is retiring. His last day is tomorrow, I think. We have another person retiring in nursing, and then we had another resignation in education outreach. What I would like to do is look at the whole organization and see what other kind of efficiencies we can achieve over this next year, but hopefully bringing a savings back to the County Council in the future as we look at the organization, but I need to bring that back to the Council as we start thinking this through. In fact, I'm going to have some meetings with other members of the county to kind of help guide me through some of the things they went through in their time as they did reorganization.

President Shetler: Good, that's a good idea. Something we have been preaching for a long time so I appreciate that. The reason why I brought that up is I noticed there are a few areas here where the new position is going to be less than the old, but it didn't appear to me to be as many as I had anticipated on there so I didn't know if the book was behind, you know.

Ken Spear: I think we're down to 41 employees including myself.

President Shetler: Okay, does anybody have any questions? Alright.

Ken Spear: Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BURDETTE PARK CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next Burdette Park, Steve, page 81.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager at Burdette.

President Shetler: Earlier when you were talking about the capital improvements, I'm just going to ask you this because it was on my mind earlier, you said something about the campground and doing some improvements there.

Steve Craig: Right now we are in the process of expanding our campground. We're going to try to pick up 19 new full-time sites that have sewer, water and trash and the electric. We're looking forward to cashing in on the construction that is going to go on. A lot of these construction workers come and go and they use RV's. We figure by the time the construction is done in three or four years the improvements will all be paid for and we'll have an expanded, you know, newer version campground that we will be able to use. Taking our money and trying to make more money with it.

President Shetler: So what is the cost on this, do you know?

Steve Craig: We're looking at adding 19 new sites and then adding a pump station. We're looking at about \$200,000 on that and then for next year I've got \$45,000 earmarked and that is to pave all the existing sites we've got that are, I think, probably 35 to 40 years old and they need to be repaved, so we will spend \$45,000 on repaving that, so right now we've got...we're looking at about \$245,000 over two years to make it like brand new.

President Shetler: So the cost is about \$12 to \$13,000 per site to do?

Steve Craig: Yes, sir.

President Shetler: And how much rent do you get off of that?

Steve Craig: Right now for a full site in the summer I think it is a little bit over \$400 a month.

President Shetler: And if somebody does it on a six month or year contract?

Steve Craig: It's still...we charge by the month or the week. There is no long rate, you know, a break on a longer rate. I think in the winter time it goes down to about \$365, somewhere in that area.

President Shetler: And what kind of vacancy rate do you have?

Steve Craig: Right now we don't have any for the full sites. They're all full. The ones that have the sewer, the water and the electric. The ones that doesn't have sewer we probably have a 50 percent rate on them, but most people nowadays they don't have a contained unit, they want to hook up to a sewer line. If not, they would have to move their RV and take it to the dump station and then bring it back and set it back up which is quite a bit of work for some of these people that, you know, bring their RVs to the park.

President Shetler: Mike.

Councilmember Goebel: Steve, on the expansion you're proposing, is this in the existing area that has already been developed, or is it some of the wooded area that we picked up a few years ago?

Steve Craig: No, it is actually right in the area that we have now. We're gonna move, we have a playground on the southeastern side of the RV camp and we're going to move that across the road. It's a playground for children of people that camp and we're going to put the sites there. The future expansion on the 30 acres that we have purchased we are wanting to use that for our primitive as well as putting a road in there, retention lake and a new office eventually.

Councilmember Goebel: So you're going to keep that pretty well virgin?

Steve Craig: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: When you expand is that going to increase...are you going to have to have more help to manage that area, labor to take care of any of it?

Steve Craig: No, it's the same size area that we have. We will still have a campground manager. There is no more grass to mow and it's actually probably be less work because it is all going to be new and paved and we're not, you know, going in and doing work. It will be...there is a little bit more maintenance right now that if we have a good hard rain and that in areas that are worn and flooded and we have to reseed it, but I don't see any added labor to it at all.

President Shetler: Utility cost? Any added?

Steve Craig: Utility cost would go up accordingly. You know, if we have 25 people now and it goes up to 50 of course the utility rate would go up, you know, with that. The percentage won't get higher it's just we'll pay the same rate.

President Shetler: How much do we spend on utilities?

Steve Craig: I knew you was going to ask me that. I would have to go get it out of my folder. We do make good money on the campground. I would have to look that up and get you the answers on it.

Councilmember Goebel: Steve, you are factoring this with the construction that is on the way?

Steve Craig: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: A lot of these people will come and live?

Steve Craig: Well, what they are, they are, you know, union electricians, union pipefitters and that with the building of that fertilizer plant down by Mt. Vernon, I think that is supposed to be a \$3 billion project. When Toyota was built it was a billion dollar project. When AK Steel was, I think it was about a billion dollar project, so this would be a huge project and according to what I have read in the papers in that there could be 2,500 to 3,500 union workers on-site for several years. I've got relatives that travel, but there is a lot of people that are union people that when they travel they stay in RV's and we want to give them a place that's just down the highway.

President Shetler: Are you going to have to increase the size of like, you know, the other, the bath facilities and those kind of things as well?

Steve Craig: No, the way I look at it that's why we're putting these sewer sites in, you know, complete sites and then those people usually have a shower and restrooms, you know, in their RV. So they would be taking their shower and some of them have even got baths and hot tubs and everything else. No, they would be...the way I see it they will be in their unit and it will not be...we won't have to expand our campground...or our shower rooms at all.

President Shetler: Yeah, I would be interested in those utility costs because that does make a difference on what your return is going to be. Alright, thanks. Anybody have any questions? Stephanie Terry.

Councilmember Terry: Steve, I guess you told me I know that we cut out advertising, I guess it has been a little over a year. Have you...in terms of have you seen the impact of that at all in terms of visitorship?

Steve Craig: I think it affected us. I think the Commissioners have actually gave, I think, \$20,000 to SMG to do some more advertising this year. You might need to talk to them about that. I think that cutting advertising always hurts the park. I think you need to get the word out there and you need to keep it in people's minds that it is out there and what we have to offer. I think it has affected the park.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question. Is there any references, are there any references in the Convention & Visitors Bureau advertising for our parks, including Burdette, that you know of?

Steve Craig: A couple of years ago they had done some, gave us some money and they had also done some advertising, but they do it on their own and actually they do it outside of the Evansville area. It's not something that you would see in Evansville or see on the TV or radio, or hear on the radio, promoting the Aquatic Center or your campgrounds and that, but they do put billboards and that in surrounding areas. But they haven't in a couple of years.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Oh, okay.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? Comments? Okay, the next is Burdette Park COIT. We kind of talked a little bit about that. Anything else? You had a list that you had to get through. You said you had a list that you didn't get completely through earlier. I didn't know if there was anything else you wanted to add.

Steve Craig: Yeah, I think I brought that up here. The COIT, the only thing is that I put in \$30,000 extra in our Utilities. I'm just, if you know, they can't afford I understand that right now, but I am just wanting to make the Council aware that with the cost of the water and sewer doing what it has done that we may be the highest user of water in Vanderburgh County. So if anybody is going to be affected, you know, in the utility line item, you know, it will be Burdette because everything, when it gets to the water is getting astronomical, plus, you know, we still have to heat these buildings and that. One of the things on the CCD that I didn't get to, but I wanted to put in the CCD rationale was that we need to start replacing four or five of our heating units in the park on our buildings, chalets and different areas because some of these are 25 or 30 years old and they are terrible when it comes to utilities and they are breaking down all the time. So that was one of the things that went into the CCD account.

President Shetler: Now you're paying water only, correct? I mean, you are not really paying much sewage?

Steve Craig: Yes, we do.

President Shetler: On the pool?

Steve Craig: Not on the pool. They did make us hook into the sewer because they said we're no longer allowed to dump our overflow water even though when it comes out, it is drinking water and that, but it has to go into the sewer.

President Shetler: I mean, is that metered?

Steve Craig: No. That one is not right now, but the rest of the park does have sewer on it and we do get charged for that, but the water rate, you know, it's still going up and then I think we have one, two, three, four water lines that come into the park and only one of them is non metered.

President Shetler: I meant though the sewage...if you meter the sewage then you pay for what you use as opposed to assuming that all water that comes in is going to go out through the sewage.

Steve Craig: Well, they assume that. If you use water it is based on your—

President Shetler: Correct, but you can have it metered as it's going out. Typically people would do that on a swimming pool or, you know, lawn sprinkler system or whatever that the water is not going back out through the sewage system so you save money on that.

Steve Craig: The water that feeds the swimming pool is on a separate meter and it is not at the present time metered, but they did they made us hook up a sewer line that used to come out of our drop off and we had to run it to a sewer in the park, so the water we're not allowed to put swimming pool water into a sewer unless there is no chlorine in it. We have to wait until the water goes back, turns green and has no chemicals in it whatsoever and then that goes...we can put that back into the, you know, just the regular system. But other than that, it's supposed to go into the sewer.

President Shetler: Sounds to me like way before my time, closer to your time, I guess, Steve, but the old salt pools or something I heard years ago and stuff out there.

Steve Craig: Yeah.

President Shetler: Maybe we need to go back to that.

Steve Craig: Well—

President Shetler: It's what nature provided for us.

Steve Craig: --a lot of the new systems are salt water systems again.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody else have any questions? Joe?

Joe Gries: Just a point that the Council might consider thinking about. The chalets and the campgrounds, there is money that is taxes that are collected for the Innkeepers Tax, correct, Steve?

Steve Craig: On the chalets only. For some reason the campground, they do not pay that bed and board tax.

Joe Gries: Okay, but that is another source of income if you're repairing those chalets. Possibly may want to look at coordinating with the CVB for the Tourism

Capital Improvement Fund to maybe do those types of repairs or expansion of the campground. It might be another resource for Council to look at.

Steve Craig: That is a good point because on the chalets they're the ones that we are needing to look at putting new heat pumps and new air conditioning units in it and that could be something that, you know, that money...we do turn money into the bed and board taxes charged on those. Another thing, in that 30 acres that Mike had brought up earlier there is...I do have a drawing of where we can put four more chalets on that 30 acres, which that feeds back into the Visitors Convention Bureau.

President Shetler: Okay, anything else? Yes, Pete?

Councilmember Swaim: Have you ever specifically hit up CVB for advertising money specifically or not?

Steve Craig: Yes, we have.

Councilmember Swaim: Did they give you some?

Steve Craig: Sometimes.

Councilmember Swaim: There is a member of their board right back there, hit him up.

Steve Craig: Well, you know we discuss it and their idea is they want to put heads in beds. A lot of the advertising that I think that we need at Burdette is, you know, for the aquatic center and that, that is not bringing people from out of town and staying overnight. You know, we may get some people that stay in our chalets that use them, but the type of advertising that I think we need and that they're looking at a different type of advertisement by wanting people to come into the town.

Councilmember Terry: And there is some additional conversation involved in it because as the director of the Children's Museum I have some of the same challenges in terms of advertising and marketing, but there is a discussion with the CVB as well as the Chamber really on this whole quality of life and how can we really market and bring in attraction...highlight our attractions locally a little bit more effectively and us working together and there may be an opportunity for funding requests at a later time, but right now we are just in the initial stages of really talking about how can we really beef up promotions for our quality of life assets in our community.

Councilmember Swaim: My whole point was that, you know, there is a couple of 50,000 watt radio stations that get out eight to ten counties away and those spots are relatively inexpensive so that would be part of the demographic that you probably would go after to come in for a day trip or two days and stay over. Visit the museum and visit Burdette Park.

President Shetler: Alright, anything on Burdette Park at all? Thank you, Steve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Can we have a five minute break?

President Shetler: Take five minutes, if we can make it in five.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thanks.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND</b></p>
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Darren Stearns: Good morning, Darren Stearns, General Manager of The Old National Events Plaza.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Good morning. So I guess we need to make that change in here instead of The Centre, it needs to be called the...what is it? The Old National Events--

Darren Stearns: Plaza.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: --Plaza, great.

President Shetler: Okay, does anybody have any questions? Doesn't look like any questions. We'll go on to the next, the Operating Fund, page 147. And your energy savings contract that will be up at the end of the year as well?

Darren Stearns: I believe it was 2015 as well. It might be this year, but I think it is 2015.

President Shetler: Okay. Does anybody have any questions? Alright. Don't see any. Thank you.

Darren Stearns: Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VETERANS SERVICES</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next is the Veterans Administration, Paul, page 41.

Paul Dupont: Paul Dupont, Veterans Services.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Just a comment. Thanks for providing the services for our veterans. I know now is a time of need, maybe at one of the highest levels in recent history and I do wish there was a way we could, not from the veterans, but from different counties collect some type of reimbursement for the veterans from other counties that come here for your services, but that is going to be a hard thing to do. The main thing is, we do provide the services, so thank you.

Paul Dupont: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody else?

Councilmember Swaim: Thanks for keeping the budget numbers tight.

Paul Dupont: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Swaim: Thanks for keeping the budget numbers tight.

Paul Dupont: Oh, we are trying to do the best we can.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody else? Alright, thank you very much, Paul.

Paul Dupont: Thank you, sir.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX</b></p>
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President Shetler: Okay, Co-op Extension, page 35.

Susan Plassmeier: Good morning, Susan Plassmeier, Executive Director of the Extension Service.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: I think the only thing that went up was Utilities if I'm looking at this right.

President Shetler: Alright, Susan.

Susan Plassmeier: Alright, great. Thanks.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COUNTY HIGHWAY CUMULATIVE BRIDGE LOCAL ROADS &amp; STREETS</b></p>
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President Shetler: County Highway, Pat, or is that John? Which or both? It's 116.

Pat Seib: Good morning, Patrick Seib, County Highway Superintendent.

President Shetler: Did we buy salt?

Pat Seib: Not yet.

President Shetler: Not yet?

Pat Seib: Still waiting on the state to say that, to give us the go ahead, but as soon we do we've got room to put it.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Are we pretty well empty on salt at this point or do we have any surplus?

Pat Seib: We have no salt left over from last winter, so the bid refreshes. It should be any week now and we'll start anew, start filling the barns up.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions? Okay, seeing and hearing none, Bridge Fund. John are you going to take 94, page 94?



John Stoll: I just put that together on the basis that there is no money to fund any capital projects for next year so there won't be any bridge rehab or replacement projects since there is no revenue to support it, so that's why the numbers are significantly lower than last year's.

Councilmember Goebel: John, on the bridge repair, is this on an as needed basis? after you inspect then you'll come before us or the Commissioners or how does that work?

John Stoll: The county has to get a bridge inspection done every two years and there is a consultant who has licensed bridge inspectors, licensed by the state, to oversee that. They do the report every two years and we base our repair and replacement schedule off of that. So there are projects that are listed in that are needing to be funded right now.

Councilmember Goebel: But we do have some pending bridge repairs?

John Stoll: We've got three main projects on the books right now. The Maryland Street bridge rehab over Pigeon Creek that's a big expensive one that I am hoping we will have out for bid next month. It's about a million and a half. We've also got a pending bridge replacement out at Broadway Avenue and Johnson Lane. That's in the neighborhood of \$700,000. I'm waiting to see what happens with those two projects before I can proceed with Franklin Street. Franklin Street needs the bearings replaced for the steel truss that is on the bridge on Pigeon Creek and that is \$400,000 to \$500,000. I know we've got a shortfall in the Franklin Street account so assuming we can come up with any surpluses on the other two, that is how I would help fund that. But with those big dollar projects and no revenues we didn't have the money to plug in for anything for next year.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: John, do you guys periodically check on the availability of federal funds to help you with the bridge stuff?

John Stoll: The problem that we've had more than anything else is not having the 20 percent local share to pursue the federal funds. The way the INDOT funds are set up the county would be responsible for all design costs, all right-of-way costs and then INDOT pays twenty percent of the construction costs, so it's those initial costs up front that make it difficult for us to pursue any projects on the bridge or the road side for that matter.

Councilmember Swaim: Gotcha, thanks.

President Shetler: Any other comments or questions? Next is Local Roads & Streets. That would be 112. Any questions, comments?

Councilmember Swaim: Is the Pave Tech machine still in good shape, Patrick? Your paver, is it still in good shape?

Pat Seib: It's still running. We're out...we are still out using it.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions or comments? Alright, it looks like that is going to do it guys.

Pat Seib: Alright, thanks.

President Shetler: Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LEGAL AID LEGAL AID UNITED WAY</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next is Legal Aid, page 84.

Kevin Gibson: Good morning, Kevin Gibson. As you can see my budget is flat from last year. I did have to make a couple up and down changes on some line items to make that happen, but I was happy to do that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, we appreciate that.

Kevin Gibson: On the United Way side we got a few extra dollars from United Way, so I put that in Law Books and Miscellaneous. Otherwise everything there is the same as well.

President Shetler: Now Law Books, that is just kind of the old general term, but a lot of it is software today?

Kevin Gibson: We have very little in the way of law books. We share one set of Indiana Code in the office. We get the advanced sheets. We do have a subscription to Lexis Nexis. As Mr. Ahlers can tell you, that's pretty bare bones, but that is what we have.

President Shetler: Right. Okay, does anybody have any questions? We also have Legal Aid United Way which is on 148.

Kevin Gibson: That was the one I mentioned where we added a little bit in the Law Books and Miscellaneous.

President Shetler: Right. Do I have any questions? Alright, thank you very much. Appreciate it.

Kevin Gibson: Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COUNTY ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT/PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS SALES DISCLOSURE FEES</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next is Assessor, page 29.

Bill Fluty: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning, Bill.

Bill Fluty: Questions? I think the General Fund budget is reduced by about \$37,000, so that's a start. Everything else is pretty much the same as previous years. There is the money in there for IT which is \$100,000 to support the IT.

Councilmember Goebel: Where is your IT?

Bill Fluty: It's in the Contractual.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Bill Fluty: I know you did talk about postage a little bit today and we do use the Treasurer's equipment a couple times a year. We use it for personal properties, mobile homes, 113 and Form 11's. We may sent 15,000 to 20,000, you know, things out a year. We're going to send postcards though for personal property as opposed to...when I first came in we actually sent them all the forms and everything out. We did kind of get...we could kind of tell they weren't using those forms. We surveyed all them. They came back, a large percentage say, hey, you guys, you know, we don't need them. We'll get them a different way, which is through the Internet, which is off our website. So that kind of did that. And then we kind of kept going that direction and next year we will just do postcards which is a reminder to say this is the time you file, these are the changes and these are the dates to file for personal property returns. That's a cost cutting to just do postcards this time. Four on a page, I guess, is what's coming, so we've done that, but we've done it slowly to just try to...but if anybody calls and they can't...maybe they can't get to those we'll mail those out on request.

President Shetler: Pete.

Councilmember Swaim: Bill and I have talked since I'm the liaison with the Assessor about the possibility of him being able to get a couple of new desks this year out of his replenished funds and it wouldn't be a drain on the General Fund, so he would like to periodically do that from year to year to update the office equipment, specifically the desks in his office.

Bill Fluty: Yes, it's only desks. Of course, the Assessor row, of course, combined into one office. There were many assessors whether it be Pigeon, Knight, County Assessor or Center that were able to get new desks and they are workable desks in this day and age with what people do. So with that, so I think over the years if I could get two to three desks, I put in \$3,750 in Sales Disclosure, over time I could get these where they would have a work area they could be more efficient, productivity would raise and they also have a working atmosphere that in today's standards over the very small desk with limited drawer space today and, of course, the computers and the screens are on top. So it would be a slow process. It surely won't...it will take over time, but it should benefit that employee and their work space.

Councilmember Goebel: After you became Assessor with the completion of the merger of the township into the Assessor's office you did have a restructuring though physically of your office, correct?

Bill Fluty: Only, I think before I came in there was over \$200,000 on kind of moving us or basically redoing the whole office. I think the Building Authority came in. We might have spent a little bit of our money on some electrical work. They came in

and removed one wall. We, you know, actually changed people around and did this. I have enough room for all my employees. I've cut five employees. I have plenty of room. We got on a retention schedule. When a box goes downstairs it is marked and categorized so we know when we are going to get rid of it after we get permission from the state. So we've cleaned it up. It's neat, clean. Everything works well.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't have any problem with the restructuring because it needed it.

Bill Fluty: Yeah, you mean restructuring physically?

Councilmember Goebel: I mean physically renovating your office because it was with the township offices there it was divided and everything and now it is kind of open.

Bill Fluty: It's still the same furniture, the same things like that. There maybe some new filing cabinets, but really short of the wall coming out everything is the same. We did, the Building Authority did come in and put kind of a passageway between some of the office rather than you go outside the counter and come back in. Remember there were four separate office areas at one time. So now it is like a wider hallway, but that only took out four panels and then put a casing around, very limited costs rather than taking out all the walls.

Councilmember Goebel: No, I think it was needed. Now as far as the desks and things you know where I stand. If we can't get them for other people who ask us I think it's pretty hard, difficult, to say yes to you.

Bill Fluty: Yeah, I think--

Councilmember Goebel: Because every officeholder would really like to have new furniture. I have asked it earlier and I'll do it again, but I guess that is coming out of your Supply line?

Bill Fluty: It's coming out of Sales Disclosure.

Councilmember Goebel: What about the Supply line item in Reassessment?

Bill Fluty: It's coming out of Sales Disclosure money. It's kind of on the back page. I'm not sure you're on...you're in Reassessment and I think--

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, I jumped ahead.

Bill Fluty: Maybe I can convince some other Councilmen.

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, well you know where I stand.

Bill Fluty: Well, I expected that. But other county offices purchase furniture. If you'll make a survey, if you'll go through some you'll see that there are many who have updated to this day and age and I think that's appropriate this time. It's a small amount of money. I think I would even make the case for other offices that need that same updating and I think there are ways to do that. Whether Joe would use his, but you have discretionary money in homestead money and I think other offices

have different ways they can get there. It's not General Fund money, but it is money. So anyway, it's worth a shot.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, in our sense, I think, we're trying to collectively try to take those funds and pay for maybe IT and things like that so perhaps we can grant some type of pay raise across the board.

Bill Fluty: This will not effect...this is in Sales Disclosure. It has no effect on pay raises.

Councilmember Goebel: Could that money be transferred to IT costs?

Bill Fluty: No. I can't say no, but it could. You've got to remember I'm one...I think I am the only office that is reimbursing IT at \$100,000 a clip. We also lowered our rate last year, the reassessment rate, which actually moved about \$160,000 out of Reassessment into the General Fund. So I make a case for some of the things we have done for a small amount over here on desks. We've participated in everything that you have asked over the years.

Councilmember Bassemier: I see where Mike is going with this, but I don't see that it is out of the question getting you a couple of desks or whatever you need.

Bill Fluty: Well, there is one.

Councilmember Bassemier: You've got my support, but I see where Mike is coming from too.

Bill Fluty: And I—

Councilmember Bassemier: You've got to have a place to get the work done for yourself or for your workers and the better area they have to work in the productivity is going to be better too.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, my basic feeling is if we can somehow supplement all of the workers and maybe knock down the six percent increase in healthcare premiums that is going to hit them I think that would be better service for our funds if we can relocate them instead of move them instead of going to one particular office. I know what you're saying and I understand totally. I just happen to think maybe we should all stay on the same page.

Bill Fluty: If you would like, I would like to show you some of the desks that we're using and then I would like to show you some desks in other offices that have had changes and see the work environment and see that employee in that—

Councilmember Goebel: I don't disagree with you and I know it is happening in other offices as well. It's just hard right now for us...for me to say yes to, but I understand what you're saying, Bill.

Bill Fluty: I'll work this side room then. I wasn't doing too good over here.

Councilmember Terry: Bill, are there any restrictions, I guess, on the use of those Sales Disclosures?

Bill Fluty: There are some restrictions. We use it mostly for training, but anybody that works in the Sales Disclosure department, but all our office in some shape or form are working on sales disclosures over time. So I think it works as well as anything. So I think it's a possibility. I make this pitch. I think this is my third or fourth time. I haven't been successful.

President Shetler: Well, I am sitting in the middle so I guess I don't have to make any commitment at all right now. I am still deliberating. We'll go with that for now. Anybody else have a comment or anything? Questions?

Councilmember Swaim: I was just going to say there are still some...if you walk around this building there are still some offices that have 70s vintage desks in them—

Bill Fluty: I think you can go back farther than that.

Councilmember Swaim: Well, yeah. They go late 60s, but they get passed around, they get surplussed and sometimes they get reclaimed by other offices. So there are still some of those floating around. We didn't have computers back in those days and, you know, I think for the people who have to spend eight hours a day in front of that screen with a keyboard in the proper position so they don't get carpal tunnel and that sort of thing that is a needed item.

Bill Fluty: I think that, you know, there is sometimes, you know, there have been times when you haven't been able to give raises. There have been times when the health insurance has changed, but I think a work place and eight hours a day is a benefit to that employee and I'll still talk about productivity and those kind of things that I think you'll benefit more. You're holding at \$3,750 and maybe a difference of what we can do for all county employees, but we surely have many new desks and they come in on a daily basis that are happening when offices get restructured. They're out there if you take the time to look and it gets done.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Bill Fluty: Usually nobody asks questions after I do this because they are tired of me.

President Shetler: Questions, comments? Okay, I think we did all three of your things here. The Reassessment, PTABOA and Sales Disclosure, so I think we are good to go. Anybody have any questions at all on Assessor? Alright, thank you.

Bill Fluty: No show of hands on desks? We're reading faces except Michael's?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I think they are moving you along.

Councilmember Goebel: Bill, I did have a question, if you don't mind.

Bill Fluty: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: For Office Machines you requested \$5,000 out of Reassessment. Is that for what type of machine or is that a contract?

Bill Fluty: Scanners. It's what we use it for quite a bit. Scanners get wore out periodically. It can be for calculators and those kind of machines, you calculate on your desk. We might have to have a folder if we don't...if we have to do our own printing, but those kinds of machines is what we use them for. I think you have also allowed Area Plan to have \$4,000 out of Reassessment for business equipment and Joe's \$10,000 out of Reassessment for computers, I guess, is what that is for.

President Shetler: Bill, do you have a feel if you had to go to doing your own printing how much will that cost extra?

Bill Fluty: We don't have anything in our office to do it in house.

President Shetler: Right, so I mean going outside. Do you have just a feel for what it might?

Bill Fluty: No, but I did have a salesman drop by and give me his card.

President Shetler: After yesterday?

Bill Fluty: Yes, and it was the same salesman that was up here and it kind of caught my off and by surprise. So I guess I would have to look into that.

President Shetler: So that is saving Peter to cost Paul over here, I guess, is what that is.

Bill Fluty: And I did want to mention one thing. I don't know if this will help me get desks, but we don't currently reimburse the Commissioners for postage. The postage goes out and it doesn't come out of Reassessment, so I can keep track of that and then supplement their budget at a later date.

President Shetler: So \$3,750 worth of postage you are saying you could probably?

Bill Fluty: It's going to be more than that.

President Shetler: It's going to be more than that, well, there we go, Michael.

Bill Fluty: I don't think that is going to pull him in, but every bit helps. But we can keep track.

President Shetler: But you got me. You got me leaning over that fence now.

Bill Fluty: I'm working on it. What we can do is keep track of postage this year, what we send out, and we can do a reimbursement even for this year before the year is out and I think with the funds that we have available and then next year we can do the same thing. We can keep track of it and reimburse that back in.

President Shetler: Okay.

Bill Fluty: So I think we can come up with some kind of estimate of what that is in their budget for this year or even next year.

Councilmember Goebel: And that would come from Reassessment?

Bill Fluty: Yes, and I think that's a...it just never has, but I don't see why it shouldn't.

Councilmember Goebel: Good point, thank you.

President Shetler: Thanks.

Councilmember Swaim: I understand Mike's point and those are well taken, but again I just want to reemphasize that, you know, he is looking at the big picture and I'm looking at maybe the other side of the coin for the big picture, but I think we all have a responsibility to make sure that everybody that works in this building gets their jobs done, gets them done efficiently and with at least some degree of comfort. So I think that is the other side of that coin in the big picture.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I don't disagree with that except we have Office Furniture line items in a lot of these offices and they are all zeroed out. People don't even request any longer because we are so tight right now with the budget.

Bill Fluty: I was hoping to catch a break because on every...I'm just going to go toe to toe with you here, Michael. I was going to hope to catch a break because when you ask to reduce employees, I reduced five and that's out of the General Fund. When you asked me to contribute to IT that's \$100,000. When you needed a reduction in the Reassessment levy which helps the General Fund we did that. When you asked and you wanted to keep a handle on how many Level 2 and Level 3's, we paid, I did that. I'm offering those. So at least you're getting up here and I am, you know, if we're going to trade a little, let's trade a little. That's what I am asking.

Councilmember Goebel: You know, is it 35...I mean is it five employees or four?

Bill Fluty: Five.

Councilmember Goebel: Is that definite since you've been Assessor?

Bill Fluty: Yes, I believe that is.

President Shetler: I think the point really, though is, I hear what you're saying you have. You have gone the whole mile with us and more. There is no doubt about that, but I think the point is that many come and request a lot of things, you know, that they needed really badly, you know, more so than the next guy does. Everybody, whether it's another employee or whether it's a typewriter or computer or whatever it might be, everybody needs that and the point that I think Mike is bringing up here is that they look down the office and they see brand new furniture sitting in one office and not in another and going, wow, they're even getting a couple of new desks here and stuff. While it's a small amount of money it does set a little bit of a precedence. It does break from tradition and we have tried to keep that somewhat uniform there. Now there have been times when we have broken tradition in a lot of various other areas with people, so that is why, you know, your talk of doing that postage thing and all that it's got me leaning over the fence a little bit the other way. So I think Mike brings up a good point. I know I don't really want to start something, you know, here when I think, I guess if I went out to Mater Dei High School right now my guess is those desks probably date back to 1948 that are pretty much throughout every teacher's desk that is out there.



Bill Fluty: Do they?

Councilmember Goebel: They have. I've got one from back then, but I still teach in the 1949 building. We do have an additional that's no longer—

Bill Fluty: Well, I understand that. You also have CCD money. I would propose right now that I think this would be an expense over time doing it for all offices to use some amount of money to benefit their workplace.

President Shetler: But it does sound like you're getting closer to your goal.

Councilmember Goebel: That I would not oppose. I would not oppose that. Then everyone gets a share.

Bill Fluty: Then I would just request mine out of CCD and do that. As proportionately between different offices that have different needs. I am in it here for everybody or my needs. Most officeholders come up to talk about their budget and their needs. Often we don't talk about the whole system, but I think anything I've done whether it be in General Fund, does benefit all offices and all needs. You have other money to spend on General Fund needs. So I think I have done that.

President Shetler: Right. No, you have there is no doubt about that. Yes, Angela.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Just to throw one more monkey wrench into this the thought just occurred to me that your office and you have set such an excellent example and we appreciate that you have done everything that we've asked, so you could do that whole positive reinforcement thing that we like to do in education when you do what you ask then you might be positively reenforced, so I think that your office has been, you know that is kind of tongue in cheek, but I do genuinely appreciate and I think that that's a good example for officeholders to follow as much as they can. I know some offices have more flexibility than others and you had the whole consolidation thing, but we do appreciate it and that is really important when we can all work together and look at all those little pieces. It works together and benefits the county as a whole. So just another thought.

Councilmember Goebel: Then perhaps the Clerk's office because they are picking up two salaries and the Recorder just picked up six and lost one or two employees, maybe they should have all new furniture.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Touche.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: But they did a couple years ago, Mike.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't know the status of all that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Maybe we need an inventory of furniture.

President Shetler: \$27,000 worth of furniture.

Bill Fluty: I can certainly...there is a lot of furniture that has been and how it is getting out of their budget sometimes it's reimbursable, it's called an expense, but the trucks deliver it.

President Shetler: Actually what I would like to see done is that we get a stronger voice in Indianapolis and the least that they could do for us is allow the Council that with what little money we have left to have control over, that we have control over all of those funds in one way or another. That no one is allowed to take and have a separate fund off that they 100 percent, there is nobody that is overseeing that pool of money. I think that every source of income that is out there ought to have oversight by this Council body. Period. And I think most elected officeholders would actually in the long run appreciate that because then there is no question. At least somebody is overseeing, everybody is looking at it and you don't have to worry about somebody coming back to you later and saying, you know, that guy bought a desk for \$10,000 and he could of bought it for \$1,000 or whatever.

Bill Fluty: All my funds are controlled by Council. I don't have a discretionary. I mean, it is what it is. You approve it or don't approve it and I am allowed to spend it on your approval and with contracts—

President Shetler: And I think that is what we need to get to and then we could stop a lot of that other monkey business. But I think you're winning some votes here, the way I can count votes and I think you are getting a little bit ahead of the game—

Bill Fluty: This is where Jim usually says no good turn goes unpunished, and he is not here so.

Councilmember Swaim: It just seems logical to me that for offices that do have funds that replenish that if they can buy a couple of desks, they can buy them and then if the other offices who don't have those kinds of funds we can use some capital monies to update their desks, we can do that if we have enough left over. That's a thought.

Councilmember Goebel: And I do thank you for the \$100,000 towards IT. That helps.

Bill Fluty: Thank you. It could be \$103,750 or \$3,500 or whatever.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody else have anything else for the Assessor? If not, thanks, Bill.

Bill Fluty: Thank you guys. Appreciate it.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AUDITOR REASSESSMENT ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD DEDUCTION JAIL BOND</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next is Auditor, and that's page 5.

Joe Gries: That's a hard act to follow there.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: How many employees did you want to cut?

Joe Gries: Let's see, our General Fund budget has gone up about \$3,000...\$3,400. No, \$2,600. It's pretty flat there. Not a lot of changes. We also have the Ineligible Homestead Fund which is on page 133. We supplement Supplies and Travel, Contractual Services which would be some of our contracts with Xerox and things of that nature. Also, we contract to rebind our old records, Commissioner records, to make sure those are kept well. This year in 2014 we also supplemented the Kronos project which is the new timekeeping system that we are currently still implementing. We are in the process of finishing phase one. We have two more phases after that and we've spent it looks like about half of the money that was appropriated by Council earlier this year, so we still have money available to finalize that project. If it is not used it will go back into that fund and can be budgeted or appropriated, you know, as Council needs for future projects down the road. That's county wide Kronos, that's not just for the Auditor's office. It's every department that has that timekeeping system, so we paid for it out of there.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And when will that be fully implemented?

Joe Gries: We want to be done by the end of the year, but we are hoping earlier. We are having a little bit of a struggle with Kronos creating our voucher, which is our payroll voucher, that is required by the state. That is a document that has to be created by the system and so we are just working out the bugs in that. Once we have that then we'll be testing. We'll do phase one, go into phase two hopefully in September and then phase three in October. So we are hoping to be done before the end of the year, but definitely by the end of the year.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And is this going to save costs at all once the system is fully implemented?

Joe Gries: Well, it's how a timekeeping system is used in each department. There is no really clear program set up. I mean, you can keep your accruals in the system and report your time and accruals to the Auditor's office, but not every department does that. So, you know, if you are tracking time and you're watching those accruals or accrued hours billed for overtime or things like that, that can help you track all of that, but it is how it is used by each department.

President Shetler: Can we standardize that then? And I know there have been efforts in the past that have failed.

Joe Gries: Right.

President Shetler: I guess in certain areas, but is there a way that we could use a little muscle, clout or whatever to get that accomplished?

Joe Gries: Yeah, I think that is a decision between Council and Commissioners to try to standardize a process or procedure. You know, maybe also work on, you know, some changes within the handbook that would require department heads, officeholders to use the system in a certain way to, you know, report that information not only to the Auditor's office, but possibly the Commissioners, the Council so that can be reviewed periodically.

President Shetler: Since you guys are kind of in charge of that right now anyway, do you mind having someone come up with some recommendations on that?

Joe Gries: Sure, absolutely.

President Shetler: And then I know you guys are doing that Human Resources deal and I'm involved on that committee as well. I don't know, I just was appointed recently and I don't know if anyone has met yet or not-

Joe Gries: We actually met last Thursday, about a week ago, and the initial meeting was basically a discussion about what are the human resources issues that the county has. Once you maybe identify those issues, those problems, then you can determine if a human resources person, department, would actually help alleviate some of those issues. So I believe Commissioner Abel asked her staff to send out a memo to department heads and officeholders asking for information that they may have problems within their departments or offices to share those with the Commissioners and with committee and then those will be...we have set up another meeting in September, you know, to discuss those possible issues and go through the possibility, you know, of how that is all going to play in with, you know, the handbook and within our Auditor's office with benefits and insurance and how, you know, all of that gets taken care of.

President Shetler: So the vision at this preliminary stage here is that function would be maintained in the Auditor's office?

Joe Gries: You know, I think it could be. You know, with possibly or, you know, it could be maybe something that reports more directly to the Commissioners where, you know, different depending on the issues that come up, you know, dealing with benefits and going through, you know, the insurance each year and open enrollment and having someone within the Commissioners office handle that. I'm not opposed to it being within the Auditor's office and those duties being taken on by us, if that's where this is going to go.

President Shetler: But they are dealing with all the points, contracts and all that stuff.

Joe Gries: We deal with the bookkeeping basically. You know, we're paying the bills. We're the bookkeeping. We help administer open enrollment and make sure all the payroll deductions are in place. So that's more of our role currently. The future could change where, yeah, there is employee issues that come up and maybe go through that person or that department within our office and then working with the Commissioners hand in hand. There are other counties that have a human resources department or office and I am starting to reach out to those counties to also get some information from them to see how that works.

President Shetler: I don't know who was first, Peter or Mike. You guys want to flip a coin for it?

Councilmember Swaim: I just wanted to ask if there is some officeholders who are totally not in the Kronos system at all that don't use it?

Joe Gries: There are.

Councilmember Swaim: Do we know particularly why unless they have some sort of special circumstances?

Joe Gries: I'm trying to think of some that don't use Kronos. You know the question of why is does the Council or Commissioners have the power to say to an officeholder you have to use this timekeeping system. I don't feel that as Auditor even though I am in charge of payroll as long as they turning in the proper documents to me to accomplish payroll, I don't necessarily believe I have that authority. I think over time it has just been a question of do you want to participate rather than you are going to participate.

Councilmember Terry: My question was about the human resource group. I mean, I guess in your research can you also kind of outline what the relationship is with the Personnel & Finance Committee at the county level?

Joe Gries: Absolutely. Yeah, I think all those questions are going to be reviewed and addressed, but I will definitely make sure that is part of our discussion.

President Shetler: Mike.

Councilmember Goebel: Joe, would you find out if office furniture is one of the issues of human resources? I'm kidding. On your...on the Elected Official Training Fund.

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Does that come...where does that come from?

Joe Gries: That money actually comes from the recording of deeds in the Recorder's office. There is a certain amount of money that goes into this fund. Up until a couple of years ago it wasn't being used and there are new rules that the Auditor, the Assessor, Treasurer, Recorder, Surveyor, they are required to get a certain amount of education each year after they're elected, after a certain time period. I have been grandfathered in prior to the law changing so if I am elected later this year and continue on as Auditor then I would have to start to get this training. It's just a way to maybe move it into another fund that otherwise wouldn't be used for anything.

Councilmember Goebel: So the money is there and it is restricted totally?

Joe Gries: It's restricted totally to the use of training for the specific statutes that require this, yeah, this training.

Councilmember Goebel: The question I have is based on the Ineligible Homestead. You have Travel and Mileage request as well.

Joe Gries: Right, and some of the training is allowed within that Elected Official Training and then some is not, so we do have Deputies and other folks that will go to user group meetings in Indianapolis and things like that.

Councilmember Goebel: And this, neither fund affects the county General in any way?

Joe Gries: Correct. The current balance in the Ineligible Homestead Fund is just over \$200,000. So that has continued to increase, but we do have budgeted funds that are for 2014 and for 2015. That fund eventually will dry up because we won't

be able to find any more homesteads that are ineligible, but until that time we can continue.

Councilmember Goebel: And you'll try to work to try to find ways to use that money to help offset our costs?

Joe Gries: Absolutely. I think that is important.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions?

Joe Gries: I guess the only other fund that maybe just to mention is the Jail Bond Fund which is on page 151. That's also a budgeted fund. We have a tax rate to pay off those bonds and the amount that is budgeted is dictated by the amount of the bond payments or debt service reserve payments each year. So that is just as a note there.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you, Joe.

President Shetler: Okay, anything else? Jail Bond, do we deal with that? Oh, you just said that. I was writing notes on something else. We still recess I guess until the next meeting. I also want to point out to you real quickly that today at 3:30 is the joint meeting between the city and county on the joint offices, so that is back in this room at 3:30. Anything else? If not, I'll see you at 3:30, most of you. Again, next Wednesday at 8:30. So thank you.

**(The meeting was recessed at 11:40 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of September in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler, Jr.

President Shetler: Okay, good morning. Welcome to the County Council meeting, September 3rd at 8:30 and I would like the Clerk to call the roll please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey		<b>X*</b>
Councilmember Goebel		<b>X*</b>
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

\*Arrived late

President Shetler: There being five members present, two absent, we have a quorum. I would like for Councilman Bassemier to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and I'll lead us in the invocation.

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

President Shetler: Dear Lord Jesus, we ask you to watch over our meeting today and help guide us and direct so that we may serve all. We pray this in your name, Amen.

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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President Shetler: Okay, we need a motion for approval of the minutes of August 6th.

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 5-0)**



<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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**SHERIFF**

President Shetler: Next is the Appropriation Ordinance, James.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. First on the agenda today is Sheriff’s request for Garage & Motor in the amount \$10,000 and also under Sheriff we have a request for Overtime, FICA and Sheriff Retirement for \$86,100. I’ll move approval for both requests.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have a motion for approval of the \$10,000 and the \$86,100.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions? We did go through this extensively last week, so 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
1000-1050-223000	Garage & Motor	10,000	10,000
Total		10,000	10,000

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1000-1050-130000	Overtime	75,000	75,000
1000-1050-190000	FICA	5,800	5,800
1000-1050-191100	Sheriff Retirement	5,300	5,300
Total		86,100	86,100

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

**CORONER**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Coroner we have a request for Data Management in the amount of \$5,131. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Again, we went through this fairly extensively last week as well. Any 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.

<b>CORONER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1000-1070-337000	Data Management	5,131	5,131
Total		5,131	5,131

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

President Shetler: Next?

Councilmember Raben: That's it for the General Fund requests. Now we'll move into COIT requests.

**COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX/SHERIFF  
COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX/JAIL**

Councilmember Raben: We have a request under Sheriff for Fuel in the amount of \$100,000. With this I am also going to include the Jail. We have a request for Food in the amount of \$98,000. The Fuel request I move that we set in \$50,000 and Jail at \$50,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second to basically amend the requests to \$50,000 on the Sheriff's Department and \$50,000 at the Jail. I have a motion and a second on it. Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: These are cut back, but I have informed the Sheriff that he will need to come back next month and ask for this request probably out of Riverboat or General Fund.

President Shetler: Alright. Any other comments or questions? Do I have any 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: Motion carries.

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
4998-1050-221000	Fuel	100,000	50,000
Total		100,000	50,000

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4998-1320-226000	Food	98,000	50,000
Total		98,000	50,000

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

**COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX/SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move back up to Superintendent of County Buildings, Utilities. The request is for \$78,000. I move that we set that in at \$40,000 and ask that we do the same with that one in October.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion. James, you said \$40,000?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Shetler: We have a motion on the floor, then to set the Superintendent of County Buildings in at \$40,000.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And that is amended from the \$78,000 request. 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: Motion carries.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4498-1310-320000	Utilities	78,000	40,000
Total		78,000	40,000

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**SHERIFF  
SURVEYOR  
AREA PLAN  
JAIL (3)  
CIRCUIT COURT  
SUPERIOR COURT**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER (4)  
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (2)  
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
HIGHWAY (2)  
REASSESSMENT/ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have quite a few transfers today. Does anyone have any questions on any of the transfers that are listed? Some of these are fine tuning several different salary line items and the others are transferring, you know, from various budgets for additional fuel and for overtime and what have you. It's a lot of housekeeping matters as we get later in the year. Is there any questions? None, then I'll move to approve all transfers as submitted.

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: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1000-1050-105002	Chief Deputy	742	742
To: 1000-1050-105023	Sergeant	42	42
1000-1050-105075	Deputy Sheriff	44	44
1000-1050-105080	Deputy Sheriff	44	44
1000-1050-105081	Deputy Sheriff	44	44
1000-1050-105082	Deputy Sheriff	43	43
1000-1050-105086	Deputy Sheriff	44	44
1000-1050-105088	Deputy Sheriff	43	43
1000-1050-105094	Deputy Sheriff	43	43
1000-1050-105095	Deputy Sheriff	44	44
1000-1050-105098	Deputy Sheriff	44	44
1000-1050-105104	Deputy Sheriff	44	44
1000-1050-105106	Deputy Sheriff	43	43
1000-1050-105110	Deputy Sheriff	44	44
1000-1050-105125	Deputy Sheriff	44	44
1000-1050-105133	Deputy Sheriff	44	44
1000-1050-105134	Deputy Sheriff	44	44
1000-1050-105139	Deputy Sheriff	44	44

<b>SURVEYOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1000-1060-106113	Party Chief	13,737	13,737
To: 1000-1060-197100	Accrued Payments	13,737	13,737

**AREA PLAN** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1000-1240-361000	Legal Services	454	454
To: 1000-1240-124119	Zoning Investigator	381	381
1000-1240-190000	FICA	30	30
1000-1240-191000	PERF	43	43

**JAIL** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1000-1320-132005	Confinement Ofcr.	8,500	8,500
1000-1320-132006	Confinement Ofcr.	2,900	2,900
1000-1320-132008	Confinement Ofcr.	10,300	10,300
1000-1320-132011	Confinement Ofcr.	7,600	7,600
1000-1320-132018	Confinement Ofcr.	3,500	3,500
1000-1320-132025	Confinement Ofcr.	6,500	6,500
1000-1320-132038	Confinement Ofcr.	8,800	8,800
1000-1320-132050	Confinement Ofcr.	10,600	10,600
1000-1320-132056	Confinement Ofcr.	1,100	1,100
To: 1000-1320-185000	Union Overtime	59,007	59,007
1000-1320-132023	Confinement Ofcr.	793	793

**JAIL** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1000-1320-132031	Confinement Ofcr.	63	63
To: 1000-1320-132003	C.O. Supervisor	9	9
1000-1320-132004	C.O. Supervisor	9	9
1000-1320-132012	Confinement Ofcr.	9	9
1000-1320-132014	Confinement Ofcr.	9	9
1000-1320-132034	Confinement Ofcr.	9	9
1000-1320-132036	Confinement Ofcr.	9	9
1000-1320-132039	Confinement Ofcr.	9	9

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1000-1320-175000	Clothing Allowance	13,300	13,300
1000-1320-132007	Confinement Ofcr.	14,553	14,553
To: 1000-1320-197100	Accrued Payments	27,853	27,853

<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1000-1360-394400	Special Reporter	3,000	3,000
To: 1000-1360-226000	Food	1,000	1,000
1000-1360-372300	Psych. Evaluations	2,000	2,000

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1000-1370-305000	Patient/Inmate Care	38,571	38,571
1000-1370-137172	Clerk Asst. Probation	4,169	4,169
1000-1370-137158	Riding Bailiff	2,917	2,917
1000-1370-137160	Asst Ch Clerk/Ct Rep	535	535
To: 1000-1370-137148	Probation Officer	1,859	1,859
1000-1370-137143	Probation Officer	3,580	3,580
1000-1370-137125	Court Reporter	10,730	10,730
1000-1370-137130	Court Reporter	8,669	8,669
1000-1370-137155	Riding Bailiff	9,301	9,301
1000-1370-137162	Admin Asst III	10,806	10,806
1000-1370-137176	Clerk Asst/Secretary	1,247	1,247

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1000-1420-142197	Temp. Replacement	8,800	8,800
To: 1000-1420-348200	Investigative/ Contractual	8,800	8,800

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1000-1420-142188	Deputy Public Defender	5,254	5,254
To: 1000-1420-142162	Chief Public Defender	4,421	4,421

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1000-1420-190000	FICA	338	338
1000-1420-191000	PERF	495	495

**PUBLIC DEFENDER** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1000-1420-142188	Deputy Public Defender	944	944
To: 1000-1420-197100	Accrued Payments	944	944

**PUBLIC DEFENDER** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1000-1420-142180	Public Defender	10,152	10,152
1000-1420-142176	Secretary PT	14,340	14,340
To: 1000-1420-197100	Accrued Payments	24,492	24,492

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1000-1430-143005	Confinement Ofcr.	12,100	12,100
To: 1000-1430-197100	Accrued Payments	12,100	12,100

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1000-1430-143017	Confinement Ofcr.	18	18
To: 1000-1430-143002	C.O. Supervisor	9	9
1000-1430-143021	Confinement Ofcr.	9	9

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

From: 1135-0000-200000	Materials	8,000	8,000
To: 1135-0000-221000	Fuel	8,000	8,000

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1159-0000-360000	Rent	30,000	30,000
1159-0000-115956	Public Health Nurse	11,000	11,000
To: 1159-0000-224000	Medical	20,000	20,000
1159-0000-351000	Operating Expense	15,000	15,000
1159-0000-353000	Contractual Services	6,000	6,000

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1176-0000-200000	Materials	19,000	19,000
1176-0000-230000	Uniforms	6,000	6,000
1176-0000-384000	Drainage & Assess.	4,000	4,000
To: 1176-0000-221000	Fuel	29,000	29,000

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1176-0000-200000	Materials	12,185	12,185
To: 1176-0000-185000	Union Overtime	10,000	10,000
1176-0000-190000	FICA	765	765
1176-0000-191000	PERF	1,420	1,420

REASSESSMENT/ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1224-1090-199000	Extra Help	4,070	4,070
To: 1224-1090-130000	Regular Overtime	3,660	3,660
1224-1090-191000	PERF	410	410

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

<b>SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Okay, nothing to repeal. No Old Business. New business, Superior Court request to fill Small Claims Secretary and Clerk Asst/Probation, Clerk Asst/Adoptions and part-time Bailiff vacancies. And if the record would please reflect that Councilman Goebel has joined us.

Krista Weiberg: I'm here for Superior Court if there are any questions.

President Shetler: Any questions for Superior Court? If not a motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: It has been moved and we need a second. Need a second then.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second the motion.

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: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Okay, next is Clerk request to fill M/T Warrant Clerk, Circuit/Superior Counter Clerk and extra help vacancies.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning, Debbie Stucki, County Clerk.

President Shetler: Good morning.

Debbie Stucki: There are no buy outs in these requests. They have moved on to judges' offices, so they still work for the county.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions? Debbie, since you began your tenure as Clerk you've cut how many positions?

Debbie Stucki: Cut by two.

President Shetler: Two full-time positions?

Debbie Stucki: Two full-time positions.

President Shetler: Oh, okay. This just keeps you at that two under. This doesn't change anything there?

Debbie Stucki: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: 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: Motion carries. Thank you.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Next the Sheriff request to fill Community Service Coordinator vacancy and to change line item 136Y-1390 job title, description and salary to Community Corrections from Office Manager to Confinement Officer.

Dave Wedding: Good morning.

President Shetler: Don't get the impression everybody thinks this is going to easy. Just yes, yes, yes.

Dave Wedding: Exactly.

President Shetler: Good morning, Sheriff. Anybody have any questions or comments? Wow, I guess it is. Thank you.

Dave Wedding: Alright.

President Shetler: Motion would be in order for approval.

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

President Shetler: Motion on the floor and I need a second.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Motion carries. Uh, anybody opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries. Alright, there we go.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>SURVEYOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next, Jeff. Surveyor's request to fill vacancy for Office Manager.

Jeff Mueller: Good morning, Jeff Mueller, County Surveyor.

President Shetler: Anybody have any questions? Okay, a motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: I need a second.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And we have a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anybody opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES**

President Shetler: Okay, here we go. Prosecutor's office, a request to fill Legal Secretary vacancy and approve hiring from Incentive Fund a part-time employee for \$10 an hour not to exceed 29 hours per week.

Nick Hermann: I know you guys are rested and fresh with your questions.

President Shetler: We're ready. Okay, does anybody have any questions? A motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anybody opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY**

President Shetler: Alright, next is Cooperative Extension request to fill Secretary position.

Susan Plassmeier: Good morning. You can just keep that trend going.

President Shetler: It's gotta stop somewhere here.

Susan Plassmeier: No, no, no, not here.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: None, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anybody opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

Susan Plassmeier: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Public Defender request to fill Public Defender and Investigator vacancies.

Steve Owen: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning. Let the record reflect that Councilman Lindsey has joined us as well. Alright, do I have any questions for the Public Defender? Steve, you know—

Steve Owen: I knew I wouldn't be able to get away without any questions.

President Shetler: Just a little. There has been some, you know, we've talked back and forth about transferring some of those part-time into the full-time status and working on that over a period of time and then it has kind of shifted back and then, you know, I'm not sure what the status is today. Are we still aiming to try to—

Steve Owen: You mean with this request?

President Shetler: No, not with this request, but I am just talking about in general from the office. Are we—

Steve Owen: As it stands right now I don't have any vacancies in the part-time staff. If I get a vacancy I will probably come to you and ask you to allow me to convert it to full-time.

President Shetler: Alright, so the goal was still to try to pare down the part-timers as much as possible through attrition and then move that into more of a full-time status?

Steve Owen: Yes.

President Shetler: That would bring us more – okay. Alright, any questions? Motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: Got a motion and a second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: A motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anybody opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>TRAVEL REQUESTS</b>
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**CLERK  
TREASURER  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT (4)**

President Shetler: Travel requests. I have one from the Clerk, one from the Treasurer and four from the Health Department. Do I have any questions on the travel requests? If not a motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anybody opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>RESOLUTION CO.R-09-14-008 APPROVING ISSUANCE OF BONDS UNIVERSITY PARKWAY AREA</b>
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President Shetler: Alright, I'm going to go out of a line just a little bit here because we are going to take you guys towards the end, the Airport and the Solid Waste Management. Next, Joe, I think you're here for a resolution on the Vanderburgh County Council. Are you here for that one?

Joe Harrison: Hi, Joe Harrison, County Attorney, here regarding the resolution that was discussed at your Personnel & Finance Meeting briefly last week regarding University Parkway, the project to extend sewer into that TIF district. I did send some information. Hopefully you all received it late last week regarding the request to permit County Option Income Tax funds as a backup for \$3,000,000 of the anticipated \$5,000,000 cost for that project. I would ask if you have any question, any other questions, but otherwise if you would consider that resolution that would be great.

President Shetler: Okay, the resolution number on that is CO.R-09-14-008. So does anybody have any questions on that? Again, this is not an uncommon practice. We've done this several times in the past and it does help with that assurance of our COIT monies gives some...we've never had to tap into it and we've never had to use it, but it does give the bond holders some assurance and it usually drives down the price then of the interest rates.

Joe Harrison: Yes, the interest rate will be lower because of this and it will save the county funds in that sense.

President Shetler: Right, and over the time, you know, for the bond and everything that's usually a substantial amount of money.

Councilmember Bassemier: Joe, do you have that number yet? What it is going to save?

Joe Harrison: Well, instead of...it's probably half a percent, you know, as far as, instead of being two percent it might be one point five, but usually it's about a half of a percent.

President Shetler: And that is compounded, too.

Joe Harrison: Yeah.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I just want to say thank to Mr. Harrison for getting the information that we asked and we got it via email, so we had time to look it over and got all the questions answered. Appreciate that.

Joe Harrison: Thank you, you're welcome.

President Shetler: Okay, yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Did we all receive that?

Councilmember Terry: Yeah, I did, but I actually discovered it yesterday in my spam box, so it is possible that it's there.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't have a recollection of anything.

Joe Harrison: I did send, I sent it out last Friday.

President Shetler: I received it, but I can't speak to who would or would not have received it.

Jeff Ahlers: You're addressed on the email, so now whether or not it made it in there or not, it was addressed to all Councilmembers by Mr. Harrison and copied to me.

Joe Harrison: I got the list from Jeff. I'm sorry. I can send it to you again or try to send it to you. In fact, I've got a copy.

Councilmember Goebel: I would like to see what we are voting on actually.

Joe Harrison: Here you go.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, the resolution itself you have from the last meeting. What he sent

was a letter from London Witte Group.

Joe Harrison: Yeah, I don't have a copy.

Jeff Ahlers: It was a two page letter that explained the bonds and the BANS and how they work and the interest rates and such. If you want I can let you have—

Councilmember Goebel: Is this any different than your discussion from last Wednesday?

Joe Harrison: No, I just wanted to give you all the information that was requested.

President Shetler: Okay, does that satisfy you?

Councilmember Goebel: The numbers are about the same as were discussed.

Councilmember Bassemier: Looking for a motion to approve?

President Shetler: A motion would be in order for approval, yes. Okay, we have a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: I assume that was a motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, it is.

President Shetler: You looked pretty positively. Okay, we have a motion and a second. Do I have any other questions or 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: Seeing no one, the motion carries.

Joe Harrison: Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Thank you, Joe.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESOLUTION CO.R-09-14-006 TERMINATION OF TAX PHASE IN CREATIVE PRESS/CHESAPEAKE PHARMACEUTICALS</b></p>
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President Shetler: Okay, Shance, I think you're up next, on a resolution on the Creative Press property.

Shance Sizemore: Shance Sizemore with Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. This is the resolution that was discussed from the CF-1 compliance reporting that I

was before you with last month. This resolution would terminate the property owner's tax deduction for 15220 Foundation Avenue. It's titled under Creative Press, but also known as Chesapeake Pharmaceuticals. I don't know if there is anybody here representing the company. It doesn't look like it. They were sent a letter by certified mail with the request for them to be here. As I told you before, they are shutting down that location. So my assumption is they probably didn't have anybody here because of that reason. But is there any questions? Once this is passed, this will be sent certified to the respective tax bodies including Joe and the Assessor.

President Shetler: Okay, any questions? Motion would be in order for approval of this resolution then.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a--

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: --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: Seeing no one, motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Shance Sizemore: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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**SUPERIOR COURT (4)**

**CLERK (3)**

**SHERIFF (4)**

**SURVEYOR (2)**

**PROSECUTOR (2)**

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER (5)**

**AREA PLAN**

**JAIL (3)**

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (2)**

**HIGHWAY**

**REASSESSMENT/ASSESSOR**

President Shetler: Next I'm going to take the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Actually, we're not officially supposed to start the other part until 9:00 anyway, so I am going to go ahead. So everybody should have been passed out the amendments. James, you want to handle this aspect, amendments to the Salary Ordinance?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, everyone has been given a copy of the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. There are about six pages here today. So rather than read each and every one of these I'm going to ask that this be entered into the minutes and approved to accept the document as submitted.



Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, it has been moved and seconded. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EVANSVILLE-VANDEBURGH AIRPORT AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARING ON 2015 BUDGET</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next then we will go to the Airport. Russ Lloyd is coming over to present the Solid Waste in a few minutes here.

Doug Joest: Good morning. I'm Doug Joest and I'm the Executive Director of the Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority. I guess I'm here to answer any question you might have about the budget we presented. I just would like to make note, this year we have had several positive developments at the airport. Three weeks ago we started service...Delta started service to Atlanta with 110 passenger airplane that does have first class seats and WI-FI on it. On the 2nd of next month we'll be starting three daily flights to Charlotte on US Air, so we are excited about additional travel opportunities for the region. Also, we are just wrapping up our runway project. It was a \$67 million project that we're finishing over a year ahead of schedule. We appreciate the cooperation we have within the community and various agencies locally. Part of that project was a lot of infrastructure improvements around the airport. We moved railroad tracks, improved crossings, added roads and things around the airport. To our budget, really I don't have salary increases in there at this point. I was waiting to see guidance from the Council, what they were going to recommend this year. The only really change we have in the budget is I've included the operating expenses of the golf course. In the past those were just net revenues and I wanted to make it consistent with our financial statements. No additional taxpayer money is required, I'm just reflecting reality with the budget.

President Shetler: You know, along with what you're talking about on the service, I will say, not that I would necessarily go to another airport to use their facilities—

Doug Joest: I would hope not.

President Shetler: But I do price it out from time to time.

Doug Joest: Yes.

President Shetler: I will tell you, Evansville Airport is always competitive.

Doug Joest: Yeah, there has been a change in the industry. I know there is a perception out there that it is always more expensive here, but that's not true anymore.

President Shetler: No.

Doug Joest: And Southwest Airlines, which people like to talk about, isn't a discount carrier anymore.

President Shetler: Yeah, sometimes it may vary \$60, \$75 or \$80, but by the time you drive anywhere else, park your car and spend all that extra money, you know, you have easily lost that \$65 or \$70.

Doug Joest: I've had somebody tell me, I go to Orlando cheaper out of Louisville and I looked it up one day and I said, well, not in this case. I can go to Orlando cheaper out of here.

President Shetler: Right, and I have found that, too. Or I have been able to go to some places.

Doug Joest: So we're pretty excited. We just hope the community uses these additional flights because it is a use it or lose it type of proposition. So if we don't continue to fill the airplane, we'll lose some of that.

President Shetler: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: I think there is a new commercial I think I saw yesterday morning or maybe this morning for the first time.

Doug Joest: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: That's very nice.

Doug Joest: Yeah, we're, obviously, we're are promoting the new service, both the bigger Delta jet and as well as the Charlotte service.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: I was looking for...Doug, how do I identify where the golf course?

Doug Joest: It is under...hang on just a second. It's under Services Other Contractual.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval. Or do we actually need approval? No? We do, okay. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, a little confusion.

Doug Joest: Okay, I understood this was a public hearing and then you do the final official approval later.

President Shetler: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: On the 24th.

Doug Joest: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Doug, which of the lines for Other Contractual Services?

Doug Joest: Let me look. I'm looking at our form, yeah. I think—

Councilmember Goebel: 262 or 265?

Doug Joest: It is 8101...no, that's us. If you're looking at the format of the gateway it is like the fifth one from the bottom. If you'll look at Services & Charges, if it's \$2,411,000. If you go up about five spaces you'll see \$650,000. Okay? Yes, okay. I'm translating between our account structure on this. Pardon me.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Doug Joest: Alright, any other questions?

President Shetler: Anybody else have any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Doug, you might want to introduce your new staff member there.

Doug Joest: Oh, with me is Jean Stevens. She just joined us as Director of Finance and Administration about two months ago.

President Shetler: Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to speak?

Doug Joest: We have such a following. They're all at the airport getting on airplanes.

President Shetler: That's kind of a legal responsibility, I think, of mine to be able to, but at a public hearing you let the public speak. Anyway.

Doug Joest: Alright, thank you.

President Shetler: Just take your time, one at a time come up and please sign in.

Doug Joest: Alright, thanks everybody.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Doug Joest: Let me just add if anybody would like to come out and see the runway project or anything at the airport just give me a call. Alright, thanks.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING ON 2015 BUDGET</b></p>
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President Shetler: Alright, the next one on the agenda will be the Solid Waste Management District and we are waiting on former Councilman, former Mayor, present City Controller Russ Lloyd. We can take about a...he was in a meeting and wasn't expecting to be here until about 9:00 anyway, so we can take a three or four minute break here. I'm tapping all I can. I am almost tapped out here. Does anybody else have any other questions about anything else on the budget? We do want to remind everyone that next week, on the 10th, we do have a meeting. Does

it start at 9:00? Nine o'clock, yeah. We will give the cuts at that time and stuff for the budget and then after that we have various township trustees and stuff as well. So we'll have that scheduled at 10:00 or immediately following the other. Anybody else have anything else they would like to bring up? Questions, comments? It was a good game last week, Mike.

Councilmember Goebel: Thanks. I do have one question about transfers. If we are transferring funds from one area to another to help supplement a buyout are we keeping tabs on that very line item to keep a watch that people don't come back and ask for more appropriations to meet their expenses from a line item they transferred out of as the rest of this year goes?

President Shetler: I'm getting an affirmative head shake that Sandie is and Sarah, watching over it very carefully to make sure that doesn't happen, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Did we get any more information from the computer services? Are they just in the process of doing that inventory of the computers?

President Shetler: I can't speak to whether or not they are actually addressing the issue we brought up several times or not, but I haven't seen anything moving on it yet. Joe, do you—

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I was thinking that Mr...I can't recall the gentleman's name. The new—

Joe Gries: Mark Uhrin.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes, Mr. Uhrin had said last week that he was going to see that it was done, so I just was wondering if we knew any more about it? Okay, hopefully they are in process.

President Shetler: So, Mike, who is the game against this week?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: (Inaudible comments)

President Shetler: Go for it, Angela. Well, I apologize for the delay, but if anybody needs to take a break here for a minute, as soon as Russ Lloyd is able to break away from his meeting and come in and explain the Solid Waste Management, then we'll go forward.

**(Meeting briefly paused)**

President Shetler: Okay, if we could come back to order. Russ Lloyd, the City Controller, was involved in a meeting and has just gotten out and able to present to us Solid Waste Management District budget at this public hearing.

Russ Lloyd: Thank you, Mr. President. You should have the Solid Waste District in front of you. The 2015 budget, the revenues projected \$400,000 and that may be...I think that is pretty conservative based on what they have done year-to-date. The total expenditure is \$392,018.62, so this is a balanced budget. Actually in 2014 their budget was \$401,111 so they have actually reduced it about \$9,000. That includes the city projected salary increase of 2 percent which you see there for the two

employees. Some reductions, Office Supplies. They're going to change the legal arrangement from, I think it was a fixed \$500 a month and they're going to an hourly rate and that is why that is such a big drop. He has worked his printing budget and lowered that quite a bit, \$9,000. Those are the two largest items that account for the decrease. I would be happy to entertain any questions.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions? Seeing none, this is a public hearing so if anybody in the audience would like to speak?

Councilmember Goebel: The only question I have is, have we looked at the joint departments to try to maybe renegotiate the contracts?

Russ Lloyd: Well, I think this, compared to some of the other joint departments, this is an example where they have really sharpened the pencil and lowered the budget which is a good thing. Their revenue is approximately \$35,000 a month and with the economy doing a little better they feel like those revenues will be up somewhat. But I am sure the Solid Waste Board and the Mayor would entertain any other ideas for lowering this amount.

Councilmember Goebel: No, I'm sorry. I'm speaking out of line. I'm not talking about this in particular.

Russ Lloyd: Oh, the other departments.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm just talking in general since we've got you on the floor.

Russ Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Area Plan in particular.

Russ Lloyd: Oh, right. We had some discussion on that and I think the Mayor and the Commissioners need to look at the...just looking at those contracts as they come up for renewal, look at those percentages because there are some that seem lopsided. I know I think this body has expressed concerns about Area Plan, seems lopsided. Rather than, I think, the prior...I think Mrs. Abel, the prior Commissioners had looked at trying to get them all on the table and go through all of them, but it might be a better plan just to go through them as they come up and just let's get these corrected. But, I mean, the city, from our end, we realize some of them are lopsided one way or the other. Each one of those departments can gather the data to determine, you know, the usage, city versus county. I think for all taxpayers we ought to get those percentages correct.

Councilmember Goebel: I agree.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Controller, did you receive the email from the Area Plan Commission? He has already, I think, some numbers on that so we can start looking at it.

Russ Lloyd: Right. No, I think that is good. I mean, some of those percentages go way back. I mean 15 or 20 years and it might have been true back then, but they certainly aren't true any more.

Councilmember Goebel: Russ, just on that particular department it seems like that would be one that we could pull the contract back because, obviously, the demands of the job have changed with the annexation and things of that nature, plus all the

development down here. So I think it would be beneficial for both entities that we maybe renegotiate that contract now and start a new one and we can sign it.

Russ Lloyd: I will take that message to the Mayor.

Councilmember Goebel: When does it end, in 2015? Or '16? At the end of '15, see you then.

Russ Lloyd: Okay, but I think if we can gather some data then I don't think...I mean, it doesn't help any of us to have one body gaining advantage over the other, kind of unfairly so. Let's look at several month's data and maybe we go from there.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, if you are open, that would be nice.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions or comments? Seeing or hearing—

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion to approve the Solid Waste.

President Shetler: I think it's the same thing, James. A public hearing and then we do this the 24th.

Russ Lloyd: The 24th is the final adoption.

President Shetler: So does anybody have any questions or anything else? Nobody is in the audience to speak to it, so that being the case this will really conclude the agenda that we have today for the County Council meeting. So I need a motion to adjourn and then we'll see everybody here next week on the 10th and that will be at 9:00 in the morning to go through our budget cuts and then at 10:00 on the other taxing districts, the trustee offices. Thanks, Russ, appreciate it.

Russ Lloyd: Thanks, Councilmen.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning, and I'd like to reconvene the finance hearings, budget hearings that we've had thus far this year and first I'd like to have the Clerk do the 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 after roll called

President Shetler: There being six members present, one absent we do have a quorum and I'd like to ask Councilman Goebel on his victory this past week if he would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then after that, we're going to have a moment of silence in respect for Rick Davis, our former County Treasurer.

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

President Shetler: So if we'll all just remain standing and have a moment of silence for Rick Davis, please.

**(A moment of silence was observed)**

President Shetler: Thank you. I do want to mention that Rick was always very helpful and cooperative and worked very hard to cut his budget and cooperated very well with Council over the years, and I greatly appreciated the friendship that we had working together.

Councilmember Goebel: I second that.

President Shetler: Next is Finance Chairman, Councilman Raben to go through the budget cuts.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. Today we are going to go through the budget cuts. This is really the preliminary meeting for the cuts. We will finalize this budget, I think we were scheduled initially for September 24<sup>th</sup>, that has been pushed back to October the 8<sup>th</sup> to allow more time. There is a few contracts that I would like to see negotiated or an attempt made to negotiate a few contracts at some lower rates and allow our salary ordinance people more time to fine tune our salary ordinance. So again, our final meeting will be October the 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in this room.



President Shetler: James, let me just go ahead and add on to that since you brought it up and I don't forget later, but we will on the 24<sup>th</sup>, though, still have the Personnel Finance meeting that morning. After that, we will still have the civil taxing districts that we have to take up and included in that would be also the Solid Waste and Airport. So we still will have a need for being here on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is going to be pushed to October 8<sup>th</sup> and then we will, after that regular scheduled meeting of October the 1<sup>st</sup>, after that one concludes on the 8<sup>th</sup>, then we will begin the process of the final hearing on the budget then.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Shetler: And then I also want the record to show that Councilman Lindsay is here.

Councilmember Raben: Any questions on any of that? Okay, today we will not be calling any officeholders or department heads to the podium unless absolutely necessary. I'd like to keep this moving. There is about seven and a half pages of cuts that are typed and in a formal fashion that run in order with the book. You can follow along with the book if you would like or I'm going to call the cuts out from the typed up sheets, so that's the order in which we'll take everything. And there is one standard motion throughout the morning and that is that all FICA, PERF, Insurance, salary lines will be set in at our final October the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. So is everybody ready to go? Okay, and these cuts, just to give you an idea, these cuts as they are prepared today, represent about 1.6 - 1.7 million in total general fund cuts including our COIT budgets and what have you. The thought is to try to get a little bit deeper and that's why we want to look at a few contracts between now and finalization. So at the end of the day I think everybody would like to get it to the point where we can offer the employees of Vanderburgh County an increase for next year.

<b>CLERK 1000 1010</b>
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Councilmember Raben: So alright, first on the agenda under Clerk, account 101114 to be set in at \$15,782, account 101124 \$19,873, 101149 \$12,052, FICA \$125,385, PERF \$182,449, Extra Help zero, Supplies zero, Maintenance & Repair zero, Contractual Services zero, Dues & Subscriptions zero. Then if you will turn to page 6 for the Clerk on your typed up form, we're going to insert those cuts into the Perpetuation Fund, so starting with account 199000 Extra Help set in at \$10,000, Supply account \$56,000, Maintenance & Repair \$200, Contractual Services \$15,000, Dues & Subscriptions \$300, Record Storage \$60,000, and again, all salary lines and final FICA and PERF numbers will be set in at our October the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
101114	Cashier/Child Support	31,564	15,782	15,782
101124	Asst Ch Dep/Child Sup	39,746	19,873	19,873
101149	Cashier/Child Support	24,104	12,052	12,052
190000	FICA	129,035	3,650	125,385
191000	PERF	187,793	5,344	182,449
199000	Extra Help	10,000	10,000	0

260000	Supplies	56,000	56,000	0
352000	Maintenance & Repair	200	200	0
353000	Contractual Services	15,000	15,000	0
370000	Dues & Subscriptions	300	300	0

**AUDITOR 1000 1020**

Councilmember Raben: We'll continue on now to Auditor, the first cut is 260000 Supplies set in at zero, Communications zero, Maintenance & Repair zero, Contractual Services zero, Dues & Subscriptions zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
260000	Supplies	10,000	10,000	0
314000	Communications	300	300	0
352000	Maintenance & Repair	500	500	0
353000	Contractual Services	3,000	3,000	0
370000	Dues & Subscriptions	1,500	1,500	0

**TREASURER 1000 1030**

Councilmember Raben: Treasurer, the first cut is 260000 Supplies set in at zero, excuse me, Supplies set in at \$7,000, a cut of \$1,000, Supplies set in at \$7,000; Printing at \$15,000, Contractual Services \$800.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
260000	Supplies	8,000	1,000	7,000
341000	Printing	2,000	(13,000)	15,000
353000	Contractual Services	47,800	47,000	800

**RECORDER 1000 1040**

Councilmember Raben: We'll move into Recorder, account 104114 Miscellaneous Deputy 1140 will be set in at zero, and we're going to do the same thing, we're going to go into the Perpetuation Fund and set these in. Microfilm Tech zero, Release Deputy zero, UCC Deputy zero, Deeds Deputy zero, Deeds Deputy zero. FICA set in at \$13,801, PERF \$20,205.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
104114	Misc Deputy	30,166	30,166	0
104116	Microfilm Tech	31,564	31,564	0
104117	Release Deputy	33,071	33,071	0

104118	U.C.C. Deputy	40,815	40,815	0
104119	Deeds Deputy	33,071	33,071	0
104121	Deeds Deputy	34,652	34,652	0
190000	FICA	28,366	14,565	13,801
191000	PERF	41,529	21,324	20,205

**RECORDER'S PERPETUATION 1189 0000**

Councilmember Raben: Now if we can move to page 7, the first line is account 104114 Miscellaneous Deputy set in at \$30,166, account 104116 Microfilm Tech \$31,564, account 104117 Release Deputy \$33,071, 104118 UCC Deputy \$40,815, 104119 Deeds Deputy \$33,071, 104121 Deeds Deputy \$34,652, 1900 FICA adjusted accordingly and PERF adjusted accordingly. Insurance will be set in at \$49,172, that's \$49,172. I do need to call attention to, there is still an agreement that needs to be signed to finalize this matter, is that correct?

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
104114	Miscellaneous Deputy	0	(30,166)	30,166
104116	Microfilm Tech	0	(31,564)	31,564
104117	Release Deputy	0	(33,071)	33,071
104118	U.C.C. Deputy	0	(40,815)	40,815
104119	Deeds Deputy	0	(33,071)	33,071
104121	Deeds Deputy	0	(34,652)	34,652
190000	FICA	0	(14,566)	14,566
191000	PERF	0	(21,325)	21,325
192000	Insurance	0	(49,172)	49,172

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, we're still waiting on the Recorder to sign the appropriate statement needed to do that otherwise those positions won't be funded from the Perpetuation Fund.

President Shetler: Councilman Raben, let me point out, too, for those that are either here or listening, perhaps, on television, but the cuts that we are actually making, most of those that we have talked about today and setting in at zero, those are all being paid for either out of the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund or the Clerk IV-D Fund or the Recorder's or the Auditor's Ineligible Homestead, all that are basically fee-based functions that are able to bring revenue in through fee services instead of being done by the taxpayers. It's a way for us to relieve the taxpayers of better than half a million dollars there. So that's the purpose of us doing what has been done there is to shift the burden from the property taxpayers to a fee based system so I just wanted to explain that, that those are being funded, but they're being funded out of fee accounts.

**CLERK IV-D 8899 0000**

Councilmember Raben: Good point. Thank you. I've got a little bit of housekeeping that I need to take care of back on the Clerk. Let's move to page 8 of the printed sheet. Clerk IV-D, the top account, the first account is 101114 Cashier/Child Support to be set in at \$15,782, account 101124 Assistant Chief Deputy/Child Support \$19,873, 101149 Cashier Child Support \$12,052, FICA \$3,650, PERF \$5,344, and Insurance \$16,392.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
101114	Cashier/Child Support	0	(15,782)	15,782
101124	Asst Ch Dep/Child Sup	0	(19,873)	19,873
101149	Cashier/Child Support	0	(12,052)	12,052
190000	FICA	0	(3,650)	3,650
191000	PERF	0	(5,344)	5,344
192000	Insurance	0	(16,392)	16,392

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Chairman, do we need to speak to the Auditor's Ineligible Homestead on page 7 or did we get that?

Councilmember Raben: On page 7 in the sheets? We'll come to that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

**SHERIFF 1000 1050**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Sheriff on page 2, account 130100 Civilian Overtime set in at \$20,000, Motor Vehicles zero, and we will insert that in a CCD budget later on, Equipment zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
130100	Civilian Overtime	25,000	5,000	20,000
423000	Motor Vehicles	250,000	250,000	0
425000	Equipment	50,000	50,000	0

**CORONER 1000 1070**

Councilmember Raben: Now moving into Coroner, the first account is 223000 Garage & Motor \$1,200, Supplies \$13,000, Solid Waste Disposal \$2,500, Utilities \$14,000, Maintenance & Repair \$1,500, Autopsies \$215,000, Body Transport \$5,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
223000	Garage & Motor	1,500	300	1,200

260000	Supplies	13,500	500	13,000
319000	Solid Waste Disposal	3,000	500	2,500
320000	Utilities	16,000	2,000	14,000
352000	Maintenance & Repair	2,500	1,000	1,500
365000	Autopsies/Diagnostics	235,000	20,000	215,000
365100	Body Transport	6,000	1,000	5,000

**PROSECUTOR 1000 1080**

Councilmember Raben: Now we will move into Prosecutor starting with account 260000 Supplies \$20,000, Travel & Mileage \$4,000, Printing \$1,500, Maintenance & Repair \$1,500, Return of Fugitive \$15,000, Witness Fees \$8,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
260000	Supplies	41,200	21,200	20,000
313000	Travel/Mileage	150,000	11,000	4,000
341000	Printing	4,500	3,000	1,500
352000	Maintenance & Repair	7,200	5,700	1,500
390000	Return of Fugitive	18,700	3,700	15,000
390100	Witness Fees	9,500	1,500	8,000

**COUNTY ASSESSOR 1000 1090**

Councilmember Raben: County Assessor, starting with account 109156 Real Estate Deputy \$26,222, account 109166 Deputy Assessor Deeds \$33,071, 109170 Real Estate Deputy \$36,118. And with this budget, like all the other budgets that we've discussed in the past and will throughout the morning, all other line items will be approved as listed, okay?

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
109156	Real Estate Deputy	37,852	11,630	26,222
109166	Deputy Assessor Deeds	24,104	(8,967)	33,071
109170	Real Estate Deputy	34,466	(1,652)	36118

**ELECTION OFFICE 1000 1210**

Councilmember Raben: Now we'll move into Election Office. The first item is 121111 Board Member \$840, Election Assistant \$17,500, Absentee Teams \$1,925, Canvassing Board \$630, Assistant Canvassing Board \$350, Election Inspector \$2,184, Election Judge \$6,216, Election Clerk \$6,048, Election Attorney \$420, Ballot Aids \$875, FICA \$1,483, PERF \$55, Food \$140, Supplies \$1,400, Postage

& Freight \$35, Travel & Mileage \$140, Printing \$875, Legal Advertising \$350, Maintenance & Repair \$175, Contractual Services \$98,000, Rent \$1,820, Legal Services \$350, Equipment Lease & Rental \$175, and again, all other line items to be approved as listed.

<b>Acct #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Approved</b>
121111	Board Member	2,400	1,560	840
121112	Election Assistants	50,000	32,500	17,500
121113	Absentee Teams	5,500	3,575	1,925
121114	Canvassing Board	1,800	1,170	630
121115	Assist. Canvassing Bd.	1,000	650	350
121116	Election Inspector	6,240	4,056	2,184
121117	Election Judge	17,760	11,544	6,216
121118	Election Clerk	17,280	11,232	6,048
121120	Election Attorney	1,200	780	420
121121	Ballot Aids	2,500	1,625	875
190000	FICA	4,238	2,755	1,483
191000	PERF	157	102	55
226000	Food	400	260	140
260000	Supplies	4,000	2,600	1,400
312000	Postage/Freight	100	65	35
313000	Travel/Mileage	400	260	140
341000	Printing	2,500	1,625	875
342000	Legal Advertising	1,000	650	350
352000	Maintenance & Repair	500	325	175
353000	Contractual Services	280,000	182,000	98,000
360000	Rent	5,200	3,380	1,820
361000	Legal Services	1,000	650	350
363000	Equip. Lease & Rental	500	325	175

<b>COOPERATIVE EXTENSION 1000 1230</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Co-Op Extension page 4, starting with 123114 Secretary to be set in at \$23,013, Extra Help zero, Contractual Services \$76,095.

<b>Acct #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Approved</b>
123114	Secretary	31,564	8,551	23,013

199000	Extra Help	2,000	2,000	0
353000	Contractual Services	76,860	765	76,095

<b>AREA PLAN 1000 1240</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Now Area Plan, the first account is 124117 Secretary/Bookkeeper Office Manager to be set in at \$37,715, Zoning Investigator \$35,539, Senior Secretary \$25,029, Fuel \$1,500, Supplies \$4,500, Communications \$6,000, Training & Education \$2,500, Printing \$500, Motor Vehicles zero, and we will pick that up in the CCD budget later on.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
124117	Sec/Bookkeep Ofc Mgr	39,918	2,203	37,715
124119	Zoning Investigator	34,342	(1,197)	35,539
124120	Sr. Secretary	35,647	10,618	25,029
221000	Fuel	2,000	500	1,500
260000	Supplies	5,000	500	4,500
314000	Communications	12,000	6,000	6,000
331000	Training & Education	5,000	2,500	2,500
341000	Printing	1,000	500	500
423000	Motor Vehicles	27,500	27,500	0

<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 1000 1300</b>
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Councilmember Raben: We will move on to County Commissioners, the first item is 260000 Supplies \$1,000, Southwestern Mental Health \$946,223, EARC \$225,000, Emergency Medical \$125,000, Communications \$160,000, YMCA zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
260000	Supplies	1,500	500	1,000
302000	S W Mental Health	974,610	28,387	946,223
303000	EARC	250,000	25,000	225,000
308000	Emergency Medical	214,316	89,316	125,000
314000	Communications	242,000	82,000	160,000
349000	YMCA	20,000	20,000	0

<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS 1000 1310</b>
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Councilmember Raben: We'll move into Superintendent of County Buildings account 131115 Buildings & Groundskeeper \$7,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
131115	Bldgs & Groundskeeper	8,000	1,000	7,000

**JAIL 1000 1320**

Councilmember Raben: Next is Jail, the first account is 175000 Clothing Allowance \$60,000, 175100 Civilian Uniform Allowance \$7,000, Union Overtime \$250,000. Again with that page, all other line items and accounts to be approved as listed.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
175000	Clothing Allowance	66,000	6,000	60,000
175100	Civilian Uniform Allow.	8,000	1,000	7,000
185000	Union Overtime	300,000	50,000	250,000

**CIRCUIT COURT 1000 1360**

Councilmember Raben: Circuit Court on page 5, Food \$10,000, Psychological Evaluations \$5,000, Petit Jurors \$50,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
226000	Food	12,000	2,000	10,000
372300	Psych Evaluations	7,000	2,000	5,000
390300	Petit Jurors	60,000	10,000	50,000

**SUPERIOR COURT 1000 1370**

Councilmember Raben: Now we'll move into Superior Court, starting with account 137186 Courts IT Director \$62,036, Court Tech Specialist \$47,988, Patient/Inmate Care \$175,000, Pauper Transcripts \$52,500.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
137186	Vand Court IT Director	71,342	9,306	62,036
137187	Court Tech Specialist	55,187	7,199	47,988
305000	Patient/Inmate Care	195,000	20,000	175,000
394700	Pauper Transcripts	2,500	(50,000)	52,500

**DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE 1000 1380**

Councilmember Raben: Next is DADS, account 138111 Director \$43,392.



Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
138111	Director	58,075	14,683	43,392

**PUBLIC DEFENDER 1000 1420**

Councilmember Raben: We'll move into Public Defender starting with 142179 Investigator, the correct amount is \$36,214, Public Defender \$55,031, Investigative/Contractual Services \$25,000, Pauper Transcripts zero. And if everyone recalls, they had asked that we move that into Superior Court. Next is –

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes?

Jeff Ahlers: Is Circuit Court then going to submit their fees to Superior Court or does that need to be divided? Because there will be Pauper Transcripts for Circuit as well, so whether or not...

Councilmember Raben: Right now, we'll move this into Superior Court, so that will have to be determined I guess later.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: But the question initially was, will be it eligible for reimbursement and I think they found out for a fact that it would be.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
142179	Investigator	41,691	5,477	36,214
142180	Public Defender	82,380	27,349	55,031
348200	Investigative/Cont Svc	35,000	10,000	25,000
394700	Pauper Transcripts	75,000	75,000	0

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 1000 1430**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Community Corrections, did we handle that one? Union Overtime \$125,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
185000	Union Overtime	175,000	50,000	125,000

**OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA (THE CENTRE) RENAMED 1000 1440**

Councilmember Raben: This is just a note, The Centre, the department name needs to be changed to Old National Bank Events Plaza.

**BURDETTE PARK 1000 1450**

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park, the first account is 145111 Manager set in at zero. Union Overtime \$7,500, Communications \$3,000, Operating Expense zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
145111	Manager	61,440	0	0
185000	Union Overtime	10,000	2,500	7,500
314000	Communications	5,000	2,000	3,000
351000	Operating Expense	45,000	45,000	0

**LEGAL AID 1000 1460**

Councilmember Raben: Legal Aid, Law Books account 325000 \$2,464.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
325000	Law Books	3,464	1,000	2,464

**COUNTY COUNCIL 1000 1480**

Councilmember Raben: County Council line 1920000 Insurance set in at \$6,913,557. That represents approximately a 6 ½ percent increase. The hope would be that that will come in under that.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
192000	Insurance	6,491,602	(421,955)	6,913,557

**RIVER BOAT 1000 1490**

Councilmember Raben: River boat, page 6, starting with account 311000 Economic Development \$389,000, Initiative Based Assistance Program \$213,000, Infrastructure & Draining \$375,000, Office Furniture \$20,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
311000	Economic Development	430,000	41,000	389,000
311100	Initiative Based Assist.	263,000	50,000	213,000
311200	Infrastructure/Drainage	425,000	50,000	375,000
421000	Office Furniture	0	(20,000)	20,000

**CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU 1127 0000**

Councilmember Raben: We'll move down, we'll skip over Clerk Perpetuation, we read that earlier in the meeting, and we'll move on to Convention & Visitors Bureau account 313000 Travel & Mileage \$74,900, Training & Education \$1,500.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
313000	Travel/Mileage	81,030	6,130	74,900
331000	Training & Education	2,100	600	1,500

**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE 1135 0000**

Councilmember Raben: Next Cum Bridge account 261000 Engineer Supplies \$1,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
261000	Engineer Supplies	1,200	200	1,000

**CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT 1138 1300**

Councilmember Raben: Commissioners CCD, starting with account 149300 EMA Office Build Out zero, Office Machines zero, Motor Vehicles/Area Plan \$21,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
419300	EMA Office Build Out	250,000	250,000	0
422000	Office Machines	99,000	99,000	0
423000	Motor Vehicles-Area Plan	0	(21,000)	21,000

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT 1159 0000**

Councilmember Raben: Health Department, account 372000 Laboratory \$30,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
372000	Laboratory	3,000	(27,000)	30,000

**LOCAL ROADS & STREETS 1169 0000**

Councilmember Raben: Local Roads & Streets, 348100 Traffic Department, the correct amount is \$359,888.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
348100	Traffic Department	253,142	(106,746)	359,888

**COUNTY HIGHWAY 1176 0000**

Councilmember Raben: County Highway account 192000 Insurance \$991,002.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
192000	Insurance	1,098,012	107,010	991,002

**AUDITOR'S INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD 1216 0000**

Councilmember Raben: Everybody still good? We're almost there. Page 7, we will move down to Auditor's Ineligible Homestead starting with account 260000 Supplies \$13,000, Communications \$300, Maintenance & Repair \$500, Contractual Services \$11,000, Dues & Subscriptions \$1,500.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
260000	Supplies	3,000	(10,000)	13,000
314000	Communications	0	(300)	300
352000	Maintenance & Repair	0	(500)	500
370000	Dues & Subscriptions	0	(1,500)	1,500

**REASSESSMENT/AREA PLAN 1224 1240**

Councilmember Raben: Next Area Plan account 422000 Office Machines zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
422000	Office Machines	4,000	4,000	0

**COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX/CLERK 4998 1010**

Councilmember Raben: Clerk COIT Record Storage 330000 set in at zero.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
330000	Record Storage	60,000	60,000	0

**COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX/TREASURER 4998 1030**

Councilmember Raben: Treasurer/COIT 399000 Bank Service Charge \$10,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
399000	Bank Service Charge	35,000	25,000	10,000

**COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX/SUPERIOR COURT 4998 1370**

Councilmember Raben: Superior Court/COIT, account 305200 YCC Operating \$1,500,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
305200	YCC Operating Cost	1,520,000	20,000	1,500,000

**COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX/BURDETTE PARK 4998 1440**

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park COIT, 320000 Utilities \$160,000.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
320000	Utilities	190,000	30,000	160,000

**COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX/COUNTY COUNCIL 4998 1480**

Councilmember Raben: County Council COIT, 192000 Insurance \$3,736,444.

Acct #	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
192000	Insurance	3,508,398	(228,046)	3,736,444

Councilmember Raben: And last is Clerk IV-D, well we've handled that one as well. Mr. President, while that is the only cuts today, again I want to say it that there will be some more fine tuning October the 8<sup>th</sup>. I believe we're very close. It's possible we're even where we need to be, but expect to make some additional cuts, hopefully to a few contracts in the coming weeks or at our October the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. But again, I would like to also state that all other accounts including salary lines, FICA & PERF will be adjusted at our October the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and all other lines I am making a motion to approve as listed.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second to approve the cuts that were recommended by Finance Chairman Councilman Raben. Do I have any questions? Do I have any amendments or any suggestions? Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: It's not a big movement, but Legal Aid, I think we have a little bit of an adjustment to make, but it's not a major one and it's just to balance out from last year, but we'll talk about that later.

Councilmember Terry: I have a question, or two questions. One on, is there a new management plan for Burdette Park for starting the new year?

Councilmember Raben: Well, the existing manager retires – when is the effective date?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: December 31, so I guess that will be between the managing firm and the Commissioners as to what they do going forward and if they do bring in a new manager, it will be at a lesser salary than the one that – and we are losing a very good manager here, by the way, that's been with the county for, gosh, thirty plus years probably. So it will be at a lesser rate or I would assume it will be.

Councilmember Terry: Right, I have a comment I have to say. Of course, I love to see the Initiative Based Assistance Program stay at the same level. This program continues to be in high demand. It's actually a waiting list will be starting here very soon for that program for child care services and probably overall just in Vanderburgh County you're going to see an increase in the need for early childhood education. Some private business owners have raised over a million dollars for early childhood education, so I think this is a very important issue and I'm glad that the county is already supporting childcare and I hope that we can reconsider that for the Initiative Based Assistance Program.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, Councilman. Joe, did you have something to say and then Pete?

Joe Gries: Just had a point concerning the manager's position, the line item. If something isn't put in there for the first of the year, you wouldn't be able to fill the position until after we received our budget order and then an additional appropriation could be approved. You could transfer money, but the Commissioners and the management company may want to consider something before your October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow for something to be put into that line to allow the first few months because usually we don't get that budget order until late March or early April, and so that may cause some issues there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll try to get that resolved hopefully before October the 8<sup>th</sup>. Okay. Are there any other questions?

President Shetler: I think Pete had something.

Councilmember Swaim: I wonder if, on Coroner 352000 Maintenance & Repair if we can restore half of that back in and make it \$2,000 because of an air evac problem that they had last year, I'd like for them to be able to keep that air evacuation system in place and not have to wait until they have a problem with it if it goes out again, that they would have to transfer some funds later in the year to actually get that system repaired. That's something that, if the air evac system does break down, it needs to be repaired immediately and not have any lag time.

Councilmember Raben: And we can always transfer funds at any time should that happen, out of CCD or any of our accounts to handle repairs.

President Shetler: Let me go back, Joe, and just make sure that your point is real clear, you mentioned about Burdette Park, but just so that it's understood on like any departments that we leave a position at zero or blank, for example, in the general fund for that position, that even if on January 1 we decide to fill that position or to fund it, it's not possible until March or April when we get our final hearing – that's what, February or March, until we get that final from the state.

Joe Gries: The only other option would be to transfer money, but again, those transfers would not occur as of January 1, and so there would still be some time lag within the next year before that could happen. A transfer also has to be approved by Council and then that money would then be available, but yeah, an appropriation would not be approved by the state until the budget order is approved and then we send those additional appropriations to them to be approved. So that's correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So really, this needs to be resolved however it's going to be resolved by October the 8<sup>th</sup> when we do the final budget, correct? Is that what I'm hearing?

Joe Gries: Yes. You can't change it after that for the first of the year, at least.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I just thought we want to be real clear on that.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any other questions or comments? Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: It's not a big issue, but Office Furniture, can that be reclassified as maybe Office Equipment?

Councilmember Raben: The Council request on page 6 is what...

President Shetler: I'm fine with it.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Can you take furniture out of the equipment line?

Councilmember Goebel: Technically, the equipment, let's say it is a desk that is suitable for someone who has to work all day and the keyboard is lowered that to me is not something of a luxury item, that would be a necessary item to protect them for health-wise and things like that. Is that what this account is going for?

President Shetler: Yeah, basically, what this is, you know, we have really frozen purchasing all equipment with the exception of some folks that have had access to different perpetual funds that they have purchased furniture out of. That's created a little bit of an imbalance within the county government. We have frozen that pretty much in the last five, six, seven years, where there's been no furniture bought with outside of perpetual funds. So what the intent is to allow, because we've had several requests come up recently about it so then they could come forward to us and then ask to get some money out of that fund for a variety – and I think what you're saying office equipment or office –

Councilmember Goebel: Office equipment/furniture perhaps. I don't know –

President Shetler: – is appropriate because it may be for other reasons besides just plain old --

Councilmember Goebel: But it would come through the Council, the request would, and that's a good thing. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, anybody else? Question?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So you're going to leave that as office furniture?

President Shetler: We'll make that change.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: We don't have to do an amendment or anything today because that would be a different line, right?

President Shetler: Okay, anything else? If not, then we'll recess –

Councilmember Raben: Roll call vote.

President Shetler: Oh, that's right, I'm sorry. Yeah, we have a second. Okay, 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)**

President Shetler: Anything further? If not, then we'll recess until, we've got a 10:00 on the Civil Taxing Units and stuff which includes the different Trustees coming up. So anybody have anything else? Can we begin that any earlier or does it have to be at 10:00. A fifteen minute break for all you guys waiting out there. Alright, thank you. And I might remind all the Councilmembers real quickly, final hearing on the budget is going to be October 8<sup>th</sup>, and that will be immediately following the regularly scheduled meeting that's being transferred from October 1<sup>st</sup> to October the 8, which starts at 8:30, so I would assume the budget hearing would begin around 9:00.

President Koehler Lindsey: So no meeting on the 1st?



Councilmember Shetler: No meeting on October 1st.

**(The meeting was recessed at 9:42 a.m.)**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Tom Shetler

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
TOWNSHIP NON-BINDING RECOMMENDATIONS  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Okay, good morning, and welcome to the civil taxing units. We'll first call the attendance roll call please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X*</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

President Shetler: Here. There being seven members present, Councilman Goebel was detained, I think, by a constituent, so seven members present and no one absent, if Councilman Terry would please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

President Shetler: Thank you. First, I think last year, did we go – we went backwards, didn't we? Because for two or three years we went forward and so we're going to go forward again. Armstrong Township.

<b>ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE</b>
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Joyce Kron: Good morning. I'm Joyce Kron, I'm Clerk for Armstrong Township.

President Shetler: Hi Joyce. So, does anybody have any questions? Is there any changes?

Joyce Kron: The only real change, our copy machine is on its last legs, so I have put in – I got an estimate on a new copy machine, so that's basically the change. There's a little bit, the phone is up a little bit, fire department is up a little bit. But that's the only major change.

President Shetler: You guys contract with Scott on the fire.

Joyce Kron: Yes, Scott and German. They each cover half the township.

President Shetler: And they do ambulance service for you as well?

Joyce Kron: Yes, Scott covers our ambulance service.

President Shetler: Okay, I know they had a big increase on their ambulance deals.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Shetler: Alright, we have a motion for approval and that's to recommend to accept their budget as submitted. I might, one other question before we do vote on this, and that is, are there any increases in salary line items?

Joyce Kron: Oh yes, I'm sorry. We did put in for two percent, but we always, when it gets time for the approval, we always make it whatever the county has done. So we put in the two percent, they said to go ahead and do that, but if the Council doesn't approve a pay raise, that's what we'll do. We've always followed that.

President Shetler: You'll follow the county's recommendation?

Joyce Kron: Yeah, we always have.

President Shetler: So that's part of the motion then that the budget submitted and will follow along county lines.

Councilmember Raben: And that -- let me just amend my motion that of the Armstrong, Center, German, Knight, Perry, Pigeon, Scott and Union Trustees that are here today to seek our approval for oversight for their proposed budget, that their salary lines mimic what happens within the rest of the county, and I move to approve this budget.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, just wanted to make sure we're all clear. We have a motion and a second, so 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)**

Joyce Kron: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you for the long trip you had to make down here.

<b>CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE</b>
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President Shetler: Next is Center Township.

Gary Burdsall: Good morning. Gary Burdsall, Center Township Trustee. Our budget basically is about two percent less than last year. I have put in raises for the staff, not me, of three percent, but I will also entertain whatever the county comes up with for raises.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval or are we actually approving or authorizing here? Move to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Anybody have any questions about it? 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, Gary.

Gary Burdsall: Thanks you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>GERMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE</b>
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President Shetler: Next is German Township.

Fred Happe: I'm German Township Trustee, Fred Happe. The budget is minimal, like it always is, but this will be my last trip up here so we've got the next trustee I've put in for minimal raises, but there again, we'll approve whatever the Council decides.

President Shetler: Okay, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval, but I'd also like to state, Fred, thank you for your service. How many years?

Fred Happe: Thirty-two.

Councilmember Goebel: Thirty-two years. That's great, and you know, this Council or this body has not heard much from German Township during your stay, so that is always a great compliment to the officeholder, so thank you.

Fred Happe: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Going to be some tough shoes to fill.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion, I need a second.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And we have a second. Do I have 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. Thank you, Fred.

Fred Happe: And I want to thank you, the Council. It's been a pleasure working with all of you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>KNIGHT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE</b>
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President Shetler: Okay, next is Knight Township, Katherine.

Kathryn Martin: Kathryn Martin, Knight Township Trustee.

President Shetler: Anybody have any questions? It looks like a nominal increase from last year. Is it in salaries?

Kathryn Martin: We have -- I put in raises. I'm trying to get my case managers above poverty level. They are still qualifying for the services that we provide, so I did put in for the two percent raise. I, once again, did not put in a raise for myself.

President Shetler: Let me just ask you, what do they get paid?

Kathryn Martin: They are at 22 and 24,000, I believe.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, so you don't have a problem with what we're recommending, though, that --

Kathryn Martin: I'm still going to submit it. I mean, at this point, our books are in line, we've worked very, very hard and at this point, they deserve the raise and we can afford it. There has been times where the county has received raises and we weren't able to get them, so being as though our budget allows it, I think it's important that I stand up for them.

President Shetler: The salary levels for all the different townships, they're all kind of varied, don't they?

Kathryn Martin: Uh-huh.

President Shetler: So there's no uniformity whatsoever.

Kathryn Martin: No.

President Shetler: I mean, I know there's a huge difference between what takes place in Armstrong and what takes place in German and what takes place in yours.

Kathryn Martin: There's case managers in other townships that make what I make as Trustee, so it's a big difference.

President Shetler: Okay.

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

Councilmember Terry: I had something because I know you've worked on some things, so and I know you've really stated your work on cleaning up the office and so I think you had a recent audit, did you want to share anything about that?

Kathryn Martin: Well, I have copies of the press release, the audit, and a letter of explanation on the things that were found in the audit. As of 2013, Knight Township is completely balanced books, everything is great. If it wasn't for the previous administration, our audit would have been 100 percent clean and they would have had nothing to write on the paper. So we're very proud of that.

Councilmember Terry: Thank you.

President Shetler: As you should be.

Kathryn Martin: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion, but I am lacking a second.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Now we have a second. Okay, 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.

Kathryn Martin: Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE</b>
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President Shetler: And the next is in Perry Township.

Rick Riney: Rick Riney, Perry Township Trustee. I have two percent for the employees. I have a straight \$1,200 for myself and this is the first raise I've asked for in four years. And our board increased from \$599 to \$850, and our budget is still less than it was last year.

President Shetler: Okay. Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: What does the \$1,200 translate to as far as percentage?

Rick Riney: I really don't know.

President Shetler: What is the current salary level?

Rick Riney: Huh?

President Shetler: What is your current salary level?

Rick Riney: Less than 26,000.

Unidentified: 24,600.

President Shetler: So about five percent.

Rick Riney: If you go back and figure the two percent every year that everybody else got, you're still gaining 900 a year on me, so.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: We have a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions? Yes, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I agree that it's probably deserved, and it should go along with the other employees, but other Township Trustees have been forward and said they've not asked for a raise for themselves, again, even though.

Rick Riney: Well, but going without one for four years is –

Councilmember Goebel: I understand, I'm not arguing with you, I just think it should be across the board maybe, in a catch up. That's my gut feeling. I think that's how it translates in the county as well.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll ask for a roll call vote.

President Shetler: Yeah, and I guess the bottom line is, is that we haven't done a couple raises here, I think the last, five years has there been two or three? Two increases for county government as well, so those have been modest, I mean, two percent, yeah, one and a half one year and so we understand, and we understand how difficult it's getting out there. They say there's no inflation but –

Rick Riney: I'm making less now than when I started.

President Shetler: Yeah, you go to the grocery store and you find out real quickly that there's inflation. So I understand. Okay we do have a motion and a second. Do I have any other questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

Councilmember Goebel: Just out of principal, I do oppose the over two percent. Nothing personal, but I think we need to keep it the same for everyone.

President Shetler: Let's do a roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: As I said, no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: No. I agree with Councilman Goebel. We need to be kind of consistent here, so I'll vote no as well. So the motion does carry five to two. Thank you.

Rick Riney: Thank you.

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

<b>PIGEON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE</b>
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President Shetler: Pigeon Township.

Mary Hart: Mary Hart, Pigeon Township Trustee. The budget is basically the same as it was last year except there is a two percent pay increase across the board for the employees. They have not had pay increases in the last three years.

President Shetler: Do you have any problem following the recommendation of Council of –

Mary Hart: No.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick comment. I don't know the format that you're using, if that's something that you've come up with, but I do like this better as we

look at these. I mean, this one is much easier to understand and a lot more similar to what we use than these other budgets, so I don't know if the way hers is prepared, if it's available to everybody else, but it sure makes it easier if you're not used to looking at these budgets every day.

Mary Hart: That's just a printout off of the Gateway. What I submitted to you is a print off from the Gateway where we enter it in and just printed it off.

Councilmember Raben: To me, it's just much easier to look at.

Mary Hart: Oh, well, thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, let see, I have everybody voted in favor as far as I could tell. Is anybody opposed to that? If not, motion carries. Yeah, I thought we voted and then I got interrupted in –

Councilmember Raben: This one is the same on the back.

Councilmember Shetler: All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

Councilmember Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

Councilmember Shetler: Motion carries. Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Mary Hart: Thank you.

<b>SCOTT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE</b>
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President Shetler: Next is Scott Township and I talked to Bob yesterday evening and he had a conflict that did arise. Basically, he's willing on the pay increases, the same, go along with whatever we did in the county. There was a large jump, I believe, in ambulance service, and that's for extending some other things out, I believe is the only thing that he had some differences in here if I remember correctly. If not, I just need a motion for approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: There's 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 7-0)**

<b>UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE</b>
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President Shetler: Next is Union Township.

Councilmember Raben: I don't think they're here.

President Shetler: They're not here and I didn't hear anything from Union, so –

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, this one is very small and I see nothing that raises any questions. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Shetler: I did, since Mr. Riney is here, I don't think it's anything personal by any means from Councilman Goebel and I at all, so please don't feel that way, it's just that we kind of wanted everybody to be treated somewhat fairly here, as fairly as possible and we understand–

Councilmember Goebel: Quite honestly, I think the other Trustees should ask for the same as well as the employees, the two percent. Some are not taking anything.

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

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: Alright, we will see you back on the 24<sup>th</sup>, which we will deal with a couple more of the civil taxing units and then we will deal with the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting. There will not be a meeting on October the 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be one on October the 8<sup>th</sup> and that meeting will begin at 8:30 for our regular scheduled County Council meeting, and then we will go at 8:45 or thereabouts, into the final budget hearing. So, thank you all very much and we will see you all in a couple of weeks. Thank you.

**(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
CIVIL TAXING UNITS BUDGET RECOMMENDATION  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Okay, good morning and welcome to the Vanderburgh County Council. Is this a continuation of what -- or this is a new meeting to deal with the civil taxing units. So I'd like, first of all we'll do the roll call and then if Stephanie, Councilman Terry, could lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and if Councilman Lindsey could lead us in the invocation, we'd appreciate it. So roll call please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel		<b>X*</b>
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

\*Arrived shortly after roll called

President Shetler: There being six members present, one absent, we have a quorum and if we'd please do the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

**(Councilmember Koehler Lindsey offered the invocation)**

<b>EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>
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President Shetler: Thank you. Okay, first on the agenda today is the Vanderburgh County Public Library, Marcia.

Marcia Au: Good morning, Councilmembers, Mr. President. I'm Marcia Au, CEO and Director of the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library and --

Greg Hager: My name is Greg Hager, I'm the Director of Willard Library.

Marcia Au: And we're here, you have received our budget information in advance and we'd be happy to answer any questions. There is also some information in your packet about EVPL's annual report, return on investment and non-government funds that were generated over the last year. So I would be happy to entertain any questions.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: A few. There is a few items as you break down your operating income and expenses, one being insurance, other insurance, up almost 22 percent.

Marcia Au: Oh, you're looking at the blue sheet which is Willard's budget so I'll let Mr. Hager answer that.

Greg Hager: Some of that is due to the fact that we're physically expanding our facility by 8,000 square feet and there is going to be a change in that insurance cost.

Councilmember Raben: On Marcia's side it's actually a decrease of almost six percent so just trying to figure out the balance there, okay.

Marcia Au: More space.

President Shetler: I'd like the record to please show that Councilman Goebel has joined us as well, and our esteemed Counselor. Thank you.

Marcia Au: I would point out that for the second year in a row we're anticipating a flat, we've planned a flat operating budget, so in that process of continued streamlining and transitioning, we have downsized by six full-time and six part-time staff which reduces personnel costs. So we're still at 56 percent of the total budget for personnel expenses which is well, at least in terms of libraries, under the average nationally, which tends to be 60 to 70 percent. So I think we continue to work smartly. Councilman?

Councilmember Goebel: On your reduction of staff, has that been through attrition?

Marcia Au: Yes sir.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Marcia Au: And we've re-positioned and transitioned jobs, so if it's no longer a job that needs to be done or it can be combined or somehow moved from more traditional to more current practice, that's what we've done.

President Shetler: Okay, you know my usual question, the clinic, and how well is it performing for you?

Marcia Au: It's performing very well. In fact, we look for very little increase. We actually won't know what the premiums will be until November. Don Crenshaw is here, he's our personnel, our HR manager, and if you have particular questions about the clinic, he'd be more than happy to answer those for you. But decreased costs due to regular routine healthcare and having people use the clinic rather than showing up in an emergency room or even at their regular physician's office has been a real money saver for us.

President Shetler: And you have a different provider than what we have?

Marcia Au: Yes, we do.

President Shetler: And do you have multiple locations or is it just the one?

Marcia Au: Just the one.

President Shetler: Okay, and how much have you all spent on – I don't know if you have those numbers handy or not, how much have you spent on the clinic and –

Marcia Au: I'm going to ask Mr. Crenshaw, if you don't mind, to come up and speak to that. Actually, Willard is also in with our health insurance plan, so he can speak for both libraries.

Don Crenshaw: Right, both Willard employees and EVPL employees participate. Today, our annual total all inclusive of personnel physician review, pharmaceuticals, everything, is \$63,872 for this year. Our average per employee and dependent that is covered is \$72.44 per person and that's about \$4 less than what we had anticipated and budgeted for. So it's doing very well. On top of the savings that we anticipate for our premiums that will be given to us in November, we have also found at least two employees with carcinomas that went unidentified for years and so the wellness factor has been tremendous for us as well.

President Shetler: And when does your contract on that provider, when is that up? Is that a three year?

Don Crenshaw: End of next year.

President Shetler: At the end of next year. Okay. As you know, I'd like for us to somehow to get on the same page here with all of the public taxing units that are getting involved in this, if we can get the same providers, then we can have multiple locations which I think then we would be serving our personnel a whole lot better in the end run here, particularly their family members. That's easy for us if you work in the Civic Center to make a visit to the clinic, but it's not so easy for family members who may be living outside of or going to school or work someplace else, it becomes more difficult. So well, that's the experience that I think we're having at the county level right now as well, it's definitely a very positive trend, so I appreciate that information. Anybody else have any other questions? We would need a motion to approve, and it is a non-binding approval that we're giving for the budget, but we do need a motion for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second. Do I have any other questions, comments? You might want to stipulate on there, too, that if you approve the budget as submitted.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll amend the motion to be that we are approving the budget as submitted.

President Shetler: Okay, and then the seconder agrees with that?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay, so 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 all, appreciate it.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**TOWN OF DARMSTADT  
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President Shetler: Next is the Town of Darmstadt. Anyone here from Darmstadt? Let's go on then to the Airport Authority, Doug?

**EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH  
AIRPORT AUTHORITY BUDGET ADOPTION**

Doug Joest: Good morning, Doug Joest, Executive Director of Evansville Vanderburgh Airport Authority. I think I presented the budget at the public hearing we had earlier in the month, so I'd be glad to answer any more questions or anything else.

Councilmember Raben: None. The new runway is finally open, right?

Doug Joest: Yes, it is. In fact, we had it opened about two weeks before the bigger Delta jets started which that worked out very well for us. And next week we have the flights to Charlotte starting.

Councilmember Raben: A lot of exciting things happening.

Doug Joest: Yeah, we've had a good year and hopefully we'll have some more good news to announce in the future here. We're working on some things.

Councilmember Goebel: I asked last time you were here, a company like Allegiant, is there a possibility for a hub to come here? I know they have it in Owensboro.

Doug Joest: Yeah, there's a possibility. In fact, I just got back from some meetings earlier this week. We had discussions with six airlines and no commitments at those meetings, but none of them said no way, ever. So we're going to take it from there and follow up with those discussions.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, it's such an advantage for people here to be able to use our own airport.

Doug Joest: Right, and what people tend to forget, they see that flight to Orlando, it's not to Orlando, it's to Sanford.

Councilmember Goebel: Right

Doug Joest: We've got about a dozen flights a day to Orlando, every day, all the way to Orlando. Yeah, you've got to make a stop, but that's the reality of air transportation today. And Orlando is special to me, I've got two daughters that live down there.

Councilmember Swaim: Would Allegiant's criteria be the landing fees and such? Is there a big difference?



Doug Joest: Their criteria is as minimal cost as possible. And the dilemma I have here, to meet that need, to meet that particular carrier's requirements, I've got to balance, I can't give away something for twice a week service to one leisure destination when I've got two major carriers serving hundreds of destinations all over the world day in and day out for decades. It's just like the city can't give a break on water to one person versus another just to give an incentive. I've got to balance things and there's ways to meet some of those challenges but we're working on it is the best thing I can say right now.

Councilmember Swaim: I'm sure a lot of the public has those questions in their minds –

Doug Joest: Yeah, I know, and I like to temper that with the fact that, again, you see that one destination non stop and we've got five hubs that we serve every day, or starting next Thursday there will be five hubs, that can take you non stop to those hubs and beyond. I mean, where can you not go from Chicago or Atlanta? And the more important thing is it gets people into the community, too.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

President Shetler: Doug, refresh my memory here a little bit on this, did your budget include any salary increases?

Doug Joest: The only thing I put in our budget was the step increases because I thought that was kind of the guidance you were giving.

President Shetler: Correct. And then typically you will follow the lead of the county on what we –

Doug Joest: I will follow what you tell me to do because ours is binding with you. Yes, we certainly would appreciate at least a two percent increase for our people, but we didn't have one last year and we feel like we can make it up. We won't increase the tax burden any more, we can make it up with our miscellaneous revenues or cut some expenses elsewhere.

President Shetler: Okay, I guess I'll pose the question to Jeff here as far as forming this motion, this one is binding on what we vote on here today. Let's just assume for a second that if there is a pay increase of two percent county wide, if we would bind this at that point and then that precludes them from, they would not be able to do that? And we'd like for them to probably be on the same page. I mean, I'm making some assumptions here with the other six Councilmembers, but we would like for them to be included in that as well. Is there a way we can make this motion that approves and adopts this with – you know, if the Council is able to give a two percent to the rest of the county employees, that they're included as well? And maybe it's to say that, include this with a maximum increase of up to two percent for all the employees or something like that can be worded on.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I may have to ask Mr. Gries because I would say yes except for, I don't know if the deadline for them is sooner for them than our deadline on the general fund budget, so the question would be whether or not this has to be in with whatever increase is going to be approved before the general fund budget. Do you know if the deadline is different?

Joe Gries: What is adopted today would be input into the state's system down the road. I would probably have to look at the timing of when that would have to –

Doug Joest: Yeah, I don't remember what our deadline is either. It seems to me it was like very early in October.

Joe Gries: There is also a rule that the DLGF has that once you adopt you have 48 hours to get budgets into the Gateway system. So it makes it difficult and I don't know, maybe this could be held off until maybe the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. I don't know if that's something that we could entertain as well.

Doug Joest: Can I propose a suggestion?

President Shetler: Yes, please.

Doug Joest: We could give Teri the numbers to put in the system this morning for the two percent increase and maybe have a gentlemen's agreement, we wouldn't implement that increase unless the county did. I don't know if that makes the legal people happy or not. That might be non-binding, I don't know.

Councilmember Goebel: Are you asking us to be gentlemen?

Doug Joest: Yes, and I'm agreeing to be one as well.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Doug Joest: Just to facilitate to the rules that we've all got to operate under.

President Shetler: Did you advertise high enough to include that two percent?

Doug Joest: Yes, I believe we did. We'll double-check that.

Joe Gries: It's usually done by all units to advertise quite a bit higher.

President Shetler: Is that something you can check now?

Doug Joest: Yes, we can –

President Shetler: You have things with you to check it now?

Doug Joest: I think we do.

Joe Gries: Jeff, another possibility would be to, instead of adjourning this meeting, would be to continue it possibly to the 8<sup>th</sup>. Would that be, as far as notice and –

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I think that's fine, my only concern was and I don't have it with me, is that I remember when the DLGF sent out all those guidelines for when things had to be advertised and things passed, for whatever reason, I thought that those taxing units had a different deadline. If they don't I think you can do it all at once. I just off the top of my head don't remember what the deadline is for their budget to be approved.

President Shetler: Well, I think what we might be able to do, from what I'm hearing, is that if you have advertised high enough to include it –

Doug Joest: No, I just checked, here's the ad. We've advertised what our budget is, so we can make adjustments within our budget to accommodate those salaries without increasing the total budget. We advertised the \$6,988,000.

President Shetler: Okay, so that kind of really makes it simpler.

Doug Joest: Yeah, just approve our budget.

President Shetler: That's fine.

Doug Joest: I don't think, if you approve our budget, you're not really approving individual line items, is that right? Yeah, I guess you are. Alright, we'll double check that. We'll double check our individual line items to make sure we can do the two percent and still –

Councilmember Goebel: I have another question not with the Airport Authority, but the city does not have its budget finalized yet either. Are we –

President Shetler: No, that is correct. Although what we're going to be looking at for the city is going to be the maximum anyway. There could be further cuts done to it but we will be looking at their maximum.

Councilmember Goebel: I see.

President Shetler: When we approve this, are we approving kind of like the salary ordinance as well or salary –

Joe Gries: You are approving the line items that are included in the budget. That is entered into the state system so all of that will be approved by Council and I might suggest that you, if Council desires, approve a two percent increase for employees to be adjusted in other line items by Doug to make sure he doesn't go – he can't go above that advertised amount. So he would have to adjust other line items if that's what the Council wishes to approve is for a two percent increase for employees then he would have to adjust the other.

Doug Joest: And we could do that.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, we have the funds, but I think we wait until we finalize what the county is going to receive and just hold off – can we wait until October 8<sup>th</sup>?

Doug Joest: I think our deadline is sooner.

Joe Gries: I think it is, yeah.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, that's the problem. For some reason, I think their deadline is sooner, I just don't know what it is. For some reason, I thought this was kind of put off toward the end of the process, isn't it?

Joe Gries: I think the deadline is the first of October.

Doug Joest: I think it is, too, because when I saw it, I vaguely remember, I hope this meeting doesn't get cancelled and I was glad my flight back from Chicago last night was on time.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Can we just look it up? Just tell me what to search for –

Doug Joest: That's not fair.

President Shetler: I think what we basically on the motion would say is up to a two percent so that if there is none given, then none would be given on your part as well and if it's one percent, then that's what you would do.

Doug Joest: Okay.

President Shetler: But rather than saying a flat two percent or anything like that, because we're not sure whether or not, where we are on that. We still have another week and a half or two weeks. Two weeks to go on that.

Doug Joest: Okay.

President Shetler: I don't know if it's going to affect the other taxing districts as well because the next one, I'm not sure if it's going to affect Waste. Doug, why don't we just go ahead and let us check this out real quickly and see if we can put yours off until the 8<sup>th</sup> and if not, then we'll go ahead and do it today and we'll try to get some wording in here that accomplishes the same.

Councilmember Raben: We're still not clear as to whether or not it's been advertised.

Doug Joest: Yes.

President Shetler: Oh, it's been advertised and it's been advertised at 1.6 so –

Doug Joest: Well, the only thing that was advertised is the total budget number and it's the \$6,988,036.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And that's enough to give the two percent or –

Doug Joest: Yes, I can make adjustments. I will do anything I can to give our people an increase.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so with that being said let's just go ahead and approve it.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Can you say that in your motion, that two percent is included.

President Shetler: I would use the wording, up to two percent is included so that in case it ends up being one, that's all.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And we've got you on record saying –

Doug Joest: Yes, we'll follow you.

President Shetler: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we don't have a motion on the floor.

President Shetler: No, we don't.

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to make a motion to approve the Airport Authority's proposed budget including up to a two percent increase for employee salaries.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have multiple seconds and thirds here going, so do I have any other questions or comments? We'll take a roll call 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being six members for, one member abstaining, the motion carries.

Doug Joest: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you. Sorry for all the confusion.

Doug Joest: That's alright.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0/Councilmember Bassemier abstained from voting)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BUDGET ADOPTION</b></p>
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President Shetler: Next Solid Waste. This also is a binding resolution unlike a couple of the others on our part.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Aren't they under the city budget as far as the employee raises?

President Shetler: Well, they're independent of that, but –

Joe Ballard: We just contract with the city controller's office to manage our budget and in return we follow city personnel and purchasing practices such as the two percent salary increase, but we still have to go to – the Solid Waste Board still has to approve the budget and the County Council does as well. So we're a little different than the Airport but we don't have a six million dollar budget either, we have a \$392,000 budget. So we're different than the other ones, too. So anyway, I'm Joe Ballard, Director of the Solid Waste District. With me is our controller, Russell Lloyd and Susan Jeffries is here, too. She's the administrator of the Solid Waste District. The Solid Waste board approved a budget of \$392,000. That's a reduction of about \$9,000 from the \$401,000 we had last year. Well, we have about \$400,000 in revenue so we're in good shape with that, positive about \$8,000 on the income. We can do taxes, we do not. We get all of our money from the waste that goes in the landfill; we have a two dollar fee on every ton of waste that goes in the landfill. So I can take any questions, too.

President Shetler: Okay, do we have any questions? Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Just a comment. We really appreciate what you offer the residents of Evansville with the recycling program. I think it makes people more civic minded. Any bit of trash that they think is salvaged and reused, that's just something really good for all of us. And the heavy trash days and also the shredding and things like that are just great offerings for us. Thank you.

Joe Ballard: I will say, last week we had a computer and electronics recycling day. We didn't have it as a day like we usually do. We had it for the entire week and we just went ahead and held it at our contractor, C & I Electronics, which is over by Bosse Field. We had it at their place and it worked great. So I think that's what we'll do from now on, too. But thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody else? Comments?

Russell Lloyd: Just a point of information, so their budget is funded entirely from tipping fees charged at the landfill. There are Solid Waste Districts around the state that have their own property tax levy and in this case, this has no affect on the taxpayer, funded strictly by the tipping fees, which is a good deal for taxpayers.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Okay, motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven members for and none against, the motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>CITY OF EVANSVILLE</b>
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President Shetler: Okay, Russ.

Russell Lloyd: Thank you, President Shetler, County Council. We presented to you, gave you a copy of the city's budget proposal, so this is the administration's proposal. We are still in negotiations with City Council on budget changes, likelihood of it being reduced. The budget as presented was a balanced budget, actually a million plus in revenue over expenses. Total revenue \$326,140,869 total expenditures \$325,085,656, and if you look in the budget highlight section, that's where I'm referring to, the main increase in the budget, the city proposed salary increase of two percent, that's still subject to City Council approval and the utilities due to all the projects going on and the consent decree with the EPA, the water utility budget up approximately 16 percent, and the sewer utility budget up approximately 13 percent, so those are big increases. The other city agencies, approximately two percent increase. Just since you were talking about health insurance, quickly, the city which is in the highlights on page 4, the health insurance, \$18,896 per employee and the city is self insured. We obviously use the Novia clinic, entered an interlocal agreement with the county to allow the county to use that. In our budget under fund 704 Hospitalization for 2015, we have a budget of \$26,402,376 in the total cost of health insurance which will be all the health

insurance per employee, some administrative costs related to that, and payment to the insurance providers and the stop loss insurer. So we'll stop there and be happy to take any questions.

President Shetler: How many lives are you insuring?

Russell Lloyd: Let's see here, we've got that in here as well...2,939. Approximately 800 employees in the health insurance program, approximately 1,180 full-time employees. The Teamsters representatives are in their own health insurance. I might point out, too, the two percent increase is in all the city contracts with our bargaining units, so if City Council would decide not to do that, I'm not sure they would affect the bargaining units, but the non-union employees, they're listed at two percent so they could lower those.

Councilmember Goebel: Russ, you've been able to manage a pay raise for the employees how many successive years, do you know?

Russell Lloyd: Well, for this administration, three.

Councilmember Goebel: Each year?

Russell Lloyd: Yeah, each year. I think prior to that it might have been one and a half percent and there was a \$500 one in there as well. But I think part of that was the affect of the property tax caps. I'm not sure how that would affect the – due to the fact this year, the assessed value, kind of getting off the subject a little, but the city's real property increased about four percent and the same with the county, so that's good news because the actual property tax rate went down. So from 146 to 142 for the city so it's good news for taxpayers.

Councilmember Goebel: Have you been able to come up with 500 million dollars for the sewer project yet?

Russell Lloyd: No, unfortunately, the US EPA indicated they weren't satisfied with the city's proposal so the city is trying to make some changes in the plans. I think talking with the Mayor and the utility administration, they do not want to put any more of that on rate payers, so they're trying to come up with some creative ways to satisfy EPA. I don't think the meeting went particularly well, so we'll have to see where that ends up.

Councilmember Goebel: So that's still in negotiations?

Russell Lloyd: Still in negotiations.

Councilmember Goebel: But are you proceeding with the sewer upgrades in the meantime?

Russell Lloyd: Yes, there's a long list of projects and there was a rate increase in 2014, so we are able to pursue quite a bit of projects, it's a big list.

Councilmember Goebel: You don't have to remind us about the rate increase. Thank you.

Russell Lloyd: Right.



President Shetler: I would like to compliment the city on putting together, once again, a good budget for the people in the city of Evansville and keeping the taxes as low as possible and so I think it probably comes from your roots and the roots of our Mayor that came from this body and understanding the fiscal conservatism that we have here of watching out for the taxpayers first, and we appreciate our colleagues and what you guys have done.

Russell Lloyd: I learned a lot when I was on County Council and I'm sure that seeped into my brain, so I was able to translate that to the city.

President Shetler: Alright, do I have any questions, any other comments? A motion would be in order. This is a non-binding resolution and it is as it's being presented from the administration. So that's the higher budget.

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: 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. Thank you.

Russell Lloyd: Alright, thank you, Council.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

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President Shetler: Next is the School Corporation.

Carl Underwood: President Shetler, Councilmembers. Carl Underwood, Chief Financial Officer for the EVSC. Happy to answer any questions regarding our budget.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm sure you get the question, how is your system working with the clinics for health care?

Carl Underwood: We've seen a high utilization rate. It's higher than what we were projecting. We've seen some increases in – or actually we've seen a decrease in our loss ratio for our medical insurance so, so far with four months under our belt, now the trend is very promising.

Councilmember Goebel: And you have satellite sites, correct?

Carl Underwood: We do. We have two sites.

Councilmember Raben: As an example, this is what we received last year for our budget to review. In the future is it possible to get something that reflects more of what the budget really entails? Is that possible?

Carl Underwood: Absolutely.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, for as large as this budget is, what is the total of this budget, proposed budget? Is it 235 million?

Carl Underwood: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: And we've got it on one page. It makes it very tough to review. But I've got a few questions looking at what we've got and I apologize for not really understanding all of this but the referendum debt fund is up 17 ½ percent. Can you explain that?

Carl Underwood: It's a schedule for our referendum and with the assessed valuation that has trended down, it increases our tax rate, but that's just our schedule of payments moving along.

Councilmember Raben: Is it the payment has gone up or you're saying the assessed values have gone down that has created that?

Carl Underwood: It's a tax rate increase, but that's just our schedule of debt payments to increase over the prior year.

Councilmember Raben: Is that correct?

Joe Gries: The assessed values went up for 2013 pay '14, and we don't have the numbers for pay '15 as of yet, but this past year they have gone up. But the debt service payments that the school makes for the referendum have gone up and I believe when we asked for some information last year, that will continue, I believe, through 2016.

Carl Underwood: Correct.

Joe Gries: And then after that, they would start to trend down.

Carl Underwood: Correct.

Joe Gries: So the next two years you will continue to see increases to those debt service payments.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. And maybe a more defined realistic picture of what this budget really entails would be – is part of why it would be helpful and I guess as we look at the school corporation's budget for those that are viewing from home today, the school corporation's budget represents a huge part of our overall tax revenue. Do you know what it is for city residents and county residents? I know they're -- I think there's a different rate for the two. Do you know what that rate is?

Carl Underwood: I do not.

Councilmember Raben: I think it represents probably 50 percent or more of our total tax dollars collected within the county, and it's less than that in the city. But this is

a huge budget. This represents a lot. You know, what we do on Council is a small piece of really controlling what our tax rates are. So we fight like hell to hold our part down and this is 235 million dollars, so as far as the capital projects that's up it looks like 48 percent.

Carl Underwood: What you're seeing there is an allocation for a future project. It's a 9.1 allocation, so what we're trying to do is if we underspend our budget, it's a line item where we can store cash and we see a need to build a new school, so we're trying to build cash along the way so that we're not having to borrow.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, where would we build that new school?

Carl Underwood: It's undetermined yet, but housing starts and based upon our increased enrollment on the North Side it seems to make sense it would be somewhere on the North Side.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and I'll stop asking questions for anyone at any point, but again, this is an important one to me. The old North High School, what percentage of that overall facility is being utilized today?

Carl Underwood: We have an alternative school there. Percentage wise, Courtney, would you – I would say probably 50 percent.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, is there a plan in the future for utilizing the other 50 percent because, you know, again, we're talking about 31 million dollar capital projects proposed for 2015. How can – I mean, is there a plan to better utilize that facility?

Carl Underwood: Yes, our alternative program continues to expand, it has year after year. So I would think to see that continue as well and I know we have other plans for that facility that are underway now.

Councilmember Raben: Will you be sharing that with us at some point? You know, and I think I mentioned this last year maybe our first year of reviewing this budget, you know, sometimes I think there's a more practical approach to some of the things we do here. And again, I need to stress how much of our tax dollars go towards our school system and our school system does a wonderful job, don't get me wrong, but I look at some of the projects like where we spent several million dollars at Highland, Cedar Hall, while we were vacating a school just a mile or a mile and a half as the crow flies from those locations. You know, I see a real opportunity to better utilize that facility and then I've got another question on it on the pay raises. What is calculated for –

Carl Underwood: Two percent.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, what as administrators?

Carl Underwood: Two percent.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, are you taking a two percent?

Carl Underwood: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: And again, I'm not here to pick on you, I'm just, you know, we just reviewed the city's budget and our Mayor is at 100,534, and is not taking a two percent pay increase. I'm thinking yours is significantly higher than that, would it be double?

Carl Underwood: No sir. Are you talking about my personal –

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Carl Underwood: No sir, it is not.

Councilmember Raben: The Superintendent's –

Carl Underwood: I'm not the Superintendent.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's true, but the Superintendent is 190, so I would like to ask that the administrators or at least that position not take a two percent pay increase when our Mayor has not. I think that's all the questions I have.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody else? Yes?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Kind of following up on Councilman Raben discussing the percentages of buildings, the old Harwood facility on First Avenue, is that completely full now?

Carl Underwood: It is, I know we have over 280 students there, so yes, it's at capacity.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Terry: And I would suspect that since you're considering building another school you have the data that supports the need for that?

Carl Underwood: Yes, we have two elementary schools that are at capacity on the north side. We're actually having at one school in particular to add an outside mobile –

Councilmember Terry: Is it a K-5 or a K-8?

Carl Underwood: K-6 school.

Councilmember Terry: Okay, and my other question, there is an increase in the Art Institute and I guess kind of background of where that funding comes from and how is it utilized in our community?

Carl Underwood: The Board of School Trustees has chosen to -- that money goes to the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana and it's strictly as passthrough, so we receive that in and pass that along.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I concur with Councilman Raben with the information that we have. It's very sketchy at best. I mean, they're total figures, but there's not much meat there for us to even look into. So if something could be done in that regard,

that would be great. Also has the EVSC school board ever thought about televising on a regular basis as we do?

Carl Underwood: I can check and find out. I know that we – I don't know that we – I don't believe we've ever done that in that past, but it's something that we can certainly –

Councilmember Goebel: Well, we hadn't done it either until we started doing it recently and I think the City Council televises, the Commissioners televise, I think with the amount of funding that goes to the EVSC for things like buildings and that, perhaps it would be a better way, more transparent way for most people to get a feeling for what is going on. Thank you.

Councilmember Terry: I just want to say again, I mean, I think and I'm stuck on the fact that we need to build a new school and it just, that blows my mind when I know that we're not fully putting resources in our – what we have right now and not having them at the highest level when I think about some of those schools that are not performing as well. Have we created an environment for success in those buildings and those kind of things. So those are my thoughts, but if you feel like you have the data to support the need for that, you know, that's what you have to do, but I definitely think you should consider reinvesting back into the structures that we already have in place.

Councilmember Bassemier: You know, some of your schools that are full, can you redistrict some of those kids to another school that's not at full capacity?

Carl Underwood: It's possible, yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Is that going to be considered?

Carl Underwood: Yes, everything is being considered.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Pete?

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. Underwood, some of us who don't have any youngsters currently in the system, but we've heard for years that from, especially teachers at the elementary level that they need to spend what I would consider inordinate amounts of their own money to purchase supplies for their classrooms. Does anything in that budget address any of that?

Carl Underwood: It's one thing that we definitely consider, the financial burden on our parents and we try to hold any outside fees as low as possible and it's something that we've looked at heavily this past budget cycle. So yes, we do take it into consideration.

Councilmember Raben: You know, what is the deadline for our approval for this? Our oversight? Are you aware?

President Shetler: This is a non-binding –

Councilmember Raben: I understand, but I mean, I'd be interested personally in seeing more information, more data that supports 235 million dollars, you know,

particularly when we're talking about 31 million dollars in capital projects. Do you know what the deadline is?

Joe Gries: Not off the top of my head. We can research that but if a recommendation isn't made today, as far as the non-binding review, it's possible that the school corporation would be okay, but the county's budget could be – have issues. The state requires the Council to do these non-binding reviews and if they're not done in a certain time period, again, not having that off the top of my head, the county is the one who will have the issue, not the actual other taxing units.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I guess the important thing is then that this budget would be passed just prior to our budget? Is that our finalization?

Joe Gries: I just don't know the date.

Jeff Ahlers: I think it's a different deadline. I just don't know what it is. You know, originally it was all set today and then when we moved our final hearing, then now, these other ones are, in comparison, I don't know. We'd have to check. I sent that and on my phone, I can only pull up 30 days of emails, so I can't get back to that email that I had sent everybody that had all those deadlines in there as to the civil taxing units. But we could get that, I mean, if you want me to, I can run back to my office and get that if you want.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we can't do that today.

Jeff Ahlers: Or we can call the DLGF if somebody has got the number handy.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: (Inaudible – microphone turned off)

Councilmember Raben: Is there not anybody from the school corporation's office that can get us that answer?

President Shetler: What I might explain too, Mr. Underwood, so that you guys understand because I think this issue came up last year, basically what you guys are submitting, as you know, is really the bare minimum that's required and with no backup, with no information behind it. Whereas on the other hand, the city's budget is as it's presented to the Council with all the backup, all the details and everything like that. Most of the budgets that we get have a considerable amount of information, you know, in it that does give us some of that background. I think some of us are just a little reluctant to, you know, pass over the responsibilities and obligation that the state has asked us to take on. We want to make sure that we're doing at least our due diligence here. So some have a little bit more detail, some a little less but this is the only one we have that's this shy of things. So anyway, I think that's where we're coming from here.

Councilmember Raben: Our Auditor brings up a good point that probably whatever action we take today, probably doesn't mean anything in regards to this budget. But we can move to disapprove the budget based on the information provided to us and whatever other stipulations you want to attach to it.

Joe Gries: You can put any type of recommendation or any type of stipulations on your recommendation. It is a non-binding review and you can make that as wide or as narrow as possible, at the pleasure of the Council.

Councilmember Raben: Any thoughts?

Councilmember Goebel: Or we could postpone it until we actually get some facts and figures to make a good judgement.

President Shetler: Is Teri going down to find out?

Joe Gries: We're going to make a phone call to the –

Councilmember Goebel: While we're waiting, and I have one other question, on the, a few years back when we had the referendum, and I think was that for 49 million, on the building, 149 million?

Carl Underwood: It's 149 million.

Councilmember Goebel: Have you been able to renegotiate any of those loans or bonds?

Carl Underwood: It's not at the point where we can do that yet although when the times comes, where we could possibly lower, we will. We're in discussions with our bond attorneys, so they are watching.

Councilmember Goebel: So there's a time period to wait on that?

Carl Underwood: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: Part of my question, Mr. Underwood, you answered the part that I had in my mind but the other part was the amount that the actual instructors, especially K through 6 level will have to spend of their own money to provide supplies in the classroom for their students. Is there anything in this budget that can address that or in future budgets so that they don't have to spend their hard earned money to supply their students?

Carl Underwood: We do provide for supplies in our general operating budgets, however, our teachers, many teachers like to add additional resources and do spend their own money, but we do provide a line item for supplies in our budget.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

President Shetler: Let me go back and ask you, on that money that you are reserving for the potential new school building, and the 31 million dollars that – so last year, did you, you had 21 million dollars in there so that would give you a total of 50 or is there other money reserved?

Carl Underwood: No, what we're doing is, 9.1 of the 31 million dollar number is an allocation for future projects and 5.7 of that, we've already received as cash, so it's sitting in our line item for future projects. That's just a mechanism that DLGF has for us to allocate cash if we're going to build a new school.

Councilmember Goebel: That would just be for new building and not for, let's say if the air conditioning goes out of a building?

Carl Underwood: Correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: And so how much is in reserve right now? If this were approved, how much would be in reserve?

Carl Underwood: We, at the end of this year, we should have around 5.7 million for future projects.

Councilmember Raben: And that's just money left from '14, though, is what we're saying, right?

Carl Underwood: And prior years, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so the 31 million, would that be additional monies or that would be, so you're talking about raising another 26 million to come up with the 31?

Carl Underwood: Only if we underspend our budget, which is capped per a rate, so if we underspend and have cash, we're allowed to put that cash in this line item for a future project, up to 9.1 million.

Councilmember Raben: How did the school board vote on this budget?

Carl Underwood: It was approved Monday night.

Councilmember Raben: Unanimously?

Carl Underwood: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Was that the final vote or does it have to go through another approval process?

Carl Underwood: Final vote.

President Shetler: Generally speaking, what does a new school cost?

Carl Underwood: Depending on the type of school, it's in excess of ten million.

President Shetler: Because you had something about that, in hopes of paying cash for it rather than I guess going through the bonding.

Carl Underwood: Correct.

President Shetler: Okay. I think we're trying to get an answer on this. Do we want to just kind of table this for a second and let's go ahead and do Darmstadt?

Councilmember Raben: We can go on to the Town of Darmstadt, sure.

President Shetler: No one is here for Darmstadt, but we could go ahead.



Councilmember Raben: I mean, we can move to it and approve it.

President Shetler: So, Mr. Underwood, if that's okay, what we're going to do is kind of table this whole discussion for a few minutes here while we're trying to get some clarification from Indianapolis on the deadlines and then we'll take care of Darmstadt and then we'll come back to you. Thank you.

**TOWN OF DARMSTADT**

Councilmember Raben: The Town of Darmstadt, their budget is actually up \$2,000 – no, I'm sorry, \$10,000, which I think is probably acceptable to me, so I would like to move that we approve the Town of Darmstadt's budget.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second to approve and that is a non-binding resolution as well, the Town of Darmstadt's budget. 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)**

President Shetler: Well, that bought us about a minute and a half. We can take a ten minute break if that's okay. We'll take a ten minute break here then.

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President Shetler: Okay, I think this has to be taken care of by October the 1<sup>st</sup> as I understand it, and they're just looking for our recommendation one way or the other on it. I might explain a little bit real quickly my concern and that is really underneath that capital projects, if you look at it from what we're receiving here, it appears that there's 21 million dollars that's being reserved for future capital projects but then you asked me the question, you mentioned that only 5.7 of that has actually been reserved or retained, so I'm assuming that other 16 million dollars, I'm rounding things off here, but that other 15 and change has been used for other projects?

Carl Underwood: Our budget last year in capital projects was expended – it's 21 million dollars and these are round figures. Our budget this year, our real budget is 22 million dollars. The 31 figure is an advertised figure to where if we underspend our budget over the course of time, we can store that amount of cash up to 9.1 million in the line item for future allocation for a future project. So we're not asking for 31 million dollars, it's 22 million, which is our budget. If we underspend, we can accumulate cash over a period of time. That's what it is. It looks misleading, but that's just the way that the DLGF has us accumulate cash.

President Shetler: Without having the details is what's creating the confusion here. Had there been a little bit more of the weeds here that we could drill into, it would make things like that, at least in my mind a little simpler. But I follow what you're saying and I appreciate the explanation. Okay, do I have a recommendation or questions or –

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion in just a moment and I'll clarify why I'm going to make the motion. Again, as I would think we could get more information than one page for a 235 million dollar request. But I do want to call to everyone's attention also that this is all part of the same picture, the same bucket that we operate out of. You know, we're trying to hold our line on our much smaller percentage of the overall tax revenue and for every tax levy, every fund that is increased, it falls under our levy, so it's that much less that any other entity can spend. So I would like to see this a little closer to last year's budget, but with that being said, I would make a motion, based on the information today, to not approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: So we have a motion and a second to not approve the budget as submitted to us. Again, it is non-binding, so go on from there. But anybody have any questions or comments? Yes, Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Terry: So there's no time for us to get any additional information at this point? Or is there even time to notify of an additional meeting before the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline?

Jeff Ahlers: The budget would need to be reviewed by October 1. Now we've not received verification from the state yet, but based on the paperwork that we have, it appears that the deadline would be October 1.

Joe Gries: If the review is not done before October 1<sup>st</sup>, the state could set in the county's rates and levies at the current year levels and any changes that the Council would want to make for the county could possibly go by the wayside.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, the main reason why you're not approving is because we don't have enough information?

Councilmember Raben: Well that and again, that's a 15 million dollar increase as I see it, based on the information provided. I think last year's is a pretty large bat to swing. I think there's room to work closer to last year's budget, and again, when they increase 15 million dollars, you know, that's 15 million that can't be used by any other entity throughout county government. I mean, that reduces our tax caps by that much.

President Shetler: We basically have a 600 million dollar pie, and out of that 600 million dollar pie, the Health Department is getting a little slice of it, the Library is getting a slice of that pie, the county government is getting a slice, bigger slice, the city is getting a fairly large, good size piece of it, and the school corporation gets a very good sized piece of it. And so when any one of those take more than their fair share, then it encroaches in to the next person's piece of pie. And they'll get a smaller piece and so it's not only, that's why we've been given the responsibility to look over all the other budgets and to be able to put that all into some perspective that someone has to be able to take that bigger picture and look at the whole pie. And so what James is saying is that if somebody does take away 15 million dollars

out of that pie, it's going to be made up somewhere. A little less from the county, a little bit from the Library, a little bit from the Health Department and all those other vital services that are out there as well, and – yes?

Carl Underwood: I was just going to say, and Courtney Bohleber, who is director of budgets, we're not going to raise an extra 15 million dollars. If anything, our budget, again, was just over 21 million dollars in capital projects, and if it were to be improved and we received the levy it would be 22 million dollars for our budget for capital projects. The 31 million dollar figure includes over nine million dollars for that, again, I understand it's very difficult to understand, but it's just an allocation for future projects. So it's just a mechanism for us to hold onto cash should we underspend our budget. So we're not asking for an additional 15 million dollar figure.

President Shetler: But that money is being – that money is still coming out of and then being held so it is being reserved and it is – I mean, the bottom line is that you're asking for 235 million to come out of that pie. No matter how it's being utilized and getting into the weeds and finding out all those details is the part that we are missing here, but the bottom line is we do know that 235 million dollars is the request at this moment. I mean, am I incorrect on that?

Carl Underwood: It is and also includes our Rainy Day Fund which is about six million dollars of cash that we already have, so we're not asking for additional money, we're just asking for the authority to spend it should we need it. And our general fund budget of over 153 million dollars comes directly from the state.

President Shetler: Yeah, the thing is, again, and I've got to do my views on advertisement here, I'm not a CPA and I don't pretend to be one here or on television or any other place, but it sounds to me like it's almost a double entry being made here that there's six million dollars sitting there in cash that you may or may not need, but then it's also kind of being budgeted to come to the 235.

Carl Underwood: That's exactly right. We have that cash.

President Shetler: So the bottom line is, when the state looks at this whole 600 million dollar pie, they have to allow for that to be available, so you guys are going to get first dibs on grabbing that unless someone else goes in there and so it's still money that will be taken away from other entities. If I'm understanding this correctly and –

Councilmember Raben: That's the way I see it as well. And I look at our budget, which is, Joe our county budget is what, approximately 60 million?

Joe Gries: As far as the general fund is actually only 48.

Councilmember Goebel: What was it before the tax caps?

Joe Gries: It used to be closer to 60.

Councilmember Goebel: So we've reduced our general fund --

Councilmember Raben: By 12 million dollars because of tax caps and this one keeps going up and every time they go up, to Mike's point, they're taking us down. So, and

by the way, in our Rainy Day Fund, we've got about a million two, maybe a million four in it.

President Shetler: But we don't budget for that. I mean, we don't have that listed in our budget, that is listed on our sources of revenue that are available, but it's not listed in our expense budget, and that's where – and yet, it looks to me like you guys are budgeting that in your expense as well as already having that available to you in your revenues.

Carl Underwood: When the board of trustees approves our budget and approves the Rainy Day Fund, they're just giving the authority to spend that should we need it and this budget that we passed on Monday night is not predicated on using any of those funds, but it's just a way to receive authority should we need it, then we have the right to spend those funds. So it's cash that we already have.

Joe Gries: Another way to look at this, President Shetler, Councilmembers, if you look at the levy portion of the form that was submitted, the levy is what drives our tax caps or –

President Shetler: And that's what's going up about 20 million dollars.

Joe Gries: And that's a 30 – almost 32 percent increase. What Mr. Underwood is talking about, Rainy Day and General Fund, those numbers haven't really changed and don't affect the levy, but it's the other funds that have tax rates that are applied across, throughout the city and county that has increased here. And I think that's the focus I think that most of the Council is trying to make the point about here, is because of those increases, that's the possibility of lost revenue due to tax caps. The higher our tax rates, the more we could possibly lose to tax caps. So just a point of clarification there.

President Shetler: Alright.

Councilmember Bassemier: We've got a motion and a second, we going to vote on it?

President Shetler: We do. Anybody else have any other questions or comments then about it?

Councilmember Goebel: I would like to state that we're not here to block the pay raises for the employees or the teachers and people working at the EVSC, but some of the outside expenditures are really, we just need more information.

Carl Underwood: Again, just, I'll make one more point and I'll let it go here, if you look on the levy portion of this budget that's submitted, if you look at bus replacement, last year our levy was 2.4 million. This year, it's listed at 5 million, that's based on a bus replacement plan that we have. There's a 12 year plan on buses that are eligible based upon age primarily, that were eligible to ask for replacement, but our bus replacement fund is a max levy so there's only a maximum amount of money that we know that we can possibly raise there. It's not five million dollars. There's actually a growth quotient that is, I believe, 2.7 percent above the levy that we receive from prior year. That's the most money that we could possibly get. But we advertise high to protect our budget, because if we don't advertise high enough, then we wouldn't get the money that we're entitled to.

Joe Gries: Mr. Underwood, are there other funds included in levy calculation that aren't subject to that growth quotient?

Carl Underwood: Bus replacement and transportation, those are subject to growth quotient, so it's a maximum of a 2.7 percent for this year, that's the most that we can get. And then the capital projects, which is the large number that you're concerned about and the Art, that's a maximum rate fund and we are at the maximum rate. So we're not going to get much more money than we got the prior year, but we advertise high to protect our budget and get the most that we possibly can. I can tell you the most money that I would anticipate getting, I anticipate getting a full budget in capital projects and it's going to be, Courtney, correct me if I'm wrong, about 22 million dollars. That's the most we're going to get in that CPF fund.

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom, what's the possibility, you know, if this is not approved, which we've got a motion on the floor not to approve it and what happens, it goes to government finances and if they decide, will that hurt the pay raises for the employees and whatever? I mean, is this going to affect them if we – because in the past they've always went by our recommendation, if I remember correctly.

Councilmember Raben: This is non-binding.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know it is, but I'm just saying if they go by our recommendations –

Councilmember Goebel: We had a few years ago, a non-binding on township because they gave raises and the county did not, and they went ahead and entered their proposal for pay raises and that's the last we heard. They got their pay raises.

Councilmember Bassemier: Because I sure don't want to affect the school corporation's pay raises.

Councilmember Goebel: I agree.

President Shetler: One thing that we might be able to do here is amend the motion, cherry pick some of those lines and approve some of those. Like, for example, the general has actually decreased and that's where you're talking about salaries, so that is then clear where we stand on that but where we have questions, because of a lack of information, we could deny other lines.

Councilmember Terry: That definitely would make me feel better. I like that recommendation.

President Shetler: I mean, so in other words, I'm not so sure how I feel about this Rainy Day because of that looking like a double entry to me, but I am on the general –

Councilmember Raben: Well we can vote on the motion that's on the floor.

President Shetler: Or we can vote on the motion that's on the floor. So we do have one on the floor so any other questions or points?

Councilmember Bassemier: No guarantee this won't affect the – I know it's non-binding, but there's no guarantee that this vote could affect the pay raises for the

employees at the school corporation. Is this not correct? If we vote no and they go by our recommendations?

President Shetler: I guess that's probably, could be correct there, I don't know.

Jeff Ahlers: Depends on what the contracts are. I mean, --

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: The teachers have a contract.

Jeff Ahlers: I mean, there's contracts in place, so I would assume, I can't guarantee that without having read the contracts, but my assumption is those contracts are going to govern --

Councilmember Bassemier: Will be honored. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: And they may have to pay it out of a different fund to make up the difference. They can transfer monies around just like we do every day.

President Shetler: What's your feeling on that?

Carl Underwood: On if this board --

President Shetler: If it would have any affect on salaries --

Carl Underwood: No sir.

President Shetler: It would have no affect. Okay, anybody else have any question about the motion or anything?

Councilmember Goebel: I mean, in essence, our vote either way really won't have much impact. It might cause a review by the --

Joe Gries: The Department of Local Government Finance will take this information and follow the statutes that they have to follow in approving the school board's budget. This will be part of the file but it will, in essence, not affect the process because there are statutes in place. This is just one step that the county is required to go through and then the state has their processes to go through and it really doesn't affect it.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have a motion on the floor, let's take a roll call on that.

Jeff Ahlers: And the motion is to not approve?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: So a yes vote is to not approve? To make sure everybody is clear on yes and no.

President Shetler: Two negatives will make it a positive.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I think it's important definitely that we have more information and I think that's why the motion has been placed on the floor. I'm going to go with yes and I hope that this will not impact salary increases for teachers.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll echo the same points she made and I'll vote yes also.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Same sentiment, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: I really would have liked for us to kind of separate a couple of lines out here but we have the numbers that – the motion will pass anyway, but I do think it may have helped to show that we're definitely in favor of certain aspects of this thing, but other aspects where there is some very gray information here, I would have liked to have better information. So I'll vote yes so motion carries to basically deny approval of the school corporation's budget as submitted. And again, I think to reiterate the sentiments of this Council, it is that it is our desire that this not affect anyone's pay levels but that we have some serious reservations about the limited amount of information we have.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Carl Underwood: I apologize for that. It's the same form I submitted last year so I'll submit more information.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you very much, Mr. Underwood. I appreciate your patience and your time. Alright, any other questions or comments? Anything else to come before the Council today?

Councilmember Raben: Motion to adjourn.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you and we'll see you on October 8<sup>th</sup> and that's at 8:30 in the morning. Regularly scheduled meeting plus other tax issues later or budget issues.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry



**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 8, 2014**

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

President Shetler: Okay, good morning and welcome to the Vanderburgh County Council meeting and I'd like for the Clerk to please call the attendance.

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 after roll called

President Shetler: There being six members present, one absent, we have a quorum and next I'd like to ask Councilman Swaim if he'd lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Koehler Lindsey if she'll lead us in a prayer following the Pledge of Allegiance.

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Dear God, we thank you for the opportunity to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. We thank you, Lord, that you have given us this great country and we ask that you would be present today as we make decisions that affect our people here in Vanderburgh County in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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President Shetler: Thank you. Next we have approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 3<sup>rd</sup> and budget hearings that occurred on August 19 and 20 of 2014.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: I have a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: 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 6-0)**

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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President Shetler: Next I'll turn it over to our Finance Chairman, Councilman Raben for the appropriation ordinance.

**SHERIFF**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. First on the agenda under Sheriff, there is a request for \$50,000 in Fuel. If you recall about a month ago this request was in place but it was under COIT and we asked that this be withdrawn and the request put in under general funds, so that's what this is. And with that, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

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

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-221000	Fuel	50,000	50,000
Total		50,000	50,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**SUPERIOR COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Next under Superior Court, Petit Jurors, the request is for \$25,000 for the balance of 2014. 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: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-390300	Petit Jurors	25,000	25,000
Total		25,000	25,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**BURDETTE PARK**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Burdette Park, this is an easy one. The request including FICA and PERF, this is a very minor salary adjustment for a total of \$10, I will move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

<b>BURDETTE PARK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1450-145127	Carpenter	8	8
1450-190000	FICA	1	1
1450-191000	PERF	1	1
Total		10	10

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION**

President Shetler: Next, James.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we'll move, under the LEPC fund, request for Emergency Management and Data Management for a total of \$5,900, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Again, 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.

<b>LEPC</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1152-0000-321000	Emergency Mgmt.	4,800	4,800
1152-0000-337000	Data Management	1,100	1,100
Total		5,900	5,900

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION**

Councilmember Raben: Alright, Pre-Trial Diversion. We have a request for Accrued Payments in the amount of \$17,000 including FICA and PERF for a total of \$20,205, 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: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

<b>PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1182-0000-197100	Accrued Payments	17,000	17,000
1182-0000-190000	FICA	1,301	1,301
1182-0000-191000	PERF	1,904	1,904
Total		20,205	20,205

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>REPEAL REQUEST</b>
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**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

Councilmember Raben: Cum Bridge, this is a repeal in the amount of \$190,193. I move that we accept the repeal request.

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.

<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1135-0000-113510	Asst. Co. Engineer	40,193	40,193
1135-0000-435500	Ohio St Bridge #1520	60,000	60,000
1135-0000-435600	St Joe Rd Bridge #1911	90,000	90,000
Total		190,193	190,193

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**CLERK  
 CIRCUIT COURT  
 LEGAL AID  
 COIT/JAIL  
 HEALTH DEPARTMENT (LATE)**

**PROSECUTOR  
 PROSECUTOR IV-D  
 LOCAL ROADS & STREETS  
 SUPERIOR COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Last, we have two pages of transfers. I would like for everyone to turn to the last page, Local Roads & Streets. That request for \$100,000 from Materials to Contractual Services has been withdrawn, so I would move that all transfers be approved as listed with the exception of Local Roads & Streets, and that be set in at zero.

Councilmember Swaim: 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.

<b>CLERK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From:			
1010-101152	Cir/Sup Counter Clk	10,058	10,058
1010-101165	Sm Claims Svc Clerk	5,773	5,773
To:			
1010-101131	M/T Calendar Clerk	10,058	10,058
1010-101160	Assist Chief/Cir & Sup	4,207	4,207
1010-101161	Admin Secretary/ Court Archives	1,566	1,566

<b>PROSECUTOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From:			
1080-325000	Law Books	3,184	3,184
To:			
1080-260000	Supplies	3,184	3,184

<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From:			
1360-313000	Travel	750	750
1360-394400	Special Reporter	1,000	1,000
To:			
1360-352000	Maint. & Repair	1,750	1,750

<b>PROSECUTOR IV-D</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1400-372000	Lab Tests	792	792
To: 1400-260000	Supplies	792	792

<b>LEGAL AID</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1460-313000	Travel	180	180
To: 1460-300000	Insurance	180	180

<b>LOCAL ROADS &amp; STREETS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1169-0000-200000	Materials	100,000	Withdrawn
To: 1169-0000-353000	Cont. Services	100,000	Withdrawn

<b>COIT/JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 4998-1320-224000	Inmate Medical	60,000	60,000
To: 4998-1320-226000	Inmate Meals	60,000	60,000

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1370-137156	Riding Bailiff	2,000	2,000
To: 1370-197100	Accrued Payments	2,000	2,000

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1159-0000-115946	Clinic Clerk	6,452	6,452
1159-0000-115952	Nurse/HCP Part-time	18,832	18,832
To: 1159-0000-197100	Accrued Payments	25,284	25,284

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Next is underneath new business, Superior Court, request to transfer case manager grant employee to day reporting officer in the general fund.

Regene Newman: Hi, Regene Newman. Judge Trockman is unavailable, so this is just to replace an employee. He was in that line item originally at the beginning of the year and then we had a Case Manager retire, who was funded from a grant. So we just kind of flip flopped them until he retired and then we're just moving him back into where he was. No additional money.

President Shetler: The grant employee, though, the grant is no longer there, so its going into the fund Fund, so –

Regene Newman: Right, the grant employee is gone, he has retired. And we're just moving the Case Manager back into the budgeted position in the line item that he was originally in.

President Shetler: Okay, so would that not make a net effect of one additional employee then for the general Fund?

Regene Newman: Well,...I guess, he was budgeted and he was in that line item. We just transferred him and another one, so it's always been full. There's always been someone in there. What we did is we lost an employee, and now we're just wanting to move him back into the general fund. So yes, I guess it's plus one but it's an existing employee, so no.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So you lost the grant, --

Regene Newman: No, we didn't lose the grant. We still have the grant, we just lost that position in the grant.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That position is gone so now when was this –

Regene Newman: No, no, no. The position has not gone, the employee is gone. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the employee is gone, so you have an open position?

Regene Newman: Yeah. No.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: In the grant.

Councilmember Goebel: Are you going to fill that position later?

Regene Newman: With existing employees. I've got a request – I've turned in a letter for a request for – they're existing employees. Nobody new.

Councilmember Goebel: So the grant itself is still in place and you're going to fill the grant spot with an existing employee, so you're going to lower the county's general fund expenditure, is that correct?

Regene Newman: No, it's going to stay the same. Yeah, we're just moving people around. It's –

Councilmember Goebel: But one is retiring.

Regene Newman: One has already retired, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Where are you moving him to?

Regene Newman: The retired guy?

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, you're going, I mean, you have one less employee now. Is that not the case? Am I not understanding this?

Regene Newman: Well, of all times for Judge Trockman to be unavailable.

President Shetler: It has me a little bit confused, too, as far as if that money was paid for before out of a grant, and it's no longer going to be, now it's going to be transferred back to the general fund, it seems to be like there's an add to the general fund, that's there's an add of an additional person, if that – or position, however you want to categorize that.

Regene Newman: I understand what you're saying and how you're thinking. And yes, I guess if you look at it that way, we had someone in the general fund, we moved him out into the grant to switch them around and then once the guy retired and he was bought out, we're trying to move him back into the general fund. So there's always been someone in that position in the general fund. We're not trying to add anybody else, we've already got all of the employees that we're going to have. Nobody is new.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I think I've got this. Tell me if I'm right. Maybe. So you had a person that was working in the general fund. So you moved that person over to the grant.

Regene Newman: Correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And so, then, --

Regene Newman: We took the person that was in the grant and moved him to the general fund.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Went to the general fund. So that position was – okay. So then the guy that retired, the person that retired, retired from the general fund.

Regene Newman: Correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: This person went back to the general fund, and you have an open position over here in the grant.

Regene Newman: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay. So you maybe saved us a little bit of money for a while, is what Councilman Goebel is saying? When the general fund person was getting paid out of the grant? Or there was always somebody getting paid out of the general fund?

Regene Newman: There was always somebody getting paid out of the general fund.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so we've shifted the shells and the open position is now in the grant? Yes?

Regene Newman: Correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: In other words, it's not going to cost us any money.

Regene Newman: It's not going to cost you any money. There you go, bottom line, no money to the general fund.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: We're not adding new positions and it's not going to cost us any more money.

Regene Newman: Correct.



Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: We've got that on the record now.

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you for clearing all that up for me.

Councilmember Raben: I'm still not clear. I think what – let's look at it this way. We had a general fund employee, we moved them to a grant.

Regene Newman: No. Well, --

Councilmember Raben: To a grant employee.

Regene Newman: Right.

Councilmember Raben: We replaced that general fund employee, so there's another layer.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Okay, you're right.

Councilmember Raben: So we lose the grant, now we're trying to create another general funded position.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: No, they didn't lose the grant. They just moved people around. They had somebody in the general fund and slid them to the grant. And they switched. The grant person came over here and was getting paid out of the general fund. The original grant person retired.

Regene Newman: Correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And then when the original grant person retired, we switched this person that was originally over here, back over here, so now you've got an opening over in the grant. But you always had one or the other person being paid out of the general fund.

Regene Newman: Correct. The general fund had always had someone being paid out of it. And no more than what was budgeted, we didn't ask for any additional.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Does that make sense?

Councilmember Raben: It makes sense, but somehow – did we have a vacant general fund line prior to this move?

Regene Newman: No.

Councilmember Raben: How do we lose a grant employee, funding for an employee in a grant, and still have the same number of people? How do we move somebody out of that, that was funded back into the general fund, unless there was a vacancy within the general fund?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: It, the guy in the general fund retired. And so the vacancy was there for – but you didn't lose the grant. I think that's where we got the verbiage wrong in the beginning. The grant didn't get lost –

Regene Newman: It's still existing.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: The grant is still existing. The grant position is still existing. Is that right?

Regene Newman: Yes, that's correct. A couple of months ago, I can't remember exactly when, Judge came before you all and asked permission to hire a case manager out of user fees. You approved it. He hired the case manager because he couldn't go without a case manager. This particular case manager that retired had been out for quite a while before that. So that program was suffering. He hired a case manager. Paid them from user fees and then once everything kind of resolved with the retired employee, his buyout was paid out, removed the person that was in the general fund back into the general fund. The person that we were paying out of user fees is now going to be paid out of the grant. I know that this is confusing and I am so sorry.

Councilmember Raben: No, one last question, and I'm getting clearer with it now, but are we going to replace an employee in the grant fund?

Regene Newman: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: We will be.

Regene Newman: Yes. But it's an existing employee. We're not hiring anybody new. We're not --

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: When are you going to replace the employee in the grant fund?

Regene Newman: Well...

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Is that paperwork turned in and we're going to see that later?

Regene Newman: I turned it in, yes. But it was turned in yesterday. So it's -- I don't know if you've got it in front of you or not.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: It is on the agenda?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Where?

Regene Newman: It's probably down at the bottom.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Under amendments to the salary ordinance? Which one? The Superior Court...

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Late request. Superior Drug Court, amend salary ordinance line case manager to allow filling vacant PAT V position transferring from Superior Court Day Reporting grant. Okay.

Regene Newman: I know it's confusing.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Clear as mud.

Councilmember Goebel: That does clarify it a little bit because with just the first request you were vacating the grant line. But now with the late request you are filling

that grant line, so it's going to be a –

Regene Newman: The bottom line is, no money from the general fund, no new hires.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And then you still have a position that's going to be filled later if you shifted somebody – no?

Regene Newman: No, because we lost a grant, so we actually lost a position.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: You did actually lose a position?

Regene Newman: Yes, but not –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: But it doesn't affect – not the one we're talking about. A different one, and so the net effect is the general fund is not affected.

Councilmember Goebel: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll second. Yeah, we've already moved.

President Shetler: We already have a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and the second.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Call for the question.

President Shetler: Okay.

Regene Newman: Just wait until Judge Trockman gets back.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Send him over.

President Shetler: I do want to point out that Councilman Terry has joined us about ten or fifteen minutes ago, so I do apologize for not getting that in there. But so we have a motion and a second on the floor. 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. Wait until the Prosecutor's office comes up.

Regene Newman: Well, he's on his own.

President Shetler: We'll give you a breather here.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Clerk request to fill juvenile clerk vacancy. Debbie?

Debbie Stucki: Good morning. Debbie Stucki, County Clerk. I have a request to fill a juvenile clerk vacancy. There's no buyout, they transferred to the Judge's office.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. And Debbie, you have reduced your staff over the last couple of years by –

Debbie Stucki: Yes, by two.

President Shetler: Two. A net of two over the last two years.

Debbie Stucki: For 2014 we reduced it by two.

President Shetler: 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)**

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Debbie.

<b>PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next is Prosecutor's office. Alright.

Nick Hermann: I'd like to point out that I have to work with Regene every day and I'd request hazard pay. We're requesting permission to fill two full-time deputy prosecutor vacancies.

President Shetler: Okay, how long have they been vacant?

Nick Hermann: I believe Jim left in September?

Regene Newman: August 8.

Nick Hermann: August 8, I was close. He left August 8 and Mr. Perry is leaving on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

President Shetler: Okay. And all the qualifications and everything is going to be met as far as buyouts, anything like that?

Nick Hermann: The buyouts were taken care of essentially in the appropriation ordinance, essentially out of Pretrial Diversion earlier in this meeting. So there will be no buyouts on either one.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: 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 7-0)**

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next, Health Department request.

Ken Spear: Good morning. We're requesting to fill the position of the director of the communicable diseases. We had a resignation out of that department and it is a mission critical position. The payout for the person who resigned was accomplished with a transfer within the Health Department that was approved earlier in this meeting, and then we would like your permission to be able to post this position and fill it as soon as possible.

President Shetler: Has everything been satisfied then through the transfer?

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Ken Spear: Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Thank you.

<b>PUBLIC DEFENDER REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Public Defender, request to increase line 1303 and 1880 public defender as Job Study recommended, fill public defender full time position that's not

yet vacant, and a public defender part-time vacancy. Any questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: When is the public defender going to be vacant?

Steve Owens: The full-time public defender position is vacant now. That person's last day was October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The part-time public defender position which is not yet vacant will be vacant November the 14<sup>th</sup>, and I'm requesting permission, I would ask permission to change that from a part-time position to an entry level full time position. We have sufficient funding available as a result of various people leaving and coming and going that we can do that without any additional appropriation for this year.

President Shetler: Steve, what's the difference on caseload of a full-time versus a part-time? Just roughly because I know it varies on the kind of cases they handle and all that kind of stuff.

Steve Owens: A part-timer currently is handling about 65% of the allowable full-time caseload under the Commission guidelines.

President Shetler: And the pay for a part-time is roughly 40,000 - 39,000?

Steve Owens: It's \$39,561, and an entry level initiation would be \$50,102 as I recall. It would go to 55,000 after six months, but the advantage to us is we pick up some extra caseload capacity.

President Shetler: Yeah, for 25% increase in pay, we get 35% more caseload.

Steve Owens: Right, for a marginal increase, we pick up a little extra.

President Shetler: Now I know that the state does not count the other perks that we pay out. For example, part of the cost of a part-time employee, considering that as a part-time, is that, I mean, I don't remember exactly how that all gets –

Steve Owens: I'm not sure what you're asking me, Tom.

President Shetler: For example, the health insurance that we provide for part-time employees.

Steve Owens: We get reimbursed for that, but they don't consider that in calculating caseloads, it's just the salary.

President Shetler: But in the full-time, we still don't get the health insurance credit for that, but we do get reimbursed for it.

Steve Owens: We get reimbursed for it for the full-time but, again, it doesn't have any affect on the caseloads.

President Shetler: So basically what we're doing is for 25% investment, we're getting 35% more caseload coverage.

Steve Owens: And we may get more because the person that's leaving on the 14<sup>th</sup> is currently doing a 65% caseload. If we replace that person with an entry level full-time person, we're going to have to limit that person to level 6 felonies and as you will recall, we got a special dispensation from the Commission to increase those case numbers substantially. If they're only doing level 6, so we would see a big advantage to having somebody handle level 6 felonies for us. My anticipation is that person would go to one of the courts and all they would be doing is level 6 felonies for some lengthy period of time. So its better than a 35% increase in the number of

cases I can assign that person. I think the important thing is, as you pointed out, we get more bang for our buck or for a lot less bucks. It's not going to require an additional appropriation if we move that part-time position to an entry level full time. So that would be my request. It's not going to become vacant until November 14<sup>th</sup>. We are in the process now of soliciting applications for new hire and it would be hopeful that by the time that position becomes vacant, we're ready to hire somebody. The problem is I've got to be able to tell them it's either going to be a part-time spot or it's going to be a full-time spot.

President Shetler: Right, and on ours it says public defender part-time vacancies, it's plural, but you're really only saying one.

Steve Owens: Yeah, it's just one vacancy. That person is actually going to Mr. Hermann's office on a full-time basis.

President Shetler: Okay, so the request is then for replacing the one public defender full-time position that vacated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. The other is to change the part-time to a full-time and that one vacates on November 14.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President? We need to go to Job Study if we're going to change a part-time to a full-time, so we can't do that on the floor today, and so I guess we need some direction from you. Do you want to fill this as a part-time or do you want to wait until we can go to Job Study?

Steve Owens: Well, historically, all I can tell you is that any time that we have changed a part-time position to a full-time position on our deputy public defenders, we've never gone before the Job Study. We've never done that in the past.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Well, I was going to say, that's not occurred under my tenure, so I'd have to go back and look, but I'm getting information from our folks that have done this for a long time that we do need to run this before Job Study.

Steve Owens: All I can tell you is what we've done in the past. We've had two – in past years we've taken two part-time positions, combined them to a full-time, and have never gone before the Job Study. Now if we're going to have to go before the Job Study, I can't, depending on when the Job Study is going to be, I would have to fill it with another part-time person. I don't have the luxury of being able to wait until sometime next year to be able to –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: But is this the same position you were requesting in this letter dated September the 8<sup>th</sup>? To be changed in 2015?

Steve Owens: That was the request that was bringing to the Council's attention that we were going to have some budget differences from the original budget request, and I was actually amending some of the budget requests for 2015. So yeah, that was in the letter from September the 8<sup>th</sup>, but that has nothing to do with this year. It has to do with what our budget request for next year was.

Councilmember Raben: I might be able to clear this up for today but regardless we can't vote on changing it to a full-time position because we only advertised general fund of just over \$75,000 bucks. We didn't –

Joe Gries: Jim, actually, the line item is for higher than what is being changed for the salary ordinance, so it's not a change in the budget, so the Salary Ordinance change would be okay, but the budget for 2015 would have to be adjusted, and I think that's what Steve's letter would have covered for 2015.

Steve Owens: It did. The other item that we haven't addressed is the salary increase

that the Job Study committee recommended for the one position. We hired a young man who had some years of experience. We took that to the Job Study to increase him to the level II. He replaced a person that was higher paid. Again, there is no appropriation required, but we were told we had to come before the Council to get them that approval. So I'm asking that his salary be increased for that.

President Shetler: Okay, why don't we take one issue at a time here, I think, just kind of divide this up. And then so let's deal with the first issue which is the full-time position that was vacated on October the 3<sup>rd</sup> and if I could ask for a motion on that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Which one are you –

President Shetler: That's the full-time position that vacated October the 3<sup>rd</sup>, that he is requesting to be replaced.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion to approve the full-time public defender position.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about that 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.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Shetler: Now the next thing, is the public defender, we could either table that and wait for it to go to Job Study. That's the part of the request, as I see that request is kind of here it's written to replace the part-time, but your request on the floor is to take that part-time to a full-time. So –

Steve Owens: If we have to wait to go before Job Study, my request is to fill the part-time position with a part-time person as soon as it becomes vacant. It was sort of a two-part request. One is, I want to be able to fill the position and two, I'd like to change that position from part-time to full-time. Now if we're going to have to go to Job Study to make that transition, then I need to fill it with another part-time person.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So we need to do what it actually states on here which is increase the line as was previously recommended in Job Study, and then go ahead and fill the part-time vacancy today. But it's only one vacancy, right?

Steve Owens: Yes, that's correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Is that a motion?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I will make that motion, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, to approve the request as originally submitted.



Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Which is taking care of the step increase, the one full-time replacement employee and allowing the hire of a part-time.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have 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.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Steve Owens: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, Steve.

<b>TRAVEL REQUESTS</b>
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President Shetler: The next is the travel requests, and that is from the Auditor's office, Commissioner's office, County Engineer's office. Do I have any questions about that?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

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

Councilmember Goebel: I do have a question on the Commissioner Association. With the unfortunate situation of Steve, will that, if we approve that and he doesn't go, is it still funded or do we just hold off on it?

Joe Gries: If it's approved and the travel isn't actually, you know, Steve doesn't actually participate, then the money would still be there and it wouldn't be expended, it would just stay on the line item, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: We have a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, and it's not until December so perhaps he'll be able to go.

Councilmember Goebel: We wish Steve the best.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Absolutely.

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.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Shetler: Next I'll turn it back to the Finance Committee on the amendments to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone has been given a two and half page copy of the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. There are no changes to be made in this document so I'll move that we accept the document as written and ask that it be made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Shetler: Any comments from the Public concerning this meeting? If not, seeing none, a motion for adjournment from the Council meeting would be in order.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you and unless anybody needs a quick break we'll go ahead and get started right away on the budget.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
FINAL BUDGET HEARING  
OCTOBER 8, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 8th day of October, 2014 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: We will open the meeting with a roll call please. Time to put the budget hat on.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

President Shetler: There being seven members present we do have a quorum and, do we approve the minutes? We've already done that. We did those, yeah, the early ones, I think so. Okay, this is the final budget hearing and the purpose is to complete this adoption of the budget and establish the salaries and all employee benefits and also to recommend to the state what would be the proposed tax rate. Today the chair will only recognize Councilmembers until after the Finance Chairman has completed his duties. At this time I am going to ask Councilman Raben, the Finance Chairman, to begin with the Salary Ordinance for 2015 and all other corrections, amendments and additions.

<b>APPROVAL OF 2015 SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I move that all salaries and rates as listed in the 2015 Salary Ordinance be approved and make a request that this book be made part of the record. This includes all FICA and PERF to be adjusted accordingly.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: 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? President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being six ayes and one absent, I guess i would say at this time and no nays, motion carries.

**(Motion carries 6-0. Councilmember Swaim absent.)**

<b>APPROVAL OF EXHIBITS A THROUGH H</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Alright, next I'll move that Exhibit A through H in that same booklet be approved as listed in the 2015 Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim? President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being six ayes, one absent, motion carries.

**(Motion carries 6-0. Councilmember Swaim absent.)**

**APPROVAL OF LIST A**

Councilmember Raben: Next I would ask that all Councilmembers check the listing of the salary and position title changes from the budget book and move to approve List A and make it part of the record as well.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

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

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**APPROVAL OF LIST B**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next all Councilmembers have been given a list of additional cuts or additions and that is List B and I would ask that we move to accept List B and ask that it be made part of the minutes as well.

President Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

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

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>APPROVAL OF 2015 INSURANCE BUDGET</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Alright, next also in front of you is a copy of the 2015 insurance budget. I move that this Council approve the 2015 insurance budget as listed. These figures represent the county's share of the current health plans with a total employee contribution of ten percent. These figures are for full-time county employees and does not include insurance for Superior Court Magistrates. I move that we, again, this be entered into the record and I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

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

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPROVAL OF 2000, 3000 AND 4000 ACCOUNTS FOR ALL COUNTY BUDGETS</b></p>
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Councilmember Raben: Next I move that all other 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts for the 2015 budget be approved, or to be adopted as previously approved, including, and I'll need to call all these out just for the record: 911 Emergency Service, Area Plan Commission, Area Plan Commission/COIT, Area Plan Commission/Reassessment, Assessor, Assessor/Reassessment, Auditor, Auditor/Elected Officials Training, Auditor/Ineligible Homestead Deduction, Auditor/Reassessment, 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 Operating Fund, Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Cooperative Extension, Cooperative Extension/COIT, Coroner, County Council, County Council/COIT, Cumulative Bridge, Draining Board, Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services, 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, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals/Reassessment, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion, Public Defender Commission, Recorder, Riverboat, Sales Disclosure Fees, 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 Fund, Surveyor/Elected Officials Training, Surveyor Maps, The Centre/Old National Bank Events Plaza, Tourism Capital Improvement, Treasurer, Treasurer/COIT, Treasurer/Elected Officials Training, Veterans Administration, Voters Registration, and Weights and Measures. I would like to make that as a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second, don't ask to repeat it, but does anybody 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, motions carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>COUNTY TAX RATE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I'll move that the County Council set a tax rate as deemed appropriate by the State, Indiana State Tax Commissioners, following the review of our final budget. And I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

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

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE TAX RATE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I move that we set the Cum Bridge tax rate at .03 which is three cents per hundred dollar of assessed valuation and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? 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, motions carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Raben: And last, Mr. President, before we conclude, this year in particular there was a lot of moving parts within this budget. This budget has passed, grants a two percent increase, salary increase, for county employees for 2015 which they have not seen for a while and I think it is well deserved. I would also like to call attention to our County Auditor, Joe, and his staff along with Teri. Joe, really he was technician for putting this budget together. I think it is one that, you know, we did the best we can. You know, we might have a few challenges for 2015, but if everybody holds the line like they have been doing for the last few years, you know, we should be fine with this budget. I would also like to say thank you to our staff, County Council staff, Sarah Nunn and Sandie Deig, for all their help. This is a tough season. This is kind of like being a tax attorney during tax season for them as well, so again, thank you on behalf of the Council to the Auditor and our staff.

President Shetler: Or like being Finance Chairman and a nut club member during Fall Festival week. We appreciate the job you've done, James, of putting this together and really without your help and other Councilmembers as well, and officeholders and elected officials, we really would not have been able to come up with that pay increase this year at all. So a lot of people played very important parts in it. Stephanie, I do want, because you raised the question up one time before, and appropriately, on the Riverboat money and stuff that we had set aside basically for kind of back to work programs and stuff particularly for some day care. Some of that, what my hope is, I have been working with the bus committee that some monies of that might be used in the future to first we need to increase, because it is a greater distance, increase the ridership cost to the rider on the buses that go out along the 41 corridor and that we get employers participating into the program and that we are able to use some of that money that the county has used in the past, out of our general fund, maybe use some of that out of that fund as well. Because it is incentivizing people going back to work which was what that fund was used for. So I didn't want you to think that we were leaving that go. You brought up the question and I thought it was appropriate and it is something that we are going to be working towards this coming year to help fortify that bus route out on 41. Again, I appreciate everybody's efforts, particularly Councilman Raben. I know he put a lot of hours into it. This is a very difficult week for him and we appreciate his service.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President, we appreciate your service as well. I know that you have also put in many, many hours. So thank you. Thanks for all the hard work everyone.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I won't be redundant too much, but I do want to thank the officeholders who found some funds for us to make available, not particularly within their turf, but for the general well being of the county and made this two percent raise a possibility and hopefully we can continue to have lines with the County Clerk, the County Recorder and the other groups that have volunteered to help the general well being. So thank them.

<b>ORDINANCE CO.09-14-004 RECORDER'S PERPETUATION FUND</b>
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President Shetler: Thank you, Councilman Goebel. And I'll use that as a segue to ask for your support on the following ordinance. Everybody should have gotten a copy of it. That is for the Recorder's Perpetual Fund, and again without her help on

making those funds available for the General Fund, well for offsetting some costs in her office which saves our General Fund, it would have been difficult to come up with that two percent increase, as well as the Clerk had done and I know the Prosecutor's Office and others have done as well is coming up with different funds out of their offices. So I do want to thank the Recorder for her cooperation on that, but we have an ordinance in front of us that everybody should have in front of them. I need a motion for approval on it. That's that accepting—

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to—

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, could we do a motion first on...a motion for this to be the first and final reading of Vanderburgh County Council ordinance number 09-14-004?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I move that this be the first and final reading on ordinance number 09-14-004.

Jeff Ahlers: If we could get that passed unanimously and then pass the ordinance.

President Shetler: And because of the nature it needs to be unanimous we'll call roll on this.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: It needs a second.

President Shetler: Oh, a second? Do I have a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, we have a second. Any questions on that? Alright, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: 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. And I want to thank for all the effort that he and Jeff both put on this to get this together. So motions carries seven-zero. So we have it unanimous and we need another motion then for approval of the ordinance.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve ordinance 09-14-004.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

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

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Teri Lukeman: Everybody will need to sign this.

President Shetler: Yeah, we need to sign this so don't...okay, anything else to come before Council today? Motion for adjournment would be in order.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: I think I got a unanimous one on that one too. Alright, thank you all very much. Appreciate it.

**(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of November in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler, Jr.

President Shetler: Good morning. Welcome to the County Council meeting this morning, November the 5<sup>th</sup> and I want to remind, hopefully I'll remember to remind you of this a couple of times, but November 10<sup>th</sup> is county property tax day, so make sure everybody gets their check in or their money in to pay their property taxes by then. So at this time, I'd like for the Clerk to call the roll please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey		<b>X*</b>
Councilmember Goebel	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

\*arrived late

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

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

**(Councilmember Terry offered the invocation)**

President Shetler: Thank you, Stephanie. Thank you, Michael. At this time I would like to congratulate our Sheriff, Auditor and all those other Councilmembers and those that were victorious last night, and I see Nick out there as well, and look forward to another four years of working together with everyone.

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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President Shetler: Next we need a motion for approval of the minutes.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

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

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions about the minutes? 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)**

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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President Shetler: Next is appropriation ordinance. James?

**CORONER**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. First on the agenda under Coroner is a request for Garage & Motor and Autopsies for a total of \$31,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: 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.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-223000	Garage & Motor	1,500	1,500
1070-365000	Autopsies	30,000	30,000
Total		31,500	31,500

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Circuit Court, Petit Jurors, in the amount of 10,000, I will move approval.

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: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**



President Shetler: The motion carries. Next is Public Defender.

<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1360-390300	Petit Jurors	10,000	10,000
Total		10,000	10,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

### **PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Councilmember Raben: Public Defender, Death Penalty, the request is for \$37,600. I do know that some of the information that was requested last week was provided. Does any Councilmember have any discussion or want to discuss those requests or...

Councilmember Goebel: In what form were they provided?

President Shetler: Email. Let's see, what is today? Wednesday? Seems like it came Friday, would that be correct?

Councilmember Goebel: Perhaps someone could check. I don't think I received that, but thank you.

President Shetler: There was a big game anyway Friday night, so it was a good victory.

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, I overlooked it, too.

President Shetler: You're excused on that one, I understand.

Councilmember Raben: Well, just for the sake of conversation, I'll move approval in hopes that this will get us through the balance of the process.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion for approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: And we have a second. Mike, do you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: I just had a question, I know Steve is here, but someone here might be able to answer it. Is this for...to finish up for the trial itself or is this for the appeals process, totally?

President Shetler: I, you know, looking over that list, it was for the appeals and stuff that I had saw, but that's probably not complete by any means yet.

Steve Owens: That's for the, to answer your question, Mike, that's for the appeal. It has nothing to do with the trial. And its not going to finish us up.

Councilmember Goebel: Darn it.

Councilmember Raben: You know, the question I had, the initial trial was concluded when? Do you recall?

Steve Owens: Over a year ago.

Councilmember Raben: Because some of these billings or these invoices date back to July of last year.

Steve Owens: That's probably right.

Councilmember Raben: So the initial trial had been completed.

Steve Owens: The initial trial has been completed, the appellate process started, and it takes a significant amount of time to do the brief, and prepare the record. I can't tell you, Jim, when the record is finally completed.

Councilmember Goebel: Steve, do you know when the Supreme Court of Indiana will hear this case or review it?

Steve Owens: I understand there may be oral arguments set on this case in December.

Councilmember Goebel: And after that, obviously, it will go to –

Steve Owens: However long it takes them to make a decision.

Councilmember Goebel: And if it's not in favor of the defendant, then its going to go to the US Supreme Court probably?

Steve Owens: We will be required to file a petition for cert to the United States Supreme Court. If that's granted, which is unlikely, then we would continue with it. If it's denied, we're done, and the state public defender's office takes over.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Well, the only other question I have is, you know, my hope would be, looking back at the information provided to us, this just takes care of the invoices that are due today. What do we expect the final tally on the appeal process to come to?

Steve Owens: I think initially, Jim, I told you when we started this process, somewhere between 50 and 60,000, would be my anticipation.

Councilmember Raben: Possibly up to another 23,000.

Steve Owens: Could be. Could be. Hopefully, it will be less, but it could be that much or possibly more.

Councilmember Raben: Hopefully not more. Okay, any other questions?

President Shetler: I guess the only thing that comes up in my mind on that, Steve, I mean, I've always been under the impression that the discovery part of it, the early phases of it, the less expensive part. But when you get into the actual litigation or the oral parts of it, that gets to be pretty pricy. Is that not correct?

Steve Owens: I'm not following you.

President Shetler: That usually, the rate that's charged on the – by attorneys and

stuff, is generally more expensive when it's being argued, that phase of it, as opposed to the discovery work.

Steve Owens: No. The hourly rate is the same as (inaudible) will charge for the oral argument will be the same as what he's charging for preparing the brief. It's all set by the Supreme Court.

President Shetler: And were all the bills pretty much up to date because I remember seeing the July and I noticed how old some of them were and – I guess two questions, one, do we receive those things on a pretty timely basis, those bills, and just kind of hold on to them to a point or did we just receive all of them in one lump sum just recently?

Steve Owens: We received this in one lump sum with the order from Judge Moore. So, no, I didn't receive other interim bills and then just sit on them.

President Shetler: Yeah, I didn't know if you were waiting because of budget constraints or anything like that.

Steve Owens: No.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, we have a motion and a – Angela? Let the record show that --

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. May I ask one question? You may have already answered and I apologize then, situation at work. How far do we go with this appeal? Is this our last thing that we have to pay for or do we get to just keep shelling it out?

Steve Owens: I've tried to answer that question several times and I'll do it one more time.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you for those of us that are slow.

Steve Owens: This appeal goes to the Indiana Supreme Court. If the Indiana Supreme Court affirms the conviction, we are required to file a petition for certiorari with the United States Supreme Court. Vanderburgh County will have to pay for that process. It is unlikely that the Supreme Court would grant cert, but in the unlikely event that they might, we would continue to pay for the appellate process until that's finished at the United States Supreme Court. If they deny cert, which is the usual situation, then we're finished, and the State Public Defender's office then takes over from there and goes ahead and pursues any other remedies that he might have in federal court.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, yeah, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: I don't want to belabor too much but, Steve, has the Public Defender's Commission decided to approach the state legislature to pick up all capital cases across the state?

Steve Owens: I wasn't at the last commission meeting, which was in September, so I don't know if they had any discussion about that. I know that there was a little discussion about that, what, in June? I haven't seen the minutes from that meeting,

so I can't tell you. There is some effort being made to have the state pick all of that up. I think that's being met with some resistance at the legislative area, and so I can't tell you, Mike, whether there's been any more movement one way or the other.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you. I would hope that the Public Defenders themselves would really push for this and I know you're in favor of that as well.

Steve Owens: Been in favor of it for a long time.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, it would relieve us and make it fair across the board for all counties if we're going to have this type of punishment. Thank you.

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

Steve Owens: Thank you.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1420-394800	Death Penalty	37,600	37,600
Total		37,600	37,600

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that concludes the general fund requests and now we'll move into Cum Bridge. The request is for Assistant County Engineer. The correct amount should be \$5,082, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, 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.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1135-0000-113510	Asst. County Engineer	10,000	5,082
Total		10,000	5,082

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**CCD/COMMISSIONERS**

President Shetler: Next is Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, this is for the Prosecutor’s office build-out. The request is for \$30,000, 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.

<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1138-1300-419400	Prosecutors Ofc. Build-out	30,000	30,000
Total		30,000	30,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**TRANSFER REQUESTS**

**SHERIFF  
JAIL  
SUPERIOR COURT (THREE REQUESTS)  
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE  
HIGHWAY (TWO REQUESTS)**

**VETERANS SERVICES  
CIRCUIT COURT  
LEGAL AID  
LOCAL ROADS & STREETS  
PROSECUTOR (LATE)**

President Shetler: Next is Transfers.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have a lot of transfers which we typically get this time of year. It’s a lot of housekeeping matters. Everyone has been given an opportunity to review the three pages of transfers. I’m going to make the motion that we approve all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

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

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1050-105004	Major	6,800	6,800
1050-105079	Deputy	10,000	10,000
1050-105091	Deputy	8,800	8,800
1050-105113	Deputy	20,500	20,500
1050-105115	Deputy	4,300	4,300
1050-105136	Deputy	6,700	6,700
1050-105137	Deputy	17,000	17,000
To: 1050-130000	Merit Overtime	74,100	74,100

<b>VETERANS SERVICES</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1270-306000	Veterans Burial Allowance	400	400
To: 1270-260000	Supplies	400	400

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1320-132006	Confinement Officer	800	800
1320-132018	Confinement Officer	1,500	1,500
1320-132022	Confinement Officer	9,600	9,600
1320-132026	Confinement Officer	600	600
1320-132046	Confinement Officer	4,500	4,500
1320-132104	EMT	3,700	3,700
1320-132109	EMT	6,000	6,000
To: 1320-185000	Union Overtime	26,700	26,700

<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1360-331000	Training & Education	500	500
1360-390200	Grand Jurors	1,000	1,000
To: 1360-372300	Psych. Evaluations	1,500	1,500

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

From: 1370-305000	Patient/Inmate Care	1,500	1,500
1370-260000	Supplies	1,000	1,000
1370-331000	Training & Education	1,000	1,000
1370-379000	Professional Service	2,000	2,000
1370-372000	Lab Tests	1,000	1,000
To: 1370-325000	Law Books	6,500	6,500

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

From: 1370-137134	Bailiff	3,250	3,250
To: 1370-137180	Sm Claims Secretary	2,272	2,272
1370-137159	Riding Bailiff	978	978

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

From: 1370-394700	Pauper Transcripts	1,500	1,500
To: 1370-226000	Food	1,500	1,500

**LEGAL AID** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1460-341000	Printing	1,000	1,000
To: 1460-325000	Law Books	1,000	1,000

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

From: 1135-0000-200000	Materials	12,185	12,185
To: 1135-0000-185000	Union Overtime	10,000	10,000
1135-0000-190000	FICA	765	765
1135-0000-191000	PERF	1,420	1,420

**LOCAL ROADS & STREETS** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1169-0000-200000	Materials	30,000	30,000
To: 1169-0000-352000	Maintenance & Repair	30,000	30,000

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1176-0000-200000	Materials	12,185	12,185
To: 1176-0000-185000	Union Overtime	10,000	10,000
1176-0000-190000	FICA	765	765
1176-0000-191000	PERF	1,420	1,420

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1176-0000-384000	Ditch Taxes	300	300
1176-0000-300000	Insurance	225	225
To: 1176-0000-316000	Legal Services	525	525

**LATE TRANSFER**

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1080-108125	Deputy	4,045	4,045
To: 1080-108117	Deputy	4,045	4,045

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Shetler: We don't have any repeals, I don't think there's any old business. New business?

**CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY**

President Shetler: Clerk, Ms. Stucki is here to request to fill vacancies for a part-time person and a full-time warrant clerk. Good morning, Debbie.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning. Debbie Stucki, County Clerk. The full-time position, there's no buy-out, they transferred to the judge's office.

President Shetler: The warehouse clerk, is that person retrieving records or is that something different?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, the warehouse project of our inventory and, yes. That person actually took a full-time job with the Assessor's office. I had an opening I had offered to her, but the Assessor's office paid more.

President Shetler: Competition. Okay, do I have any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: I've got to find my request. Debbie, is this for the warehouse person again?

Debbie Stucki: Yes. The part-time is for the warehouse person, yes.



Councilmember Goebel: Okay, I still am confused with that because I thought and maybe other people here are as well, of the understanding that the company that runs the warehouse does not want county employees working through their inventory because of liability of things like that, and that's why we did away with it originally. Is that not correct?

Debbie Stucki: We do not physically pull the records off of the shelves. They're happy to work with us this time because they want a better inventory list, too. Everybody does, to know what's out there. So they're benefitting from what we're doing. Their staff pulls the requests off of the shelf and puts them on carts for us, and then we go through them and inventory them.

Councilmember Goebel: On site or do you bring –

Debbie Stucki: On site. They have a place for us there.

Councilmember Goebel: I thought that was part of the problem we had before.

Debbie Stucki: Part of the problem we had before, I believe an employee was injured because she was climbing a ladder or shelves and actually retrieving the records herself.

Councilmember Goebel: So its not a large amount of money, but it seems like we're going back into the same scenario almost. I know physically they're not going into the warehouse, but I guess it's okay with the company.

Debbie Stucki: Yes, like I said, they're very excited about it because they're benefitting from our –

Councilmember Goebel: Are they lowering the cost accordingly?

Debbie Stucki: They're giving us a break on pulling the records. They are giving us a break of, not the normal fee when they pull a record.

President Shetler: Does that compensate for what its costing us? I mean, are we getting it back?

Debbie Stucki: I think so. I think, you know, like I said, the Clerk's office is the record keeper for the courts and if I can't find something at the warehouse that a judge or the public requests, its just not been managed very well in the past. And things were – I think I explained before, things get a bar code on them. The boxes go out to the warehouse, but not always the boxes were listed, what was in – all we have is a bar code number and we don't know what is in that box.

Councilmember Goebel: That seems like then there should be some contractual arrangement made that if they don't have the material where they say its – that's on them and not us. If they don't want the Clerk's office to actually be physically inside that warehouse doing that type of work.

Debbie Stucki: They're not against us being in there, though.

President Shetler: I don't want to belabor the point too much here but let me just maybe go through the process here. So basically what it is, you call up and say you need a file on the Jones case or whatever, maybe give them a docket number or whatever it is. And then they go to retrieve that and they are assuming that its

underneath a certain bar code.

Debbie Stucki: Bar code and in a certain box.

President Shetler: They bring that down, your clerk out there goes through it and looks at it and goes yes, this is what we're looking for or else she may say no it's not what we're looking for. And then they would take it and put it back, but then how do they determine where Jones is?

Debbie Stucki: And that's where our inventory list, if we can't request the right file, they may have to look through three or four unmarked boxes with just bar codes and you get charged every time they look in a box.

President Shetler: Who's kind of goof up is this? I mean, did this happen –

Debbie Stucki: It's just poor management in the past. Like I said, boxes were sent out there with –

President Shetler: Well, I guess my question is who's responsibility was it to make sure that Adams got to be put with this location number for that particular box?

Debbie Stucki: The Clerk's office sends those to the warehouse. We usually rotate files every year out to the warehouse.

President Shetler: You don't bar code them, though? You don't put bar codes –

Debbie Stucki: We do. They give us the stickers and we bar code it so we have the inventory.

President Shetler: So you take that bar code number and you assign it with the Jones so that those ride side by side and you're saying in the past, years in the past, they from time to time, did not coordinate that well?

Debbie Stucki: Right. Like we'll send out a box now of all closed misdemeanors for a certain year to have a bar code. So if we're looking for a particular misdemeanor number, we'd know by that bar code that it's going to be in that box. They can go to that one box.

President Shetler: And I assume all that inventory is put on –

Debbie Stucki: On a spreadsheet, yes.

Councilmember Raben: I think what you're getting to, we're righting our own wrong. The errors occurred before they get the box for storage.

Debbie Stucki: Yes. Whereas when I started, anything that went out to the warehouse, besides the bar code, we get dates, beginning dates, end dates, beginning numbers, ending numbers, so you can find what you're looking for.

Councilmember Raben: And my question then would be is this individual going back and inventorying all records or just records that are coming in? I mean, would this employee be better off on this side in this building inventorying and reviewing every box before it goes out there?

Debbie Stucki: No, I think we're doing a good job from here on out. What goes out

there currently. Its, like I say, it's stuff out there that we don't know what's in the box.

Councilmember Raben: Going back in time –

Debbie Stucki: Yes, but we're starting with the most requested files that we get and that we're not able to find. We get a lot of requests from the public for marriage records, adoption records, they're out there at the warehouse, so you might have ten boxes that say adoptions, and they have a bar code, but there's no date range there's no – so they have to look in all ten of those boxes. And then, like I say, then there are some with bar codes with no description. So, but most of our requests do come from judges or the prosecutor's office.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Debbie Stucki: When you can't find a file, it's kind of embarrassing.

Councilmember Terry: When was the last time that this position was filled?

Debbie Stucki: I can't seem to keep them there. They move on to bigger and better things, but I think I've asked a couple of times to have this filled. I can't get someone and keep them there.

President Shetler: So how long has it been vacant at this current period?

Debbie Stucki: She just left Friday.

President Shetler: Okay. So how do you manage that in between times when its vacant?

Debbie Stucki: We have one employee in the office, but I'd like to have two out there at a time. I –

President Shetler: So you have a full-time person and a part-time?

Debbie Stucki: One full-time person that does the records management in the office and the requests.

Councilmember Raben: That kind of sheds different light on it. How many records requests do we see on average a day?

Debbie Stucki: I'm not sure of the number but there's quite a few. Like I say, just from the judges and the prosecutor, we get quite a few.

Councilmember Raben: You don't have a feel for what quite a few is?

Debbie Stucki: No, sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Maybe we come back to this one. I mean, we do have a full-time employee out there. It might be helpful to see some of those numbers. Are those requests logged? Is it something pretty easy to retrieve?

Debbie Stucki: They're logged, yes. I might mention, Jim, the full-time person I have doing that, that's not their title. I have yet to try and get that changed, but it's an employee that works in the administration department with the cashiers and the bookkeeping so it's part-time she works for the warehouse. It's not as a line item or

a description as a full-time person doing that. I had just designated that as a part of her duties. She comes from a library background and she's been great with helping us.

Councilmember Raben: So she's really not full-time at that site?

Debbie Stucki: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: She's working in this building, what percentage of the time would you say there?

Debbie Stucki: Well, when they went to the warehouse, it was a half a day. It was usually 8:30 until 12 in the morning.

Councilmember Raben: So most of the requests probably have come in by then anyway, we're talking about for the courts.

Debbie Stucki: Yes. Well, actually, we get requests all day but they know that we only – they request on Tuesday and Thursday and they're usually delivered on Wednesdays and Fridays because they're – there's a lot of requests.

Councilmember Raben: But we still have the storage business itself still has the ability to retrieve those records if we get requests after 12:30?

Debbie Stucki: Uh –

Councilmember Raben: I mean, are they simply pulling them off the shelf and that's contractually what they're bound to or –

Debbie Stucki: And transporting, yes, and storage.

Councilmember Raben: But they're not contracted to look inside the box and retrieve anything?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, they do. They have a bar code. The box will say it's this range, hopefully and they go to that bar code, they look for that file if it's in there.

Councilmember Raben: So we're covered if we don't act on this today. We've got an employee in place plus the contractual agreement that we have with the storage facility themselves that can also retrieve these records. So it would be helpful if you don't care, let's have just a small sampling maybe the month of September, what the requests were. You know, how many a day and that would be helpful.

Debbie Stucki: Okay.

President Shetler: I think Ed has a question and then –

Councilmember Bassemier: Debbie, I know you said this person is leaving Friday, but in the past –

Debbie Stucki: No, this past Friday was her last day.

Councilmember Bassemier: In the past, how long has that position been vacant? You said you have a hard time keeping a person there, so in the past, how long has it been vacant before we replaced it?

Debbie Stucki: Well, it seems like, you know, because of Council meetings, it's always, when its vacant it's usually about four weeks because you have to wait to come to Council to request it.

Councilmember Bassemier: And you were getting by in those four weeks without this person?

Debbie Stucki: We do.

Councilmember Bassemier: It was tough, but –

Councilmember Bassemier: We do with our requests, but we're trying to work on our inventory list so we can find our files that are out there.

Councilmember Bassemier: Has any judges or prosecutors complained in the past because we hadn't got the records on a regular –

Debbie Stucki: Because we can't find files? Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: They have complained in the past?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

President Shetler: I think Pete was next and then Stephanie.

Councilmember Swaim: How far back do those records go, Debbie, that are out there at the storage facility as compared to the ones that you still keep in-house?

Debbie Stucki: Some of them are permanent records, you have to keep them. There are marriage records back to – in fact, we just found, I think it was the first murder case in Indiana. It was in Evansville in 1818.

Councilmember Swaim: Some of the more recent stuff as far as court records are stored here in the building and then at some point they get transferred out there?

Debbie Stucki: Right. We rotate what's in our office to the basement and then the next year what's in the basement goes to the warehouse. I think I've mentioned before these are open files we're having to store in the warehouse too because we don't have room, so there are open files. They're not just closed, just for record keeping. We just don't have the space to keep them all.

Councilmember Terry: So Debbie, my last question on this, the warehouse Clerk, are they completely focused on your inventory project? That special project, the part-time?

Debbie Stucki: No.

Councilmember Goebel: Debbie, would it be for open files? It seems to me that it would be better to stay on site.

Debbie Stucki: Yes, they would.

Councilmember Goebel: Do we have any plan for the space upstairs?

President Shetler: Well, that's really, yeah, I'm thinking along the same lines, that we look at this thing, costs us \$150,000 a year, that's the storage and the transporting things back and forth. With all the labor, --

Councilmember Goebel: We wouldn't need much for the build out for that, if you had a key to it and you could keep your open files here until they are finished, and then send them out to storage.

Debbie Stucki: That would save the county a lot of money because with the open filing, you could get, a case was filed in January, you can get paperwork that's filed, you know, at different times throughout the year and, I'm sorry, December, and that's, you know, down in the basement even. Yeah, if we could keep it on site, that filing stays with the file. Otherwise, that filing is going to the warehouse and never really gets intermingled in the right file because they charge so much to take and file it in the proper place. It's just considered loose filing and the box is bar coded as a loose filing between this date. So it's another box for them to search and the paperwork is not with the original file. Yeah, if we could keep it in-house for two more years, you know, we could get a lot of that filing that stays together.

President Shetler: Yeah, we're probably spending close to a quarter of a million dollars a year just on the county side, not including city, so I think it would behoove us to probably look at this thing more seriously in the old jail, to get moving on it. I think that's the bigger point of the whole thing really is when you start moving on something like that.

Debbie Stucki: Because a lot of it is permanent records, it's not going to, you know, we decrease it some every year but not a lot with record retention.

Councilmember Goebel: Did we have a movement for these two positions or do we need to amend?

President Shetler: We don't have a motion yet on the floor, no.

Councilmember Goebel: My motion is we accept the clerk starting salary at 21,9 and we table the part-time warehouse.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion on the floor. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. The motion is to accept the full-time position, to table the part-time for the time being, and 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)**

Debbie Stucki: Could I just briefly say something? Because over 30 of my

employees are COMOT IV's, it seems like I am continually before this Council asking to fill positions because they move on to other offices where they can make more money. I don't know if the Council has considered raising that COMOT IV entry? It would be nice to get these good employees that I've hired and get to keep them. Like I say, they move on to other offices for COMOT V's VI's, and you can't blame them for wanting to better themselves, but I'm just continually training and –

Councilmember Goebel: That's a point well taken and its been brought up many times before. Thank you.

President Shetler: The biggest problem we'd have is you're dealing with a six digit figure number.

Debbie Stucki: I know, it's a lot of people at one time. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

<b>SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Next is the Sheriff, request to fill vacancies for the Jail and, let's see, three confinement officers, community corrections, and confinement officer.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions? The Sheriff is here. Its time to get him on the spot here, his honeymoon is over.

Councilmember Goebel: Officially over. Maybe you could look at that 1818 murder case and try to solve it.

President Shetler: Okay, 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)**

<b>PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next is the Prosecutor. Request to pay pre-trial diversion on annual supplement \$10,000 for a chief trial deputy for experience. Your honeymoon was over a long time ago.

Nick Hermann: I thought I would pause and see if I got the same motion the Sheriff did. This position, we've lost a lot of seniority in the last couple of months. We had, obviously, Mike Perry got elected Warrick County Prosecutor yesterday, he's taking

with him a deputy prosecutor that does primarily all of our training for new attorneys and also due to the PERF changes, we lost one of our most senior attorneys. What we're doing here is we're going to basically stack a bunch of other jobs on a new person. And we hired somebody with over 30 years experience working for the county in the Public Defenders office that knows our criminal system. We're going to be giving him a lot of other tasks including the training of the new deputies that come in as well as some new initiatives that we have coming up, that will be announced soon with some new programs. So we thought that since we're basically giving him a full-time and three part-time jobs that it would only be right to request a supplement to that salary. The supplement would be paid out of pre-trial diversion which is hopefully where he's going to be bringing money into, which would replace that. It's not anything that has to do with the general fund.

President Shetler: And the salary level will ultimately be what?

Nick Hermann: Pretty close to what he would make on a seniority basis. The chief trial deputy position is an unclassified position to begin with so it would just be a supplement on top of that. The chief trial deputy, I believe, is about ten year seniority level. Is that pretty close? What a regular deputy prosecutor with a ten year salary level would be at. This would put him closer to where he should be about twenty year seniority level.

President Shetler: So that's about how much in dollars and cents?

Nick Hermann: That's a really good question. I believe at 20 or 25 years, it's in the low to mid 80's and I think it's 83 or 84, somewhere around there.

President Shetler: And was that comparable pay at the Defender's office?

Nick Hermann: It's the same pay if they had a full-time. We're EXEC II's just like they are so it would be the same as if he were there with that experience full-time, yes.

President Shetler: Alright. And his experience is actually coming from the Public Defender's office somewhat anyway.

Nick Hermann: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Does this need to go through job study?

Nick Hermann: I don't believe that it does. I don't want to tell you guys what to do or how to do your jobs, but the supplement is meant for the extra duties that he is taking on, not – I know it was written up and I reviewed, since you came out with the agenda, I reviewed the request and I see where that came from but it really has to do with the extra duties that he is taking on, particularly with some of the new programs that have come up. Its in effort to not have to come back to this Council and ask for more people.

President Shetler: It's an unclassified position?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Is that why it wouldn't have to go through because



it just seems like with the – I just want to make sure we're dotting our I's and crossing our T's and that somebody can't come back later and go, oh my gosh, this needs to go through job study.

Nick Hermann: We're not asking that the Council grant him some level of seniority. We're not asking that you say he's comparable because I know typically we can come back to job study and ask that somebody bump up to a level II or whatever. It's been so long since I've done that. We're not asking for that, we're not asking you to bump his seniority level. We're just simply asking to pay a supplement out of pre-trial diversion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, yeah, because I was just looking at the fact that it's changing the salary and I didn't know if you had changed the job description or anything like that.

Nick Hermann: No.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So since its unclassified, I mean, I don't know, I'm asking the question.

President Shetler: I think it changes the rules slightly here in that case, myself, but I also, keep in mind that basically its an advisory group anyway and its ultimately Council's decision. So I guess given those two factors here, I mean, I'd be inclined to go ahead and support it myself.

Nick Hermann: I think the difference is, we're not asking for you to set him in at some seniority level like we would be if we came to job study. If he left this position and went to a regular deputy prosecutor position, he would go to whatever seniority he was owed for being in this job. To me, that's the difference. We're not asking that you affect his seniority level at all, we're simply asking that a supplement be paid for additional duties.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And then will you keep this supplement in place permanently or is this just – is it with the position or with the person?

Nick Hermann: It would depend ultimately, I think, how things unfold in the future. If he were to leave and we were to hire someone else, whether or not we'd have those duties or not if we didn't – if we had someone else doing those duties, if we add another position to those duties, then there would be no need for the supplement.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So this supplement would be for next year only and then you would have to come back or how would that work?

Nick Hermann: In the past, supplements have continued. We have at least two if not three other people receiving supplements in our office.

President Shetler: Okay, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, congratulations on last night. It was a tough one.

Nick Hermann: Thank you. It was a nail biter.

Councilmember Goebel: Today might be harder than last night. On this position, its pretty murky I think because its coming out of pre-trial diversion. And I think before

you came before this body and said you get total around \$60,000 a year in that?

Nick Hermann: Yes. We are –

Councilmember Goebel: Ten thousand of it to fund this position?

Nick Hermann: Yes, we are getting ready to launch a massive expansion of our pretrial diversion program. Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> the legislature gave us the ability to extend the pre-trial diversion just for misdemeanor court, to misdemeanor level 6 and level 5 felonies. That's something we've been working on with the judges. We're going to be rolling that out, I believe there's a judge's meeting tomorrow. We're going to be rolling that out as soon as a couple of weeks from now. That will drastically increase the number of people. We're going to require that attorneys be involved with those cases. Right now, in misdemeanor, we're able to do that with an investigator. In felony court, if we're going to dismiss a felony case, I want you to meet with a deputy prosecutor, I want him to review the case. I want him to have contact with the victims. It's going to be much heavier on the deputy prosecutor but I think that's warranted given the increased severity of what we're able to do here. The pretrial diversion, those of you that don't know, is a statutory program that allows us to take people with minimal or no criminal history that make a mistake, that have something in a non violent offense, they're able to go through some type of program and get that dismissed, which is very important, I think especially in the economy that we're in now. You know, as an employer, somebody that's hiring somebody, you want to know if they're a criminal, if they're going to steal from you, those types of things, but at the same time you don't want to punish someone that makes a stupid mistake, for the rest of their life, and stop them from being able to get decent jobs. So what we're getting ready to roll out, and I guess I'm announcing here at County Council, is we're going to have a drastic increase particularly with drug offenses, lower level drug offenses. We've coordinated with a program where we're going to have those people tested multiple times a week. We're going to significantly increase the amount of testing and in exchange for that, if they successfully complete that level of testing, then their case can get dismissed. So that's what we have in the works. That's one of the things that this is intended to do. Also we need to address the lapse of we're losing somewhere in the neighborhood of 70 years of experience both through the PERF retirement and then Mike and Levi going up to Warrick County. I mean, we're losing not only significant experience, but we're losing the people that train our new young attorneys. And so its important to get someone in not only that can handle the case load of a chief trial deputy, but also somebody that can work hand in hand with new attorneys and as well, to help with this pretrial diversion program.

Councilmember Goebel: But this stipend will be to coordinate the pretrial diversion, is that correct?

Nick Hermann: It's going to be all three of the things I mentioned, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, but we don't have any information on that before us today other than –

Nick Hermann: What information would you like?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, maybe a projection as to how much extra funding would come into your office because I assume there's going to be a fee a dependent will pay to go through this program.

Nick Hermann: They do. It's not going to be huge amount of money. We are statutorily limited, we can charge \$50 for setup and \$10 a month is what our office is allowed to charge, which will get you a candy bar and a cup of coffee. But the offender is also going to be required to pay for their own testing. It's just, that's not going to be coming through our office. That's going to be directly with the service provider for the testing.

President Shetler: Okay, that \$10,000, is that annualized?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

President Shetler: And so it's prorated for the rest of this year or does it begin in January. I guess you want it for this year.

Nick Hermann: I guess the intention would be to prorate it for the rest of this year but whatever is easiest.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: We'd probably have to have those numbers as well, wouldn't we? And this would not change the budget line item, either, correct?

Nick Hermann: This does not address anything in the general fund, no.

President Shetler: Has the gentleman already begun?

Nick Hermann: No, he starts the 17<sup>th</sup>.

President Shetler: So you're talking six weeks, is what you're talking about, so, okay, so less than 10%. So basically, a thousand bucks would be – okay. I guess the only thing I'm a little bit concerned about here I guess as an employer, so I'll take my other hat and put it on here, so when someone goes through the pretrial diversion program, if they successfully complete that, then they don't have a felony record per se.

Nick Hermann: That's correct.

President Shetler: So if I'm running a criminal background check, then it would come up clean.

Nick Hermann: Depends on what kind of criminal background check that you run. You can run and find all arrests. You can run them and find every time that they've had any issue with the court system.

Nick Hermann: The legislature in the last couple of years has decided that both through the expungement law and through this change, that people need to be given a second chance. People need to have an opportunity to get through and resolve these things. I'm not trying to make any type of policy statement, but that's what the legislature has decided to do, and that's why they put statutes in to this degree. Expungements, we're doing probably 250 plus expungements a year. You can get just about anything expunged other than your very upper echelon of things like murders and robberies, serious bodily injury, those types of things, just about anything else can be expunged or sealed and that legally is supposed to block it from employers. That being said, if somebody does a decent background check, somebody, all they have to do is get online and get on Doxpop, and in Vanderburgh

County you can see every time somebody has had a case filed, whether its been dismissed or not. But once those things are expunged, that record is supposed to be hidden. Obviously, in the electronic age, nothing is ever hidden, but there are different levels of those. But that's the way the legislature has been going for the last couple of years, and that's what the statutes provide for.

Councilmember Goebel: Nick, if a person comes in to have his record expunged, what is the cost? Does it vary by the supposed crime and where do these fees go?

Nick Hermann: We are technically, my office is technically not part of that process. Judge Shively in Superior Court is handling all of those. Basically the process is, you fill out paperwork, you can get one expungement in your lifetime and there are different – depending on the level of crime, it depends on how long you have to wait and how long you have to be free from criminal activity. You file that, it gets filed in the Clerk's office and goes to the court, so it would have your normal filing fees. There's not, as far as I know, there's not any additional cost or anything like that. They usually just have the normal filing fees that the Clerk – what's that?

Debbie Stucki: Expungements are no charge.

Nick Hermann: Expungements are no charge.

Councilmember Goebel: No charge to have your record cleared after you've been found guilty?

President Shetler: Speeding tickets and everything.

Nick Hermann: Speaking of correcting the record –

Councilmember Goebel: I think a lot of people would pay to have that cleared, expunged and gladly do so, at a higher fee.

Nick Hermann: I think so, too. It's also important that you do it right, so I think a lot of people are hiring attorneys although you don't have to. But you had a discussion earlier about the death penalty case, that oral argument in front of the Supreme Court is tomorrow, I believe it's tomorrow at 10:30, on the Weisheit case.

Councilmember Goebel: It is?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Interesting.

Nick Hermann: I believe you can watch it online if you want.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: None, other than this request, Nick, what we need to do is approve what you need for the balance. If we just calculate all of November and December, it's \$1,666, and then you'll need to come back in for the additional in January since its not in the budget. So the motion would be to approve the request at \$1,666.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: I think Councilman Goebel made the original motion on it so do you want to just include – did you not?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: (Inaudible)

President Shetler: I thought he made a motion on – oh, that was on the other one, I'm sorry. Okay, so –

Joe Gries: Tom, just a point of clarification, the Council isn't approving money here. This is not an appropriation or a transfer request. This is just to allow the supplement to be put in place. There will have to be paperwork done to put that money in place.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So there's a–

Joe Gries: Well, for December as well, and we can retro it back for November.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, do we need to have the motion just to be to prorate it without an exact figure in there? Just state that it will be prorated for the year?

Councilmember Raben: No, I think what Joe is saying, the motion is just to approve the request to pay the stipend. Then he'll need to come back and file a new request for December and we'll have to –

Joe Gries: A transfer or an appropriation request.

Councilmember Raben: Amend the salary ordinance for 2015 with that meeting, as well. Or do we amend the salary ordinance with a stipend?

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Shetler: Okay, so yours was a motion, James?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay, so I need a second.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, 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)**

Councilmember Goebel: I'd like to thank the Prosecutor. It's been educational and there are a lot of changes coming our way.

**ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY**

President Shetler: Assessor, request to fill vacancies. Bill?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval for both requests and –

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Raben: And as everyone remembers, I think the Assessor's office is working with five fewer employees today than they did five years ago. So I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: I second it.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**HIGHWAY REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY**

President Shetler: Thank you. Next is Highway, request to fill vacancy for laborer.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Shetler: Thank you.

**COUNTY ENGINEER**

President Shetler: County Engineer. I saw John earlier but...

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do we have any paperwork on that?

Councilmember Raben: I think the County Engineer was the request that we just made the appropriation for.

President Shetler: Yeah, I think so.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS**

President Shetler: The travel requests, the Clerk's office has a couple and Health Department has three. Do I have any questions about those?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve the travel requests.

President Shetler: I have a motion.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC  
REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX PHASE-IN FOR REAL ESTATE  
IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION OF MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT  
LOCATED AT 9844 HEDDEN ROAD  
BEITZEL RESOURCES, LLC**

President Shetler: Next, preliminary resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council declaring an economic revitalization area for tax phase-in for real estate improvements and acquisition of manufacturing equipment located at 9844 Hedden Road, in Evansville, Indiana 47725. Is that Beitzel?

Chris Kinnett: Beitzel Resources, I believe so. I've been talking with them. For the record, my name is Chris Kinnett, Business Development Director for the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. Thank you for the opportunity and giving us an opportunity to consider the request for resolution CO.R 11-14-010. This is for Pillar Industries. Pillar is currently a business located in Evansville. They have been leasing the building. They are looking to expand. They are growing rapidly. They are looking to retain 15 employees, have an additional 15 employees over the next

four years at an average salary of approximately \$24 per hour. They are looking again at a 20,000 square foot facility located, if you're familiar with the area, State Road 57, Kansas Road, back behind the Midwestern Pet Foods, along that same road. The building is currently vacant. This will put a vacant building back into use and to good use as well. This is a situation where we're looking at a ten-year tax phase-in for real property on the improvements only as well as a five year tax phase-in on personal property. The value to the company is a little over \$16,000 but from the standpoint of the community, they're looking at approximately \$5.1 million per year based on the employees, based on what they're going to be paying in taxes, based on what they're going to be bringing into the community, bringing new people into the area as well. So again, a huge deal for the county. The state has offered EDGE credits of \$125,000 as part of this deal as well, so they're part of the process. With us this morning is John McGuire, who is the manager for Pillar locally. He's been here, started the facility and I'm going to let him talk a little bit about the company itself, what they're looking to do at the building and what they see for the future. John?

John McGuire: Good morning. Like he said, we formed our office in 2009 renting a space. Basically, I was the first employee. I actually transplanted to Evansville. I'm from Illinois, myself. In these first few years we were relying on the corporate headquarters as far as people, manufacturing projects, whatnot. We've seen that Evansville is a good community on people on manufacturing, so we started to do more manufacturing here in Evansville. And basically, with this space we're going to be able to employ more people, do more machine work, engineering work and whatnot, that we were relying on our corporate office. Pillar, as a whole, we're about 500 and something employees. We've got an office in Maryland, West Virginia, New Mexico, and then Evansville. We specialize in mining, automation, electrical, construction, steel work, whatnot.

President Shetler: Alright. Well, thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Great. John, I do have one question. Coming from Illinois, will you remain a Bears fan or are you going to transfer to the Colts?

John McGuire: You can't take that from me, and I'm not a Hoosier fan, either.

Councilmember Goebel: Ouch.

John McGuire: It's hard to be one right now with what's going on, isn't it?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Now be nice, boys.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to, Chris, it is kind of strange, the media notice went out about ten minutes ago that we've already approved this.

Chris Kinnett: It was supposed to say that you're considering it, not that you've approved it.

Councilmember Raben: That we were pleased to announce that we've already, in fact, here's a quote from you already. I just found that out – okay.

Chris Kinnett: I truly apologize. Again, the request was supposed to be sent out and it was delayed because the state didn't work yesterday and they couldn't give us a quote and they wanted to do it together, but again, our standard is supposed to be that you are considering tax phase-in for this particular project, that's when it



becomes public.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't think we can rock the media boat here, so I move approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. And I just want to say thank you because we do appreciate it.

John McGuire: Well, we appreciate you, Evansville and the whole community.

President Shetler: That's more than the football, whether it's the Bears or the Colts or Indiana versus Illinois, or whatever the competition is keen in that area, but when it comes to getting jobs in our communities, you know, that's really tough competition so we appreciate you choosing Evansville.

John McGuire: Well, it's something to say, you know, we do work in Illinois, Kentucky and Alabama, also, and actually in Texas in some oil industries all over from this office. We found that Evansville has a big resource of skilled labor. Basically we look for a lot of engineers and so this is where we want to be.

President Shetler: Alright, well thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Before we take this vote, since we can't get him to say, go Hoosiers or Colts, can we get him to say on record, get 'em Cats?

John McGuire: I can't do it.

Councilmember Raben: Small little west side high school in Evansville, Indiana, and we can't get you to –

Councilmember Goebel: We're playing another small west side high school, too, so he's probably going to draw it from both pools.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Also, I just want to say thank you for recognizing the great attributes that we know that Evansville has. Maybe we can get that into the media, that you all are here because of our workforce and because we have great things to offer in our community. So welcome, we're glad you're here and we're glad you're expanding. Call for the question.

President Shetler: Okay, let me, I do want to point out, we like your presence so much that we would like to have you come back again in December. This is a preliminary approval right now, so I just want to point that out and we need to have you come back again next month to go for the final approval on it. And on the motion, it is important to point out that this is for the ten years on the, was it on the property and then the five years –

Chris Kinnett: On the personal property.

President Shetler: On personal property. So if, James, I guess you agree to that on your motion that that included that as well.

Councilmember Raben: Well, the motion was made by Councilman Goebel.

President Shetler: It's all goofed up today. Sorry about that. Okay so then the seconder, was the seconder Jim? Okay, so if everybody agrees to that. Okay, so all in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Shetler: Thank you, gentlemen.

John McGuire: Thank you.

<b>AREA PLAN COMMISSION INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, do you want me to take the amendments to the salary ordinance now?

President Shetler: I have one more thing which is an agreement for the Area Plan Commission. That's the interlocal agreement that you all should have gotten copies of. I think basically that's letting you know that we have requested to open up negotiations on that, is that right?

Councilmember Raben: Yes. We're just meeting our deadline to file that we want to terminate our existing contract and begin our phases for negotiating a new contract, is all that is.

President Shetler: And we need a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. I think it's right now, it's 85-15 and we're hoping to do much better, so all in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed to that?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: Alright, the motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**  
**(Discussion continued on page 30)**

President Shetler: Next then would be amendments to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Everyone has been given a two page copy of the amendments to the salary ordinance. I would like to call attention to the Clerk and it's the second paragraph for the part-time help out at the record storage facility, to strike that from this document and ask that all other amendments on this document be made part of the minutes and approved.

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: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Shetler: Does anyone from the public wish to speak? If not, --

Councilmember Raben: Motion to adjourn.

President Shetler: Motion for adjournment would be in order and we have that, so we will see everybody back here --

Councilmember Raben: I might call attention to, Councilman Goebel just brought this to my attention, I move to reopen the amendments.

President Shetler: Okay, so scratch that adjournment for just a minute and we'll --

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second to reopen on the --

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we need to call for the vote to reopen.

President Shetler: All in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Okay, motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE (Continued)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I would like to add with my prior motion to adjust the Prosecutor's salary line 1080-1090 \$1,666, and again, clarify the rest of the motion, strike the salary line 2440-1990 Extra Help from the Clerk's request, all other amendments as listed and ask that these documents be entered into the minutes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second. Good catch, Councilman Goebel.

President Shetler: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: It's been moved and seconded.

President Shetler: Yeah, all in favor signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**SPECIAL MEETING TO AMEND  
EXCISE SURTAX AND WHEEL TAX ORDINANCE**

President Shetler: I did have one other thing to bring up, I need to take kind of a straw poll here real quickly. November 26<sup>th</sup>, that's a Wednesday, that is our Personnel & Finance Committee meeting. Immediately after, we are wanting to set up a special meeting that will deal with the motor vehicle tax, the wheel tax I think is part of it, and basically that is to comply with the state on the motor scooters and stuff, so we want to try to do that in a couple of different readings. By law, you need to do that, and Jeff had advised to try to really set that up in a couple different meetings and not to try to do it all at one time. So I was wanting to set that up at 8:45 immediately after the meeting. So does anybody have a problem? I just want to take a straw poll because that's the day before Thanksgiving. So just make sure we're going to have at least a quorum here. Okay, so you're on record to understand the 26<sup>th</sup> and that would be at 8:30, our regular Personnel & Finance Committee. And then that being said, the other thing I want to do is remind everybody one more time, that county property taxes are due by November 10<sup>th</sup>. So make sure you get that all taken care of. The next then is adjournment, so thank you all very much.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 26, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in special session this 26th day of November in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:52 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler, Jr.

President Shetler: Okay, we will begin the special meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council which deals with one subject matter only and that is the ordinance amending the Vanderburgh County Council's ordinance for the imposition of an excise surtax and wheel tax in Vanderburgh County. So we will open the meeting with attendance roll call please.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Terry	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Goebel		<b>X</b>
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Swaim	<b>X</b>	
President Shetler	<b>X</b>	

President Shetler: Once again, we will give a good excuse here for Councilman Goebel and that he is preparing to bring back the trophy from Indianapolis to Evansville, so we appreciate that and his efforts there. So we have six members present and one absent, and we have a quorum, since we've already had a meeting just prior to this, we will dispense with the Pledge of Allegiance and go on to the ordinance itself and the subject at hand.

<p><b>FIRST READING</b></p> <p><b>ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE IMPOSITION OF AN EXCISE SURTAX AND WHEEL TAX IN VANDERBURGH COUNTY</b></p> <p><b>CO.11-14-005</b></p>
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President Shetler: I do want to point out that this has been amended from our first reading that we had a few weeks ago. But anyway, before it had motor driven vehicles on there in about three different places and this changes it to cycles so that it encompasses everything that's supposed to be grabbed there and I think the purpose of this whole thing was to deal with the scooters that are roaming the streets these days. One would be in the second paragraph there where it says motor driven cycles; that was motor driven vehicles. And then the next paragraph down where it said motor driven vehicles again, change to cycles, and then D. down at the very last, it says now motor driven cycles. So I just want to point that out that is corrected and everybody has received the corrected copy. And then also that first paragraph under Section 1, where it says Section 3.10.010, there is a D by motor driven cycles again instead of vehicles. So do we have any questions? Nothing has been changed about the tax it's just basically I guess I should let Ryan speak to this.

Ryan Schulz: Right, it's a very simple change. Basically, the Indiana General Assembly amended Indiana Code 6-3.5-4-2 version B to add motor driven cycles

and like President Shetler said, it's to impose – it's to include scooters and mopeds which have become so popular around town. So really that's all there is. Nothing else changes, the rate stays the same.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we need a motion to approve Ordinance 11-14-005.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

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: So ordered.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Swaim: Does this constitute a second reading by the way?

President Shetler: Do we need to do for anybody a public hearing right now? Is there anybody here that wanted to speak to this? Seeing none, --

Councilmember Swaim: I just have a question. Does this constitute a second reading?

President Shetler: No, we'll have that next week. Okay, anything else? Motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: Alright, everybody have a very good Thanksgiving and don't over eat and we'll see you next Wednesday. Hopefully Mike will be back with a new trophy for us.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Tom Shetler

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Vice President Peter Swaim

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

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James Raben

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Mike Goebel

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Ed Bassemier

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Stephanie Terry



**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 3, 2014**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler, Jr.

President Shetler: Good morning and welcome to the Vanderburgh County Council meeting today, December the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and a little past 8:30. So if the Clerk would 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 and none absent, I'd like to call upon Councilman and Coach Goebel to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then afterwards, Councilman Lindsey will lead us in the invocation.

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

**(Councilmember Koehler Lindsey offered the invocation)**

President Shetler: And I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Coach Goebel on another fantastic season. It was a very good game to watch and very good team that you played and very disappointed for the city of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, but you had an outstanding year and very proud of the Wildcats and how they represented Evansville in Indianapolis. So at this time, we have the appropriation ordinance and I think we have a couple of issues there. Councilman Raben?

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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**ELECTION OFFICE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. First on the agenda today is the Election Office, a request for \$16,000 for contractual services. We do have Shirley in the audience if there are any questions. I know that a little bit of this is a tradeoff from, I guess, the early projections were based on a presidential election year, so we had some additional funds in one line but I guess some computer support we had to contract out, so I'll let you elaborate.

Shirley Reeder: There was \$18,000 put back into the salary line item and I believe there was \$15,000 requested for the other expenses. She gave me, actually the transfers were on the small claims in Circuit/Superior Clerk. I don't have the other...it was in an email.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, the 18 was for help, it was pay related.

Shirley Reeder: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: And then the other, I guess there was only at the time, a few certified support services for the equipment, so the funding cost a little extra.

Shirley Reeder: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Are there any questions?

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: First, I don't know how we can – maybe in the future and I'm sure you will be, but the Election Office could compare the budget for this year to 2012 when it's not nearly as heavily participated as far as in the presidential year, but the funds have been reverted, so that's okay. The question I have is on the contract for the voting machines. Can you explain what happened there because according to the emails, it was \$6,000 we paid and now its 18,000 for that contract? Is that correct?

Shirley Reeder: I believe it was the iVotronics that were required in this election where it was – I almost need RBM to explain that a little bit better. Debbie probably, did she put any of that in the email to you?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Hopefully, you all got it. Debbie had sent me an email and I forwarded it to everyone. It says in here, contractual service line item in December, the state mandated that any county that uses the iVotronics system has to use a system certified by the state and there were only three systems certified by the end of March. The vendor was selected and contracts signed, and it was approximately 29,000. And yes, the system that was used in 2012 was only 6,000, but that system didn't go through the certification process with the state. So it looks like it was an issue of not having very many certified vendors to choose from, which is unfortunate.

Councilmember Goebel: So we basically were stiffed for 23,000?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Because of the state certification?

Shirley Reeder: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: And I think, too, it's also mentioning Kinder increased their contract in 2014.

Councilmember Goebel: I saw that, but I'm concerned with the contract, it was just a formality from the state, we're paying so much more money and getting nothing in return, in my mind.

Shirley Reeder: They were required to be certified with the state before they were allowed. Quest did not even go to the state for certification, so the vendor that we had before for that was not an option.

Councilmember Goebel: Will we be certifying with that same company for next year's

city elections, do you know? Does anyone have an idea yet?

Shirley Reeder: I don't –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: She doesn't mention that, but I would certainly hope that we can find it a cheaper contractor for the city elections.

Councilmember Goebel: Did the Quest group, were they contacted about going through the certification process?

Shirley Reeder: Yes, they opted not to be certified with the state.

Councilmember Goebel: It seems like a lot of money to get the same result and we're handcuffed again and going forward, I guess, and I know the city has its elections, and will the cost be the same as it was this year for the city? I know it's not, the city will reimburse the county for the funding on it, but a lot of us who live in Vanderburgh County also live within the city and the taxes will go accordingly. It seems like a great, great deal of expense for what, eleven seats?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Its nine seats and the City Clerk and the Mayor.

Shirley Reeder: And there won't be as many vote centers for the city election.

Councilmember Goebel: I know, but I would hope that our state would maybe look at realigning those elections and conform with the off year or midterm election or something like that. It would be a great savings. Thank you.

President Shetler: I guess the question that it kind of raises in my mind here, though, are we paying two different vendors to do the same thing? But one isn't really certified because of a past contract?

Shirley Reeder: No, there were not two vendors.

President Shetler: Well, I'm talking about the one that we were already under contract, is there some redundancy here between that and what's required by the state?

Shirley Reeder: I would say no, and Quest did not even go after certification, so they were not used in this election.

President Shetler: But then we didn't pay them anything?

Shirley Reeder: No.

President Shetler: Alright, I misunderstood that. I thought they did it for a reduced price, but they still got something out of it, so they got nothing.

Shirley Reeder: No.

President Shetler: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: This will probably get a little more competitive. Looking at the email, it says that the state passed the mandate in December and I guess the certifications had to be in place by March and there were only two or three vendors certified at that point, so probably more have been certified since then, but I guess

time will tell.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll second that.

President Shetler: Okay, do you 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.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-353000	Contractual Services	16,000	16,000
Total		16,000	16,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA**

Councilmember Raben: Next the Old National Events Plaza, we have a request for Union Overtime, FICA and PERF for a total of 12,165, I'll move approval.

President Shetler: We have a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-185000	Union Overtime	10,000	10,000
1440-190000	FICA	765	765
1440-191000	PERF	1,400	1,400
Total		12,165	12,165

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**CCD/COMMISSIONERS**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we'll move into Commissioner's CCD, we have a request for the Area Plan comprehensive plan in the event of \$39,580 and Coroner energy upgrades. These were both discussed last week. I'll move approval for a total of \$43,039.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

<b>CCD/COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1138-1300-353700	Area Plan Comm. Comprehensive Plan	39,580	39,580
1138-1300-365200	Coroner Energy Upgrades	3,459	3,459
Total		43,039	43,039

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**CLERK  
ASSESSOR  
AREA PLAN  
COMMISSIONERS  
SUPERIOR COURT  
HIGHWAY  
COMMISSIONERS (LATE)**

**SHERIFF (WITHDRAWN)  
ELECTION OFFICE  
VETERANS SERVICES  
JAIL  
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE  
PRETRIAL DIVERSION**

Councilmember Raben: Now we will move into transfer requests. There are several transfers. I will make note that on page two, the request under Sheriff, the transfer has been withdrawn, and with that, I will make a motion that all other transfers be approved as listed.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second to approve all the transfers. Any 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.

<b>CLERK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1010-101149	Cashier/Child Support	2,936	2,936
To: 1010-101160	Asst. Chief Deputy Circuit & Superior Ct	2,936	2,936

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1050-105050	Lieutenant	6,230	withdrawn
1050-105151	Court Screener	10,556	withdrawn
1050-130100	Civilian Overtime	15,000	withdrawn
1050-130000	Overtime	9,714	withdrawn
To: 1050-197100	Accrued Payments	41,500	withdrawn

<b>ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1090-109135	Real Estate Deputy	1,550	1,550
To: 1090-109153	Residential Real Estate Deputy	1,550	1,550

<b>ELECTION OFFICE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1210-121121	Ballot Aids	650	650
1210-352000	Maintenance & Repair	40	40
1210-341000	Printing	2,000	2,000
1210-361000	Legal Services	200	200
1210-363000	Equip. Lease & Rent	200	200
To: 1210-121112	Election Asst.	650	650
1210-313000	Travel/Mileage	40	40
1210-353000	Contractual Services	2,400	2,400

<b>AREA PLAN</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
From: 1240-341000	Printing	1,000	1,000
1240-352000	Maintenance & Repair	500	500

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1240-361000	Legal Services	3,290	3,290
To: 1240-331000	Education & Training	1,500	1,500
1240-422000	Office Machines	3,290	3,290

**VETERANS SERVICES** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1270-306000	Veterans Burial Allowance	1,700	1,700
To: 1270-422000	Office Machines	1,700	1,700

**COMMISSIONERS** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1300-300000	Insurance	178,000	178,000
To: 1300-361000	Legal Services	20,000	20,000
1300-327000	Change of Venue	5,000	5,000
1300-423100	Transport. Services	153,000	153,000

**JAIL** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1320-132037	Confinement Officer	4,720	4,720
1320-130100	Civilian Overtime	3,096	3,096
To: 1320-197100	Accrued Payments	7,816	7,816

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

From: 1370-305000	Patient/Inmate Care	6,100	6,100
1370-394900	Home Study/Adopt.	650	650
To: 1370-398000	Transportation Child & Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000
1370-394100	Guardian Ad Litem	1,000	1,000
1370-394200	Judge Pro Tem	150	150
1370-325000	Law Books	3,600	3,600

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

From: 1135-0000-438200	Broadway Avenue Bridge #274	350,000	350,000
1135-0000-440000	Old Boonville Hwy Bridge #1530	42,000	42,000

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1135-0000-475500	Slate Road Bridge #1990	6,000	6,000
To: 1135-0000-471500	Maryland Street Bridge	350,000	350,000
1135-0000-438100	Broadway Avenue Bridge #271	48,000	48,000

**HIGHWAY** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1176-0000-200000	Materials	12,749	12,749
1176-0000-117601	Superintendent	8,424	8,424
To: 1176-0000-197100	Accrued Payments	21,173	21,173

**PRETRIAL DIVERSION** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1182-0000-197100	Accrued Payments	1,504	1,504
To: 1182-0000-109000	Deputy Prosecutor	1,265	1,265
1182-0000-190000	FICA	97	97
1182-0000-191000	PERF	142	142

**COMMISSIONERS** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1300-300000	Insurance	150,000	150,000
1300-314000	Communications	50,000	50,000
To: 1300-389000	Central Dispatch	200,000	200,000

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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President Shetler: Next is approval of minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting. Do I have a motion for approval?

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 7-0)**

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And thank you for saving trees and emailing those minutes.

President Shetler: Yeah.

Teri Lukeman: You're welcome.

<b>COMMISSIONERS REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Okay, next Commissioners request to fill vacancy for Burdette Park Manager and Highway Superintendent, and those are two different issues, so welcome, Joe.

Joe Kiefer: Good morning, President Shetler, and County Councilmembers. Yes, as you know, Steve Craig is retiring at the end of the year and we'd like to fill that position and then also the current position for the Highway Superintendent is vacant at this time, and we'd like to fill that position as well.

President Shetler: Will there be any pay changes in either –

Joe Kiefer: Well, I think the pay is going, you know, obviously, it's reduced from where they're currently being paid and obviously, as we interview people, we'll try to get people for less money than what we're asking for this morning.

Councilmember Terry: For both positions or have you identified...

Joe Kiefer: For both positions. I mean, we're talking to a couple people, but we haven't settled on anything yet.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, I'm going to make a motion to approve the positions and with that, I'd also like to I guess congratulate Steve on his retirement announcement and I tell you, those are going to be some very difficult shoes to fill. Steve has been at Burdette Park for a great number of years and has done a terrific job with it and it's kind of the icon for this entire area and surrounding counties, and I'd say job well done, and a much deserved retirement. So, thank you, Steve.

**(Round of applause)**

President Shetler: Coach?

Councilmember Goebel: I just think, Steve, you have been great to work with for this Council and you've always asked or requested reasonable items for the park and, of course, as James said, our Burdette Park is a unique park, it's a great attraction for our community and thank you for your many years of service. Thanks for working with us so well, as well. Thank you.

President Shetler: Anybody else?

Councilmember Goebel: And Steve did play center on the football team that I once participated with. He did a fine job there as well.

President Shetler: Was that about the same era that perhaps you played, Coach?

Councilmember Goebel: Very close, as in the same year.

President Shetler: Okay, well, Steve, thank you very much for your service to the county and it has been a joy to work with you for the past nine years that I've been involved with you and you have certainly been very cooperative, very helpful, and really done an outstanding job, I think, at the park and really have been Mr. Burdette Park, so I appreciate all you've done for us. So thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom? I'd just like to thank him for all the working with the kids, giving them part-time jobs during the summer, been very helpful getting these kids jobs out there, so they have something to do and earn a little extra pay to go back to school, go back to college. You did a real good job there and I want to commend you for that.

President Shetler: Alright, now we have a motion on the floor to approve both positions. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a second. Do I have any other questions or comments about that? 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)**

Joe Kiefer: Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Thank you.

<b>SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</b>
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President Shetler: Next is Sheriff's request to fill several vacancies here, Jail and then the Sheriff Department and confinement, etcetera. Do we have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about that then? 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)**

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</b>
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President Shetler: Next is the Health Department, request to fill a vacancy for a public health nurse.

Ken Spear: Good morning, Dr. Spear for the Health Department and we have two vacancies in public health nursing at the present time and we would like to fill one of those vacancies. A position became vacant when one of the nurses became director of communicable diseases so the position is funded and it can be filled. The other position can't be filled until later in the year.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, Dr. Spear. Any questions? Motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

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

**(All Councilmembers voted aye)**

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

**(No opposing votes were cast)**

President Shetler: The motion carries.

Ken Spear: Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>CONFIRMING RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX PHASE-IN FOR REAL ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION OF MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 9844 HEDDEN ROAD BEITZEL RESOURCES, LLC</b>
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President Shetler: Next is a resolution declaring an economic revitalization area for tax phase-in for real estate improvements and acquisition of manufacturing equipment located at 9844 Hedden Road in Evansville for Beitzel Resources. I hope I pronounced that correctly. Do I have a motion for approval?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: It's been moved and –

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, I need you to kind of state also in that motion that it's for the same term that we did in the preliminary resolution.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

President Shetler: So that's agreeable. Okay, then 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)**

<b>PETITION TO APPEAL FOR AN INCREASE TO THE MAXIMUM LEVY</b>
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President Shetler: Next is a petition to appeal for an increase to the maximum levy and –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: I've got a motion to approve on that. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's a formality that we do every year so, 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)**

<b>TRAVEL REQUESTS</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, did we skip over travel?

President Shetler: Oh, I think we did. That was my fault. Go back to travel. Voters Registration two, Commissioners three, and County Engineer two.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve travel requests.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just curious on the Commissioners, have we not, is this similar to the approval we had in a recent October travel request, is this part of the same or is this another travel request? Now this is obviously state called. I don't think the other one was.

Joe Kiefer: I apologize, I wasn't paying attention. What was the –

Councilmember Goebel: I think these two individuals had a travel request maybe in October?

Councilmember Terry: This now includes in Bruce –

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, I think that's what happened was Bruce is a new Commissioner and we were having him attend the County – there's two things. One is the County Commissioners' convention conference this week and then another thing is probably the Purdue Road School. So those might have been the two different ones, but I do know originally we didn't ask for Bruce, but since he's a new Commissioner, we thought that might be important for him to attend.

Councilmember Goebel: That makes sense. I was thinking there was convention where they rented cabins and things like that. Is this the same thing?

Joe Kiefer: I don't know that they rent cabins or anything, but I do know they're up in Indianapolis at a –

Councilmember Goebel: No, this was – I don't know how many conventions they have to go to in a year is my question.

Joe Kiefer: Oh, okay. Well, there was another one that was over in like southeast Indiana that might have been it, that I believe Commissioner Melcher may have attended. But I apologize –

Councilmember Goebel: And I don't have my facts here either, I was just looking it over.

Joe Kiefer: I just know that there is the two ones that I know that they say that we're required, should be going to is the Purdue school and the Commissioner school, of which I have failed to go to either one of them.

Councilmember Goebel: I was questioning the other ones I think that went for three or four days. I thought it was in Monroe County, but I'm not sure, for a different convention. I'll drop it, but thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Just one question, Joe. I asked you to look into, on the Soil & Water Conservation District, you know, very often we send more than one person.

Joe Kiefer: I know, we like to keep that to one person and let them come back and bring the information back to –

Councilmember Raben: You actually have a request for two people, along with that, they're both requesting mileage and parking. I mean, it requires two –

Joe Kiefer: I would say they probably snuck that in on me because I didn't realize there were two people going, so we'll have to correct that.

Councilmember Raben: So do we need to approve one or –

Joe Kiefer: I would approve one for right now and then I'll find out why they were asking for the second one.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, do we have a motion on the floor?

President Shetler: Yeah, I think so.

Councilmember Raben: Can we --

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Did we ever get a second? Because I --

Councilmember Bassemier: No, you didn't get a second.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So we don't have a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Goebel: And actually, this is the same matter I was questioning.

President Shetler: Okay, you're going to withdraw, so James, do you want to make it a new --

Councilmember Raben: Alright, I'll make a motion to approve travel requests for Voters Registration, Commissioners for newly elected Commissioner Ungethiem, Commissioners Soil & Water Conservation District for Mark Abell to travel to state called meeting and for County Engineer we have well, again, Mike, this is the one you were referring to was the County Engineer request, right?

Joe Kiefer: John Stoll is here, he can probably answer any questions.

Councilmember Goebel: Actually, no, I was questioning –

Councilmember Raben: I think the rate might be the same on that one, so, John, before I call you up here.

President Shetler: I think, James, those are for different dates. One is in February and one is in March.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, yes, that's true. Okay, so with the exception of the second Soil & Water Conservation District meeting, I'll approve all other travel requests.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: So 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: Hearing none, the motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Shetler: Thank you.

<p><b>AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE FOR IMPOSITION OF AN EXCISE SURTAX AND WHEEL TAX IN VANDERBURGH COUNTY C.O. 11-14-005</b></p>
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President Shetler: Okay, final reading for ordinance amending the Vanderburgh County Imposition of an Excise Surtax and Wheel Tax in Vanderburgh County and it's ordinance number C.O. 11-14-005. We dealt with this at a special meeting a week or so ago and this is a final reading on it. Do I have any questions or comments? If not, a motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and did you second it, Pete?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

President Shetler: 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.

Teri Lukeman: Since this is an ordinance, do you want to do a roll call vote?

President Shetler: Okay, we'll do a roll call since it's an ordinance, and make sure all the i's are dotted and t's crossed.

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)**

### RETIREMENT OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

President Shetler: Next, I do want to mention that I think all of you have received by now, notification that Sandie is going to be retiring by the end of the year and we are planning some things going on, probably in January as her health improves. Anyway, we are working on that and the next item on the – and I will say that I accepted that request with regrets. Sandie has been a long time servant of the county just as Steve, and we greatly appreciate the efforts she's made for us on Council. She certainly made my life a lot easier and I know James' as well in the positions that we've been in, and I think everyone of us can say the same thing, that she has really been a real champion to help us out. So we appreciate that.

### AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: The next item is amendments to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone has been given a two page copy of all the amendments to the salary ordinance. I'm going to move that these amendments to accepted and approved and that the two page document be entered into the minutes.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and --

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: – a second. Any 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: Hearing none, the motion carries.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shetler: Anybody have any comments to address County Council?



Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Just a reminder that we do have a Personnel meeting at 9:15 in the other room, right? Alright.

Councilmember Raben: Just one quick note. I'd like to compliment everybody sitting around the table here with us, that we started out with a really tight unappropriated balance. We survived the year. You know, this is our last day for appropriating money for 2014 and we survived it. It's kind of, we're not out of gas, but we're running on empty. So it's good to have 2014 behind us and know that we were able to fund every necessary line and department as needed, and I just want to congratulate everyone here.

President Shetler: So we're running on a couple of flat tires? Is that it? It's time to get them fixed, right?

Councilmember Raben: Like Christmas Vacation when Cousin Eddie's gas money gave out in Gurnee.

President Shetler: Yeah. Let's see, I do want to remind everybody that next week's meeting we go back to 3:00 in the afternoon on the Personnel & Finance. So next Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. as opposed to this hour here. So 3:00 p.m. December 10 and we will get emails out and phone calls and reminders and red flashing lights and everything else, because it's going to be hard to get back in that habit again. So 3:00. Anything else?

Councilmember Goebel: Is next Wednesday a dual meeting or is it – is it the 10<sup>th</sup>? Will we have another meeting after that?

President Shetler: Not until January.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: We have a (Inaudible)

President Shetler: Yeah, that will probably be January the 7<sup>th</sup>, I believe, something like that. So okay, motion for adjournment would be in order.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to adjourn.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, we'll see you next week at 3:00 p.m.

**(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.)**

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