

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2015**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of January in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Auditor Joe Gries.

Joe Gries: Good morning everyone. I wanted to open the meeting here on January 7th, the Vanderburgh County Council meeting, and we'll start off with attendance roll call.

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

Joe Gries: We have seven members present, there is a quorum. We'll now ask everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and then Councilwoman Koehler Lindsey will have the invocation.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

(Councilmember Koehler Lindsey offered the invocation)

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Joe Gries: Okay, the first order of business is I'll ask for a motion for the new presiding president for 2015.

Councilmember Shetler: Mr. Chairman, I had the pleasure of serving with this young lady's father for a number of years and I had the pleasure of knowing her as she grew up and I think she is very capable of leading this body in the next year, so I would like to place Angela Lindsey Koehler's name in the nomination here for President of the Council.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

Joe Gries: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Joe Gries: Alright, Councilwoman Koehler Lindsey, the meeting is yours.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President Koehler Lindsey: We'll play musical chairs. Thank you, Councilman Shetler for those kind words. It's my pleasure and my honor and my blessing to serve the citizens of Vanderburgh County in this capacity. I'll now take nominations for Vice President.

Councilmember Shetler: Madam Chairman, I would like to bring up John Montrastelle. He is the newest member and very qualified, capable young man, who I can say young man because he is closer to my age than you are, for Vice President.

President Koehler Lindsey: Is there a second?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Then we'll take a roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. Motion carries. Congratulations and welcome. We're happy to have you aboard, sir.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Montrastelle: Thank you very much. I look forward to serving this quality board here. I think you are all quality board members. One of the reasons why I ran for County Council. This is a good place to be. I look forward to serving Vanderburgh County and working with you all.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL ATTORNEY

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. You'll find that it's a good group, we get along pretty well. Next I would like to appoint our County Council Attorney for the year. We're going to continue to have the great service of Counselor Jeff Ahlers. We appreciate his many years and we're going to have him continue in that capacity. Could we have a motion?

Councilmember Raben: I move that we continue with Counselor Ahlers as our legal advisor, our attorney for the Vanderburgh County Council for 2015.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, do we need a roll call? Alright, all in favor?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition?

(No opposing votes were cast)

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries. Thank you. Please bear with me while I learn all these motions and not motions. Next it is kind of a bittersweet moment. We need to have a new Executive Assistant. We've been well served for over 20 years by Sandie Deig. She did retire at the end of last year and she has actually been ill recently and so I would just ask you all to continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers. But at this time I will take a motion for Executive Assistant for County Council.

Councilmember Shetler: At this time I would like to make a motion to appoint Teri

Lukeman as our Executive Assistant, our Administrative Assistant. I've known Teri for a long period of time, since I have been on Council. She has done a very good job. I think it's a good way for us to also open the door to greater cooperation between the Auditor's office and the Council's office to be able to perhaps find some efficiencies and savings in the long run here. We had a few other applicants and we've interviewed them and talked to them. I do feel as if Teri is well qualified for the position and we have others that were very qualified as well. Sarah has agreed to stay on in her capacity and has done an outstanding job.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: I'm very grateful for that as well. So I make a motion for Teri Lukeman to take over the position.

Councilmember Raben: And I'll second that motion. I would also like to comment that the hope is that Sandie will complete her rehab and will continue to get stronger as the weeks, hopefully not months, but weeks go by. You know, we pray that she is able to come in and we can really recognize her at our February meeting for all the good will and great things that she has done for this community and this Council. I second that motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Do we need a roll call? Alright, then all those in favor of appointing Teri Lukeman as our new Executive Assistant please signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries. Congratulations, Teri.

Teri Lukeman: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

President Koehler Lindsey: Next I think I get to just appoint the Committee Chairpersons and I would like to ask Councilman Shetler to serve this year as the Chairman of the Personnel Committee and Councilman Raben to continue your long tenured service and the excellent job you do as Finance Chairman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Koehler Lindsey: And now we are down to number nine, approval of minutes from the December 3rd meeting. May I have a motion to approve?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries. Minutes are approved.

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

CORONER

President Koehler Lindsey: Next we have appropriation ordinance and I will turn that over to Councilman Raben. Is that how that works or do I—

Councilmember Raben: I'll take it, that's fine.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do what now?

Councilmember Raben: No, I'll take it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I appreciate being reappointed as Finance Chairman, although I think this is the first time I really want to see that straw this time because I don't know how I keep getting the shortest one. I want to see if there really is two of them. Okay, first on the agenda is under County Coroner is a request for Assistant Coroner and FICA in the amount of \$8,451. I will move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, are there any questions of the Coroner? Thank you for being here today.

Councilmember Raben: This is to increase the part-time County Coroners that have not seen a pay increase for six years.

Annie Groves: Seven.

Councilmember Raben: Seven years. You know, these guys are called out on some very strange, you know, ugly situations in various locations, not always easy to get to.

Annie Groves: I call them my dream team. I would also like to ask if there is any way that I can make this retroactive to January 3rd? That's when my new pay period starts.

Councilmember Raben: Joe, that's not an issue? I would amend my motion to also

to include that we go retro to January 3rd.

Annie Groves: Thank you.

Councilmember Shetler: And that amount of money is already accounted for? That included that correct?

Annie Groves: Correct, it has.

President Koehler Lindsey: And the second amends the second? I don't know who seconded that? Chairman Goebel.

Annie Groves: Goebel was.

Councilmember Bassemier: It was Mike and I.

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, I think it was seconded by probably everyone here.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Councilmember Goebel: I just want to say that I think it's a great step because these people are limited to 30 hours per week, is that correct?

Annie Groves: Twenty-nine.

Councilmember Goebel: Twenty-nine, and their hours are late at night, weekends and as Councilman Raben mentioned pretty gruesome situations many times. So thank you for the job you all do.

Annie Groves: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: If there are no further questions we'll have a roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Koehler Lindsey?

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

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-107121	Assistant Coroners	7,850	7,850
1070-190000	FICA	601	601
Total		8,451	8,451

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Annie Groves: Thank you.

TRANSFER REQUEST

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next...that's it for the appropriations. We'll move into transfers. We have a transfer for the Sheriff from Administrative Assistant to Accrued Payments. I would like to make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Does anyone have any--

Councilmember Bassemier: Got a second here.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. The motion has been made and seconded. Are there any questions or explanations?

Councilmember Raben: You know, we might want to recognize what this is about as well. This is for a buyout for Kim Dewitt that, Sheriff, help me out. Kim has been in the office several years.

Dave Wedding: Oh yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Has worked under several different administrations and is one of the many wonderful employees that has been part of this county.

Dave Wedding: Yeah, she has been with us since the 80's and she feels it is time go and she will be here about a week a so and then she'll be leaving us.

Councilmember Raben: Congratulations, Kim, and thank you for your service.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, thank you so much for your service. Alright, we'll take a roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-105159	Administrative Asst.	13,000	13,000
To: 1050-197100	Accrued Payments	13,000	13,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries.

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Prosecutor we have two transfers from two salary lines into Deputy and Accrued Payments. I'll move approval for transfers as listed.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Any questions or comments for the transfers? Okay, we'll take a roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1080-108101	Deputy	15,879	15,879
1080-108102	Deputy	10,058	10,058
To: 1080-108117	Deputy	15,081	15,081
1080-197100	Accrued Payments	10,856	10,856

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: There being seven ayes and zero nays motion carries.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: And last for transfers is for County Council in the amount of \$26,350. This is for Sandie Deig and I move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Any questions? Alright, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-337000	Data Management	26,350	26,350
To: 1480-197100	Accrued Payments	24,477	24,477
1480-190000	FICA	1,873	1,873

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries. Does that conclude the business then for the Finance Committee?

2015 VANDERBURGH COUNTY SALARY ORDINANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, looks like we’re going to move into new business. Before you, you should have the new copy of the 2015 Vanderburgh County Salary Ordinance. So I would take a motion for approval at this time.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so this is to approve the 2015 Salary Ordinance. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL LIAISONS

President Koehler Lindsey: The next item is the appointment of the County Council liaisons. You will notice you should have a sheet on your desk, 2015 County Council liaison appointments designating which councilmembers will be working with which department head and so this has always worked out very well to have these liaisons.

I encourage department heads and councilmembers to make sure you have open lines of communication. So we will just...do we need to take a motion on this or we just appoint the liaisons? Okay, we'll make this then a part of the record, please, for the 2015 appointments.

JOB STUDY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, next sheet same type of information. The Job Study Committee which is going to be chaired by the very able Councilman Shetler. Listed on here are the members that are going to serve from the various departments and so if we could just have this also incorporated into the record and councilmembers may want to keep that for your files.

APPOINTMENT - ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMISSION

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, next we go to the list of appointments. We do need to do the ABC, the Alcohol Beverage Commission Board, separately. So I would need a motion to approve Jeremy Meeks who has agreed to serve again.

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion to approve Jeremy Meeks as our appointment for the ABC board.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second on that. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion carries.

VARIOUS BOARD APPOINTMENTS

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, if you'll bear with me. As a teacher I went back to work and so I have lost my voice. I am going to read the County Council list of appointments for the other boards. And Councilmembers, we do have several openings, so we will need to get those filled as soon as we can. If you know anyone please recommend them. John Montrastelle, Area Plan Commission; Dewey Colter, Area Plan Commission. Just the yellow ones? Great. Gene Koch, Burdette Park Advisory Board; Mark Alstadt, Burdette Park Advisory Board; John Engelbrecht, Central Dispatch; Stephanie Terry, Commission on Homelessness in Vanderburgh County; Michelle Kirk, Disability Advisory Board; Angela Koehler Lindsey, MPO Policy Committee; Michelle Mercer, Museum Board; Tom Shetler, Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville; Robert Dion, will be completing the term on the Human Relations Board; Tom Shetler, ITAC; and we have the designee as Joann Kiefer; Jim Raben, Jail Overcrowding Assessment Committee as well as Mike Goebel; Barbara Williams has agreed to serve as Library Board of Trustees. We still need a member for the MWBE and the Old Courthouse Foundation. Jayne Manis will be Pigeon Creek Passage Committee; Khris Seger, on Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals; Angela Koehler Lindsey, Solid Waste Board; Dave Abbott, Redevelopment

Commission; Jan Meeks, also Redevelopment Commission. We are still looking for a member to serve on Westside Improvement. Can we include the board nominations with this? Okay, we are still looking for another member for Economic Development Commission in Evansville. These are actually nominated by us and then appointed by the Mayor and the Commissioners. And then Michelle Peterlin for Economic Development Commission in Vanderburgh County. Could we have this as a motion?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Well, I have an interested person that would like to serve in some capacity. The Old Courthouse Foundation, I have talked to him about this. His name is Rob Bauer. He is a former EMT. He is a nurse as well at Gateway Hospital and he would love to serve Vanderburgh County.

President Koehler Lindsey: Awesome. Can you contact him and see if he is willing to serve and then let Teri and Sarah know about that?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes, will do.

President Koehler Lindsey: We will get that on the next meeting.

Councilmember Shetler: Need a motion for approval on those?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, please

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so this will be part of our record. Motion carries, thank you.

2015 MEETING DATES AND FILING DEADLINES

President Koehler Lindsey: Next is the approval of the 2015 meeting dates and filing deadlines. Please notice your new president is mixing you up and trying to get after school times in there as much possible. So we are going to, and for department heads as well, please note that starting the next meeting on January 28th all the meetings from January 28 through June 24 will be at 3:30 in the afternoon. July, August, September, October and November we will do the County Council meetings at 8:00 and the Personnel and Finance at 8:00 and then in December we will go back to 3:30. So it's either going to be all 3:30 or all 8:00. So hang on to this. We do have the tentative budget hearing dates on here. Please note that is tentative. Those are subject to being shifted around a little bit. So if we could go ahead and approve the meeting dates and also the filing and meeting dates and make that part

of the record.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved. Question on that too.

President Koehler Lindsey: Question, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: That has all been checked out and approved or checked out that the room is available for those changes?

Sarah Nunn: They are looking at it. They haven't gotten back with me yet, but I did submit it to the Building Authority for approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so subject to Building Authority approval this will be the schedule. So that will be part of the motion.

Councilmember Raben: And the morning is 8:00, not 8:30?

President Koehler Lindsey: Correct, the morning is 8:00 and not 8:30 and that will be July through November at 8:00 and not 8:30.

Councilmember Shetler: And 3:30 in the afternoon?

President Koehler Lindsey: 3:30 for the afternoons. Do I have a second on that motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Questions? Alright. Okay, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries.

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: Now we move into the request to fill vacancies. We have one from the County Clerk to fill a vacancy in Cashier in Child Support.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning. Happy New Year. Debbie Stucki, County Clerk.

President Koehler Lindsey: Good morning. Okay, any questions for the Clerk?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion carries, thank you.

SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: And then we move to the Sheriff's office. There are two sheets for the Sheriff's office. Two Clerks, Administrative Assistant in the jail, two Confinement Officers and Community Corrections, two Clerks. Any questions for Sheriff Wedding?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all in favor? All in favor of the appointments, aye?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the motion carries.

Councilmember Shetler: Sheriff, one question. Sheriff, one question. What is your number right now of sworn officers that are on? Because this is to replace two?

Dave Wedding: For Deputy Sheriffs? I think in this request we are just asking for one.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so how many are you down to right now?

Dave Wedding: Well, we have 108 sworn deputies is what our—

Councilmember Shetler: So you are at 107 right now?

Dave Wedding: Yes, we have one vacancy and that will be coming up. This may fill that to make it 108.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, okay so is it your intention to fill that right away? I know in the past they usually held those to three or four vacancies so that they could send multiples to the schooling and all that?

Dave Wedding: The academy, yes. And we just did that. We hired three and they are presently at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so this person here, was that part of that three then or is that...this is going to be someone different?

Dave Wedding: This is going to be someone different.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so I guess my question is, is your policy changing from what had been done in the past somewhat?

Dave Wedding: No, not necessarily. If we have just one vacancy and we don't expect any more for quite some time we may hire one. Sometimes we go out hire an academy trained officer to replace that one, but if we know we are going to hire a cluster then we just wait to hire them all at once.

Councilmember Shetler: So it depends on the timing?

Dave Wedding: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: What you forecast coming up?

Dave Wedding: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, any other questions? Alright, thank you Sheriff.

Dave Wedding: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR REQUEST JOB CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we'll move on to Prosecutor. We have a request for a classification change on Director of Finance. This did go through the Job Study Committee and was recommended by that committee. Then we have a request to fill vacancy for Legal Secretary. Prosecutor Hermann, good morning.

Nick Hermann: Good morning.

President Koehler Lindsey: Questions from any councilmembers for the Prosecutor? Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Terry: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, it has been motioned and seconded. Any other questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion carries. Thank you, sir.

PUBLIC DEFENDER REQUEST STEP INCREASE CHANGE

President Koehler Lindsey: Public Defender. We are requesting a change to Step 2 for Public Defender and the Public Defender PT to change to Executive II per recommendation, again, of the Personnel Administration Committee which did meet last month on this matter. Mr. Owens, good morning.

Steve Owens: Good morning.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: This passed Job Study, correct?

President Koehler Lindsey: It did. They did receive a positive recommendation from Job Study.

Councilmember Goebel: Move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: All in favor?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries. Thank you, sir.

Steve Owens: Thank you.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: And next is the Highway Department request to fill vacancy for the Bridge Foreman. Good morning.

Scot Wichser: Good morning.

President Koehler Lindsey: Welcome.

Scot Wichser: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have any questions? Any further explanation that you want to give?

Scot Wichser: We are filing the foreman position that became open when I took over the Superintendent position, so it's the Bridge Foreman's position that is now open.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Montrastelle: What is the job of the Bridge Foreman?

Scot Wichser: Bridge Foreman runs a bridge crew which handles all your bridges,

your pipes, your drainage, your storm inlets, all maintenance of bridges in the whole county.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: There is a second. Did you have a question? Go ahead yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I was out at his Christmas little get together and i was talking to all his people out there and first of all I want to thank you for the invitation and also I talked with all the men out there and we made a good choice here.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great.

Scot Wichser: Well, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's good to know.

Scot Wichser: I would also like to let everybody know I was going to send everybody information on my email and cell phone in case anybody needs to get hold of me.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great.

Scot Wichser: So you will all be getting that this week.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Shetler: We will release it publically!

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, no.

Scot Wichser: Too many people have it already.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: And we're going to use salt sparingly correct?

Scot Wichser: Well, as sparingly as we can, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Scot Wichser: We have our barns are both, we've got them loaded. We've brought sand in this year so we're cutting it with sand because of the amount of salt we have on hand. So we will use it as the weather warrants.

Councilmember Goebel: In an emergency situation is sand usually cut or do you do that just regularly?

Scot Wichser: In the past few years we have used mainly straight salt and it works much better. Depending on the weather situation, the temperatures and everything you get into, but since, you know, we're looking at the cost and everything else we are cutting it a little. You know, most of the time we'll run like an average two scoops

of salt to one scoop sand.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you, that cuts costs right?

Scot Wichser: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we still do that mixture of the beet juice or whatever that is?

Scot Wichser: Yes, we try to pretreat the roads.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Scot Wichser: Depending on...a lot of ours comes in with rain first.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Scot Wichser: So we really can't do it then, but if it is cold enough we will pretreat especially we'll get the bridges first and then we will work our way back on some of the main roads, curves, hills and things like that. When it gets really cold we will treat the salt with beet, because salt becomes pretty dormant after about 22 degrees and when it gets real cold the salt will not work, so if we treat it with the beet juice it works to below zero. It will burn all night when it is really cold, so it helps keep the roads clear.

President Koehler Lindsey: Sounds like you know what you're talking about. We appreciate that.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Do we have as much salt and sand this year as we've had in the years past or is it less or more?

Scot Wichser: We have less this year.

Councilmember Montrastelle: And that's because?

Scot Wichser: That's what was told to be ordered.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: That was based on our budget constraints.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Our budget, based on budget okay.

Councilmember Raben: Which should be...we should be in good shape.

Scot Wichser: As long as we don't get hit heavy. So far we are doing good so far. We've had one event and luckily with this cold snap we're not getting any precip with it.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Scot Wichser: So every day we have one of those the closer we get to spring. I would rather have a problem at the end of the year of where to put the salt we have

to take than be looking for salt to try and buy.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we will all pray for good weather then. Thank you, sir. Do we have...we've already done the motion on that right? The Highway?

Councilmember Montrastelle: We had a motion and a second, I think.

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion and a second, all in favor of the Highway vacancy.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries. Thank you so much.

Scot Wichser: Thank you.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT JOB CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

President Koehler Lindsey: Next we move on to Health Department. Several changes here. Dr. Spear is coming forward.

Ken Spear: Dr. Spear, Health Officer Vanderburgh County Health Department.

President Koehler Lindsey: This did go through Job Study and we did recommend. They are looking at quite a few changes. Are there any things that you want to inform us about?

Ken Spear: Well, we are just trying to increase the strength in the finance area so we can manage the grants more effectively. We have a large grant this year of \$184,000 from the Indiana State Department of Health & Immunization that needs to be managed and this person is going to be basically in charge of helping implement that grant and make sure we hit all the proper time tables for reporting, etcetera, because if we are very effective our opportunities to renew this grant in the next year are very good also. This helps us buy a lot of infrastructure, freezers, immunization storage devices, power supplies to keep the immunizations from going bad if we have a power outage. So it really helps purchase infrastructure and advertising and hopefully get our immunization rates up which are pretty dismal throughout the state at the current time. That's why we are asking for that. Then the second portion of this is we're asking for the ability to contract with BKD to look at our job studies, to look at our job positions. We have in the Health Department I think six secretarial persons who are COMOT II. I don't think there are any other COMOT II anywhere in the county departments. As I understand it very few COMOT III and some of these ladies have been there a very long time and it would be very nice to recognize their work and appropriately pay them. We do have the money to pay for that study with monies that were left in a grant.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's what I was just going to ask you about. You saw that question coming in my eyes. We had quite a discussion. Are there other questions? Councilman—

Councilmember Shetler: I don't have any doubt that it needs to be done. I mean, most of the departments in the county really haven't changed since it was established many years ago. I guess before I feel comfortable I would like to have a good idea of what this is going to cost.

Ken Spear: We are estimating...we have approximately 50 positions currently and a number of those positions are duplicates as in the secretarial, so I think BKD said they would charge about \$250 per job.

Councilmember Shetler: So is that about \$13,000?

Ken Spear: About \$12,000 I would think, \$12,000 to \$13,000. I think we currently have \$17,000 in a grant that we can cover that cost without doing an appropriation or asking the Council for anything, further monies. Secondly, on the request on the position we are actually saving money on that position. We have a vacancy in Environmental that we're not filling and the differential will be about \$6,000 on this position, so there is about a \$6,000 savings.

Councilmember Montrastelle: This is the person to manage the grant?

Ken Spear: Yes, uh-huh.

Councilmember Shetler: I, well, I think that is a reasonable cost and I don't have a problem with that. I guess I would object from the standpoint that I don't want us to go through and just elevate positions because someone has been there for seniority reasons.

Ken Spear: I understand.

Councilmember Shetler: I mean, we have other procedures that accommodate that, so if that is the proper job classification that's what they should be in. But I will make a motion to approve the two requests that you are asking for.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: I have another question. This \$184,000 grant, is that for a one year grant?

Ken Spear: It's a one year grant.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

Ken Spear: And it can be renewed, I think, for two more years if we are successful in the application of this money.

Councilmember Terry: Dr. Spear, do you have, I guess, kind of a new organizational structure in mind prior to going into this study or is that what you hope to achieve after?

Ken Spear: Hopefully this will help us achieve a new organizational structure which we are developing as we go along to try to make it a much more efficient department.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Raben? Do you anticipate any reduction in positions or are you just going to kind of wait and see what might happen?

Ken Spear: I can't promise that yet. If we do have some...there are some positions we might not refill, I don't know. I can't...I need to know where we are at. I have been there nine months and I'm still walking in the quicksand so I am trying to figure it out. I have to thank Joe Gries who has been extremely instrumental in helping me wade through this. He has been, and Bill Fluty, have been kind of my second and third and fourth hands trying to get through all this. I do appreciate that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, if there are no further questions we have a motion. Do we have a second to approve this request?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all in favor?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries.

Ken Spears: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Shetler: This doesn't have anything to do with what you are asking for today, but it does with your department. I think we would be remiss if we didn't at least acknowledge the service that Gary Heck provided to this Health Department, and our county for a number of years. Left tragically in the last...right in December and so I think that it's important to acknowledge the hard work that he put in and that his retirement was cut very short.

Ken Spear: Very short, way too short.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, Councilman.

Ken Spear: Thank you.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Councilmember Raben: Doc, before you leave. Angela, I'm going to jump ahead.

President Koehler Lindsey: Go right ahead.

Councilmember Raben: Travel.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah we'll go right into travel requests then, since you are there.

Councilmember Raben: The question I had is on the three supervisors, I guess, there is a travel request for \$8,500. Is that correct?

Ken Spear: Yes, that is our annual travel expenses for investigations throughout a five county area. They go all over the place doing investigations on communicable diseases.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so this is just...this is mileage reimbursement.

Ken Spear: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Do we not have that...I'm kind of confused. We normally don't have mileage reimbursements unless it's for, you know, going to a called meeting in this travel request. Normally we have it within the budget, so give me just a minute.

Councilmember Goebel: I guess the question would be will you be asking for more funds when they have to go to special seminars and things?

Ken Spear: This includes our quarterly meetings, as I understand it. This is their annual anticipated expense for their travel and their meetings and everything else.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't remember it being handled this way either. Has it been, Sarah, do you remember?

Councilmember Shetler: No, I don't.

Sarah Nunn: (Inaudible, microphone not on), but they have done it in the past.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, since we took it over three years ago it hasn't been handled this way to my knowledge. The Commissioners, back when it was handled through their office it was done this way.

Councilmember Raben: Unless I am wrong, doc, here is what we've got. Actually, you have a travel line within your budget.

Ken Spear: Right.

Councilmember Raben: That has \$8,000 in it. My understanding is that is how we always reimburse for the mileage. This is just routine work that they do within their job.

Ken Spear: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So that's always been paid out of the Travel & Mileage out of their regular budget. Can we come back to this one? Can you verify that this isn't something out of the ordinary because I think...I'm not arguing the need for reimbursing them, but you should already have \$8,000 in your regular budget.

Ken Spear: Okay, now is that for the whole department then? Meetings, called meetings and everything else?

Councilmember Raben: Well, no called meetings...well, typically you come to us for Travel & Mileage out of our budget that we have in place, the County Council's budget, for state called meetings and training.

Ken Spear: Let me pull this and I'll find out for sure.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Ken Spear: And bring it back to the next meeting, okay?

Councilmember Raben: Alright.

President Koehler Lindsey: So you want to go ahead and pull those three and then keep the others on there though?

Ken Spears: Correct.

President Koehler Lindsey: We will just hold that one and make sure.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: That sounds right because I don't recall seeing this in my three years either. Maybe we don't need to approve it in this mechanism. Are there any other questions for Dr. Spear while he is here on the other travel requests under Health Department? There are several others there. Any questions for the Surveyor's office, there are a couple on there if we can look at those and then I would take a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I will make a motion to approve all travel requests with the exception of the \$8,500 request that we will come back to if need be next month.

Ken Spear: Very good.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you. We have a motion. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposition?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion carries. Thank you so much.

Ken Spear: Thank you.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

**CLERK
SHERIFF (2)
JAIL
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
PROSECUTOR (3)**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER
HIGHWAY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
CORONER
COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Koehler Lindsey: We are now ready for amendments to the Salary Ordinance that have been placed on your desk.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you Madam President. You have before you

two pages of salary amendments for the Clerk, Sheriff, Jail, Community Corrections, Prosecutor, Public Defender, Highway, Health Department, Coroner and County Council. I would like to move that the amendments be approved as documented and ask that this document be made part of the minutes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, is there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposition?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: Is there any public comment? If not I would take a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: We're adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Angela Koehler Lindsey

Vice President John Montrastelle

Tom Shetler

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of February in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, I'll call to order the meeting of February 4, 2015 of the Vanderburgh County Council. Roll call please.

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

President Koehler Lindsey: I will call all members being present, I would like to ask Councilmember Bassemier to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Followed by Councilmember Terry for the invocation.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

(Councilmember Terry offered the invocation)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, Councilmember Terry. That was beautiful and for those of you who don't know former Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith, who was a long serving public servant for many, many years passed this morning, so we do want to keep their family in prayer. I can remember eating many a meal over there at that Civic Center Inn and that has been a few years ago. Alright, so we are up to approval of the minutes from January 7th. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the minutes are approved, and that brings us up to you, Finance Chairman, Councilman Raben with the Appropriation Ordinance.

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

COUNTY CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good afternoon. First on the agenda under County Clerk we have five requests: Extra Help, Supplies, Maintenance & Repair, Contractual Services and Dues & Subscriptions. The request is for a total of \$81,500. We had a lot of discussion last week as to using some of their incentive funds, other accounts, on picking up some of this. I don't know if we've got any of those balances. Okay, yeah, Debbie, could you step to the podium? Okay–

Debbie Stucki: Hi.

Councilmember Raben: --your available funds, is that what you–

Debbie Stucki: Oh, I'm so sorry. I thought this was not going to be discussed today. I thought it was just the part-time. I'm sorry, I do not have the...I think Brian might have the available balance in the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund.

President Koehler Lindsey: I think, were we just going to take this and hold this at this time and remove it from the agenda?

Councilmember Raben: I thought the question, there is some questions that we do need to ask. Number one, the Contractual Services, are we going to be in violation of any contract? Do we have–

Debbie Stucki: And that was for the Xerox copy machines which Counsel Jeff Ahlers said that description of how we could use the money covered equipment, if I remember correctly. He was okay with us using that for equipment, the way he interpreted that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, supplies and everything will be okay until March making a decision on the rest of the lines?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, I'll move that under County Clerk be set in at zero.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second. I think, Councilman Raben, that fund is in the \$450,000 range, I'm thinking at present time. I don't know the exact number, but I think–

Councilmember Raben: Well, we had talked about numbers I thought we were possibly getting the real number today. Okay. Well, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: I think we need a clarification.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, Debbie, I just wanted to make sure in terms of that copy machine under the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund equipment is included, I just need for you to...what I was saying is as long as it is used for purposes of that statute and fund that would be okay. So if for some reason it would need to be pro rata or something

else, you know, we would need to discuss that. If it is just used for those purposes, you know what I am saying?

Debbie Stucki: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: So some things, as we talked about, you may have to talk about whether it is prorated, to the extent that you can.

Debbie Stucki: Okay. That's probably what Mr. Raben meant by numbers, so we should discuss that again in March? Okay, I'll get some numbers together.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, I believe that would be a good idea to go ahead and make sure we've got everything correct.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: And when the numbers come forward we'll all get copied right? All the Councilmembers?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, if you could send that so we could all get copies.

Debbie Stucki: I don't have everybody's email, but sure.

President Koehler Lindsey: You can send it to Teri. She will see that we all get it.

Debbie Stucki: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Debbie Stucki: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, next we'll move into Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we need to do a vote on this?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, yes, we do.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Let's go ahead and do a roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays the motion carries. Mr. Chairman?

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-199000	Extra Help	10,000	0
1010-260000	Supplies	56,000	0
1010-352000	Maint. & Repair	200	0
1010-353000	Contractual Services	15,000	0
1010-370000	Dues & Subscriptions	300	0
Total		81,500	0

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
APPROPRIATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we are back to Superior Court.

Richard D’Amour: Good afternoon.

Councilmember Raben: Good afternoon.

Richard D’Amour: Most of you know me. I’m Rich D’Amour. I’m one of the Vanderburgh Superior Court judges. I recently was selected by my colleagues as chief judge. I just found out that it means I have to come and do this. Okay, so I am happy to be here.

President Koehler Lindsey: Don’t you mean you get to come and do this?

Richard D’Amour: Exactly, exactly. But the first, we have two matters on the agenda today. The first matter is an appropriation request for \$2,500 out of line item 2102-353 and I think you should have that request in front of you. We are requesting \$2,500. If I can briefly tell you, historically we have budgeted this line item at \$15,000, but we have never used that much. That money usually goes back. For example, in 2014 we spent \$2,100. This is used for our Misdemeanor Probation Department. It pretty much buys rather mundane things such as test straws for people who have to do Breathalyzer tests, Antabuse cups, gloves and things of that nature. Breath tubes that they use, and for some reason in 2015, when we came here for our 2015 budget it was omitted and placed at zero. So now we have some bills for some things that need to be paid, so we’re requesting...we’re not requesting that it be funded at the traditional \$15,000 level. We are just asking for \$2,500 so that we can pay these bills.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any questions? None? Okay, I will move approval for Contractual Services in the amount of \$2,500.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. Being seven ayes and no nays, motion carries.

SUPERIOR COURT SUPP. ADULT PROB.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2102-353000	Contractual Services	2,500	2,500
Total		2,500	2,500

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Richard D’Amour: Alright, thank you very much. I appreciate it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Mr. Chairman.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is Tourism Capital Improvement. The request for the new zoo project in the amount of \$300,000. It looks like the Convention Bureau is very well represented today.

Bob Warren: We are. I know that this lady is no stranger to this body, but Donna Leader, at our last week meeting was appointed president of our commission and

I am just absolutely delighted to have her to represent us in our board of commissioners for at least the next year, and Donna, thank you very much for being here.

Donna Leader: Thank you.

Bob Warren: Last week I had the opportunity to discuss with you a very important project for us and that's our support of the Mesker Park Zoo, their phase one, and at some future date, phase two projects. Our board of commissioners through the grants committee and the full board of directors have brought forth a recommendation to approve \$300,000 of capital improvement money. As Mr. Goebel noted last week this is money that is raised by lodging tax. People who stay in our community, visitors to our community, generate these funds. This is part of a phase one project which is a carousel and bird aviary that is proposed by the Mesker Park Zoo. In the past we have assisted them with the funding of the Amazonia in the amount of \$575,000. This request before you today is for \$300,000 in a matching fund. They must raise \$300,000 in new money toward their \$3,000,000 project for them to receive \$300,000 from the Convention & Visitors Bureau in matching funds. We are approaching you today seeking your approval for this expenditure. We do have with us Amos Morris who is the Executive Director of the Mesker Park Zoo and we have their Development Director, Jennifer Preston, who are in the audience if you have any questions that you might have of the zoo and their upcoming projects.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Sir, I have a question for you. Years ago we used to have a carousel out there, about 50 or 55 years ago. It was beautiful. I think it was hand carved in Germany and we sold it off and I just didn't know if there was a way in the future if there was a way that this could be tied in and it can't be sold off down the road?

Donna Leader: Mr. Morris?

Councilmember Bassemier: So years from now it will still be there, I guess is the question I am asking.

Amos Morris: Council, thank you I'm honored. Amos Morris, Executive Director of the Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Garden. That old carousel actually was not city property. It was not owned by the city, it was owned by a private individual. It was sold to some individuals in South Carolina? South Carolina, it is in operation in South Carolina and they're not interested in parting with it. But this piece of equipment will reside on the property inside the gates of the zoo. Back when the carousel was here before it was actually outside of the zoo up by the Mesker Shelter, or Mesker Plaza where there was also a roller coaster up there. Some of you may remember. Excuse me?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible comments, mike not on)

Amos Morris: Right, right. That was owned by a specific concessionaire. This will be, after its completion, will be donated back to the city for coverage, and maintenance, and will be forever in the zoo.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, well I appreciate that. (Inaudible. Mic. not on.)

Amos Morris: Yeah.

Councilmember Bassemier: I didn't remember. I thought it was sold off.

Amos Morris: Yeah, it was sold off, but it wasn't city property. It was a private individual who owned it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Appreciate it, sir. Thank you.

Amos Morris: You're welcome.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman...oh, go ahead. Councilman Goebel and then Councilman Montrastelle.

Councilmember Goebel: I was going to say this is not going to use any of our county or city tax dollars, it's coming straight from our Innkeepers tax and it is going to generate more people coming to our inns and lodging and greatly enhance some of the quality of life issues that we have here, so I move approval.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I was going to say something very similar to that. This is really proper use of the lodging tax or the tourism tax dollars that we have coming into Vanderburgh County. Quality of life improvements, absolutely one hundred percent agree with that. This will attract more visitors to the zoo which it is already a quality zoo and it is just going to get that much better, so it is pretty exciting. I will have a question about the carousel. Silly question maybe, the rides, are they going to be little different animals?

Amos Morris: Well, the goal is to have endangered species figures as the carousel animals. There will be a few old traditional pieces, but more of an endangered wildlife carousel to kind of match the mission of the zoo.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Thank you.

Amos Morris: You're welcome.

President Koehler Lindsey: Very cool.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions? Comments?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second. Did you get a second? If not, I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I just want to thank my colleague, Councilman Bassemier, for bringing that up. That was 40 years ago because I was president of the Park Board at the time. So I'm given my chance, if you stay around politics long enough it proves that you can have a chance to redeem yourself eventually. Even though that was one of four carousels that were made, I think, in Germany and hand carved and stuff that were around the country at the time and we lost that because it was, as you mentioned, owned by private...he ended up selling it and he dropped his contract that we had with him and stuff at the time. It wasn't any of our faults, but still you're in a position and you felt bad about it anyway. So I have a chance here to redeem myself. Thank you very much for that opportunity and I vote yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: We kind of lost the opportunity to buy it ourselves, didn't we? I think we had a chance to buy it ourselves—

Councilmember Shetler: No, I think it was a done deal before.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: For verification, Ed, you're blaming Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible. Mic. not on.)

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Just for the record, I don't remember the carousel.

Councilmember Terry: Yeah, really.

President Koehler Lindsey: And I vote aye and we're glad to have one.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1183-407800	Zoo Capital Project	300,000	300,000
Total		300,000	300,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Shetler: I was only ten years old at the time. I just want to make that point.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's right. Motion carries. Thank you so much. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Donna Leader: Thank you.

Bob Warren: We look forward to coming back with another one soon.

President Koehler Lindsey: Awesome.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we’re going to move on. Thank you.

<p>REPEAL REQUEST</p> <p>SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION</p>

Councilmember Raben: Next we have a repeal from Superior Court in the amount of \$8,937. Does anyone have any questions or comments on that?

Richard D’Amour: I’m here if you have any questions about them. Basically, what has happened is a couple of probation officers, one retired, one resigned. They were getting supplemental pay and the replacements are not getting supplemental pay so we are asking that the money be allocated back to our cash balance and then a couple of other probation officers were also entitled to supplemental pay, but due to the two percent raise that was generously given to them it was not necessary. So we are asking for those repeals and the money to be placed back into our cash balance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Any other questions? None? I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Since this is a repeal I think we’ll just do a voice vote. All in favor say aye?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: All right, motion carries.

SUPERIOR COURT SUPP ADULT PROB.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2102-210210	Probation Officer	453	453
2102-210216	Probation Officer	926	926
2102-210214	Probation Officer	2,666	2,666
2102-210227	Probation Officer	3,473	3,473
2102-190000	FICA	576	576
2102-191000	PERF	843	843
Total		8,937	8,937

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Richard D’Amour: Thank you folks, appreciate it.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Last we have a transfer under County Commissioners. We have \$37,984 out of Insurance going into FICA for \$597, Extra Help \$9,000 and Southwest Mental Health for \$28,387. Is there anyone here from County...there is.

Kristin Comer: Good afternoon.

Councilmember Raben: The Southwest Mental Health, what is that? I mean, I understand what Southwest Mental Health is.

Kristin Comer: That contractual amount is set by state statute and the budgeted amount did not suffice.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to look at something, if anybody has any questions.

President Koehler Lindsey: Are there any other questions at this time?

Councilmember Montrastelle: What is the budgeted amount, as he is looking it up?

Kristin Comer: It was budgeted for \$946,223. The contractual amount that is set in is \$974,610.

Councilmember Terry: How often is that contract renewed?

Kristin Comer: Annually.

Councilmember Terry: You said annually?

Kristin Comer: Annually, yes.

Councilmember Terry: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: And these are transfers so it's not a new expenditure?

Kristin Comer: Right.

President Koehler Lindsey: You were able to find money other places in your budget?

Kristin Comer: Yes, it is a transfer request.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and this covers that for the entire year?

Kristin Comer: Yes, for all of 2015.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. Being seven ayes and no nays, motion carries.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-300000	Insurance	37,984	37,984
To: 1300-190000	FICA	597	597
1300-199000	Extra Help	9,000	9,000
1300-302000	Southwestern Mental Health	28,387	28,387

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS - REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Alright, seeing as we have no old business it looks like we are ready to move on to new business. We have a request to fill vacancies from Commissioners. I guess I should have spoken sooner. Sorry about that. To fill a vacancy for an Administrative Assistant and hire a part-time office assistant. Questions? Or do you have any explanation or comments for us at this point?

Kristin Comer: The Administrative Assistant in our office, we're a two person office, the Administrative Assistant has taken a position...she is transferring to a different department within the county, so we are looking to fill that immediately. The part-

time help is to assist with both that transition and I will also be on maternity leave later this spring.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any questions? Comments? I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Congratulations and I'll make the motion.

Kristin Comer: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second to fill the vacancy. We'll just do a voice vote. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries seven to zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Kristin Comer: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you and congratulations.

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: County Clerk, we have two vacancies from the Perpetuation Fund for extra help and changing a salary. Madam Clerk, do you have any information for us?

Debbie Stucki: Well, I have increased that to ask for two people because sometimes it is hard. The part-time people that you hire can't always work even the 29 hours working around their school schedule or their home schedule. So, it would be nice to have two people, if needed, for keeping up the filing. I believe you were going to move that from \$8 to \$8.50 an hour.

Councilmember Shetler: There are two requests here.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: One is to go for two people and a second request is to move it from \$8 to \$8.50?

Debbie Stucki: To \$8.50, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright. I'll make the motion to approve, if no further questions.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: The motion for both items?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second, alright. Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Debbie?

Debbie Stucki: Yes?

Councilmember Goebel: Would these two people be working at the same time ever or just when one cannot, or do you schedule them at different times?

Debbie Stucki: They could overlap. I have yet to get the second person, so I'm not sure how that is going to work out, but they could overlap. We have plenty of filing that could be done because previously part-time could work up to 39 hours and that person has always been busy.

Councilmember Goebel: Right. And as of now that is still 29 hours?

Debbie Stucki: Twenty-nine hours, correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Shetler: And, Debbie, to make it clear you have \$10,000 budgeted in that line and your intention is not to—

Debbie Stucki: Go over it.

Councilmember Shetler: --use all of that or go over that \$10,000?

Debbie Stucki: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: But you're going to work with it?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thanks.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, so I believe we have a motion on the floor. If there are no further questions, all in favor signify by saying aye?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries seven to nothing.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright moving on to the Sheriff, request to fill vacancies for three jail and three confinement officers, in Community Corrections a confinement officer and changing court screener to deputy sheriff. Mr. Sheriff?

Dave Wedding: Hello. I gave everybody a letter prior to the meeting. I don't know if everybody has had a chance to look at it and I have also personally spoken with several of you prior to this meeting as well. But if you have any questions I would be more than happy to answer them.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion to approve. If there are no further questions all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries seven to zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Dave Wedding: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Mr. Sheriff?

Dave Wedding: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: While you're up here, if I can get a mic on, when we spoke you had mentioned that you have some long range plans and ideas that I'm real excited to hear about. I was wondering if we maybe need to...if you would like to have perhaps a subcommittee of Council get together to look at those plans so that we can kind of check what the impact will be on the budget. Perhaps Councilman Raben, Finance Chair, and he is also your liaison.

Dave Wedding: Sure.

President Koehler Lindsey: And maybe I know you have talked to Councilman Shetler and then, I don't know if maybe Councilman Goebel would like to as well? If we could just kind of set a time where we could meet and just look at all that.

Dave Wedding: Sure. I'd be more than happy to do that.

President Koehler Lindsey: See what we have and see how it is going to fit into the budget because it sounds like we have got some good things in the horizon.

Dave Wedding: Yes. Just so everybody knows, this year when we convert the screener to a deputy sheriff there is no financial impact on our 2015, there will be no money needed to make that happen. We will be working with the Building Authority and other people to present the plan to you for the following years.

President Koehler Lindsey: And I know we had some question about this needing to go before Job Study and at this time it sounds like you're not changing the title or requirements, but we just need to look at maybe what the future impact is going to be on the budget.

Dave Wedding: Sure, and this is basically...it's just going to be a court security position. Screening is one element of court security.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Alright, thank you very much. Did you have another comment, Mr. Goebel? Alright, thank you, sir.

Dave Wedding: Thank you.

ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, moving on to Assessor, request to fill vacancy for real estate deputy. Oh there, he snuck in back there. Mr. Fluty.

Bill Fluty: Bill Fluty, County Assessor. What I am asking here today is I was back here in November and I asked for two Comot V's and a Comot VI. I am ready to fill that last position, but I would like to move a Comot V who is in the office to the Comot VI and then put the new person into that Comot V, so it's net the same. It's really something you have approved, but it is a shift inside the office. Do you understand that one?

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

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any further questions?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah, the difference between, you said a V and a VI?

Bill Fluty: The VI has already been approved, the Comot VI has been approved in November.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Right, and you're bringing the person in the V to a VI kind of like a promotion?

Bill Fluty: Yes, and then I am bringing in a brand new person without the skills into the V.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any further questions? If not then all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries seven to zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Bill Fluty: Thank you guys.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

LEGAL AID REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: Legal Aid, Mr. Gibson. I have a request to hire a part-time staff attorney.

Kevin Gibson: Correct, and that is using grant money from the Indiana Supreme Court. Currently we have one part-time receptionist that we use that grant money for as well. So we would like to do the same thing with a part-time attorney, that way it doesn't cost anything out of the General Fund. There are no benefits being part-time, so that is our plan.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, questions? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No questions, I just think you've done your homework and I move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thanks for doing that homework.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Health Department request to fill vacancies for public health nurse and part-time public health nurse.

Ken Spear: Yes, Dr. Spear, Vanderburgh County Health Department. We have a vacancy in public health nursing and it has been vacant since December. It was

able to be filled December 16th, I think. We have had a lot of reorganization within that area and so now we are asking to fill that position with a full-time nurse. And then we also have an opening for a part-time nurse on the maternal child health grant. That nurse went from part-time to full-time in another opening so we now have an opening on the maternal child health grant which does a lot of the prenatal care and prenatal advising and help and they get the people on their folic acid and all the other things that are required. That is a grant funded position. It is a part-time position, about 29 hours per week.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, are there any questions for Dr. Spear?

Councilmember Montrastelle: How long has that position been open, been vacant?

Ken Spear: The—

Councilmember Montrastelle: The part-time, the 29 hours?

Ken Spear: It just opened up.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

Ken Spear: About two weeks ago.

Councilmember Montrastelle: So when you get this grant money, if you don't fill it you still keep the grant money, right?

Ken Spear: Yes. The reason I am really kind of anxious to fill that is the new grant year is coming up and they're talking about expanding the grant considerably and I am a little nervous about having an empty slot in that grant. We have already talked to the state about our lack of a nurse in that position, but they know that we are actively going to try to fill that so that we can apply, I would hope, the larger grant amount, okay?

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, any other questions? Request a motion. Entertain a motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries seven to zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Ken Spear: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

AUDITOR (2)
WEIGHTS & MEASURES
HEALTH DEPARTMENT (5)

COMMISSIONERS
DADS (2)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, moving on to travel requests. I believe you'll find an amended copy on your desk. Are there any questions on the travel requests?

Councilmember Raben: None, I'll move that we approve all travel requests.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries seven to zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GAGE ANNUAL UPDATE

President Koehler Lindsey: GAGE, come on up with our annual update.

Debbie Dewey: Thank you. For the record, Debbie Dewey, with the Growth Alliance of Greater Evansville here to report on our 2014 activities. You will be receiving a copy of our annual report and we also put that out for the public and the media. I'll limit it to highlights since you are going to be receiving that annual report. In 2014 we responded to over 280 requests for information or assistance and we worked 75 attraction, retention or expansion projects. You've probably heard me say before that we have to kiss a lot of frogs to find the princes and with 75 attraction, retention and expansion projects, fortunately we did have some princes. We closed projects in 2014 that will have an annual positive economic impact of \$136 million per year, that will retain 446 jobs and add 579 new jobs, with wage rates from \$15.62 per hour to \$50 per hour, for an average of \$25.42 per hour. Also in 2014, the shell building at the Vanderburgh Industrial Park was completed. We have submitted that on over 20 projects now. Even though we submitted it in the beginning of the year before the building was done, so we weren't able to get a few of those projects, we have a number of them that are very, very active and we feel confident that in 2015 we will be able to sell or lease that shell building. Since redefining our mission four years ago we have handled 1,300 requests for assistance and closed projects that are adding 2,100 new jobs, retaining 1,100 existing jobs, for a positive economic impact of over \$430 million per year in our community. In 2014 we also developed cold call marketing packages to target optics and photonics companies. We are working on another package for food processing companies, and we initiated research and started interviewing stakeholders to come up with company targets, both biomedical companies and biomedical startups, that will tie in with the research focus of the new

IU Med School. The local entrepreneurial ecosystem continues to develop and grow. The Tech on Tap series of meetups now has over 400 registered members, and we continue to provide one-on-one mentoring to entrepreneurs as well as conduct pitch practice sessions. With grants from Vectren and Fifth Third we have been able to provide the Kauffman FastTrac New Ventures program to 13 aspiring entrepreneurs in 2014. This is a 30 hour program with follow-on mentoring and it covers everything from reading and understanding financial statements, developing a pro forma, how to validate market size, develop market pricing strategies and a whole lot more. Of those 13 participants it included three minority, five women, one veteran and one disabled resident of our community. Innovation Pointe is at 99 percent occupancy and three start up companies graduated from Innovation Pointe in 2014 and moved on to larger spaces. We opened a co-working space for local entrepreneurs and already have 22 members. In fact, we are already outgrowing the space that we have and needing to expand that. It is part of a statewide network of co-working spaces for entrepreneurs, so if they are a member of our co-working space and happen to be in another part of state working they can use their pass to get into those co-working spaces. We sponsored and provided mentor services to the third Startup Weekend in Evansville, and we also led the last three weeks of USI's Technology Commercialization Academy. This is where students, engineering and business students, come together, about 15 to 16 students, they look at Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane patents and come up with commercialization ideas and then start testing those ideas for market validity. What we did was to actually lead that the last three weeks and work with the students. This is the third year for the academy and there are actually three ideas that have come out of the academy that people who are entrepreneurs are working on to commercialize new products. One of those is actually being worked on by a group of the students themselves who have incorporated and it's really neat the things that they are doing. We participated with communities from 150 counties in Global Entrepreneur Week by holding a number of educational and networking events at our co-working space. We continue to be very active in the I-69 Innovation Corridor Initiative that is championed by USI, serving on the executive committee, leading a consortium of over 300 supporters from the region, chairing the Innovation and Entrepreneur Network's Task Force that is focused on providing resources to our regional entrepreneurs and by co-chairing the partnership committee of the Brain Power Task Force. This is focused on strategies to develop a workforce that we need today, as well as in the future. We led the effort to have two new economic target zones designated within our community, and this will help spur commercial development in blighted or neglected areas. And we again produced the Fourth of July fireworks. So these are the highlights. Again, I would like to thank the Council's support of everything that we do, and particularly Councilman Shetler who serves on our board. While this will be my last meeting, I want to thank, again, all of you for the support. We've got a great staff and a great board and I know they will just continue to do this kind of work. Any questions?

Councilmember Shetler: The only comment I would make, and I would be remiss if I didn't say because I've said it privately, but you've just heard why it is going to be so difficult to replace Debbie in her position. She has really done an outstanding job. I have been around GAGE for a number of years and have witnessed it come up from the ashes to where it is today. It is a top notch agency that is really producing well for the citizens of Vanderburgh County and the whole region. She has worked tirelessly, she is well organized, very bright. We're going to miss her and it's big, big shoes to fill.

Debbie Dewey: Thank you. Thank you very much.

Councilmember Shetler: I have been close to it so I appreciate everything you have done, Debbie.

Debbie Dewey: Thank you.

Councilmember Shetler: Good luck.

Debbie Dewey: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much, and thank you for your service and best wishes.

BKD LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we will move to the BKD letter of engagement. What do we need to do on this, Mr. Ahlers? Do we need to approve this?

Jeff Ahlers: I think he has put it on the agenda for passage to update that. I know he had spoken with Mr. Shetler. The only change, I believe, is just to update the compensation, and then there was the one sentence that was changed to add a limitation of liability. I know that him and Mr. Shetler have talked, and perhaps you talked to him as well.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, I did.

Jeff Ahlers: Just to update the compensation.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so do we need a motion to approve then?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, and it does look like we all need to sign this before we leave, so don't take off without signing it. Are there any questions of anyone on Council? Alright, then I would entertain a motion to approve.

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries seven to zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

President Koehler Lindsey: That brings us to our board appointments. We have three individuals that have agreed to serve on various boards. Linda Stillwell for the M/WBE Utilization Board, Rob Bauer for the Old Courthouse Foundation and Phyllip Davis for West Side Improvement. So, do we have a motion to approve those three board appointments?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries seven to zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Then we also have...and Cody Morris is actually here today in the audience. Thank you for being here Cody. He is...we are nominating him, this is one of the two nominations that we have. The County Council nominates and the Mayor will appoint to the Economic Development Commission, and our nominee is Mr. Cody Morris. Any questions?

Councilmember Terry: Can you tell me a little bit about Cody Morris?

President Koehler Lindsey: Cody Morris, would you like to come up and say hello?

Councilmember Raben: What's this for?

President Koehler Lindsey: This is the nomination for Economic Development Commission.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, okay.

Cody Morris: Good afternoon. My name is Cody Morris. I work for Keep Evansville Beautiful. I work there and I go to school part-time at the University of Southern Indiana. What I do at Keep Evansville Beautiful is I lead our Clean Evansville initiative and different projects like that. What we are in hopes of is, you know, the things that we do at KEB is providing an environment for economic development and that is kind of our goal. It's in our mission, it's what we do every day, so that is kind of what I do and a little bit about me.

Councilmember Terry: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we appreciate your willingness to serve. Does anyone have any other questions? Alright, thank you. So I would need a motion to approve.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thanks and thanks for coming down today, Cody.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, amendments to the salary ordinance. I believe you are on, Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last on the agenda today is the amendments to the salary ordinance. Everyone has been given a two page of the amendments. I would simply ask that this be made part of the minutes and I move to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any public comment? We have almost cleared the room here. Alright if there is nothing further to come before the agenda I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you all and have a blessed day.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Tom Shetler

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 11, 2015**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 11th day of March in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: Good morning. We're going to call to order our delayed Vanderburgh County Council meeting of March 11, 2015. Roll call please.

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

President Koehler Lindsey: There being six members absent...or six present, one absent we have a quorum, so we are ready to begin. I would like this morning if we could have Councilman Raben lead us in the Pledge and Councilwoman Terry would you be comfortable doing the invocation this morning please? You always do such a great job, thank you.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

(Councilmember Terry offered the invocation)

PROCLAMATION OF SANDIE DEIG DAY

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much. We have a special proclamation of Sandie Deig Day. I'm going to read it into the record:

“In recognition of Sandie Deig for her forty-five years of dedicated public service and leadership for the City of Evansville, Vanderburgh County, and the State of Indiana,

WHEREAS, Sandie Deig has enhanced the quality of public and government services for residents of Vanderburgh County and the State of Indiana through her forty-five years of service in offices, agencies and departments of the City of Evansville, Vanderburgh County, and the State of Indiana.

WHEREAS, Ms. Deig's service includes the Office of Mayor Russell Lloyd, Manager of Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Branch, the State of Indiana Board of Cosmetology, where she served as President for two years and Vice-President for two years, Supervisor of the Vanderburgh County Election Office, and Executive Assistant to the Vanderburgh County Council.

WHEREAS, Ms. Deig has been recognized by Governors of the State of Indiana for her service and contributions to the State of Indiana, including receiving three Sagamore of the Wabash Awards. When Ms. Deig received her three Sagamore of the Wabash awards, the award was the highest honor which the Governor of Indiana bestows. The Sagamore of the Wabash is a personal tribute given to those who render distinguished service to the State or to the Governor, and to citizens who have contributed greatly to Hoosier Heritage.

WHEREAS, Ms. Deig has been instrumental in formulating and preparing the budgets for Vanderburgh County for the past twenty-four years, including developing budgets during difficult economic periods where there has been less revenue available to fund County government.

WHEREAS, Ms. Deig's tireless work ethic enabled her to assist numerous Vanderburgh County Council members to carry out their duties. Her vision, knowledge and experience have crafted budgets that have allowed the County to progress and provide quality services while at the same time protecting the citizens and taxpayers from unnecessary taxes and wasteful spending.

WHEREAS, Vanderburgh County is truly grateful for the contributions and achievements bestowed upon it through Ms. Deig's many years of dedicated service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that We, the County Council of Vanderburgh County, Indiana do hereby proclaim March 11, 2015 as "Sandie Deig Day" in the County of Vanderburgh, Indiana"

I would take a motion for approval.

Councilmember Raben: Move for approval for proclamation for Sandie Deig Day on this date of March 11, 2015.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Second, thank you. All those in favor.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, let it be reflected that it is unanimously declared Sandie Deig Day. We are truly grateful for her dedication and service, the example that she gave to all of us and we are deeply saddened by the loss of Sandie, as her funeral was just this past Sunday. It's just a true blessing to have been able to have her in our lives and as part of government here in Vanderburgh County for so many years. At this time are there any other Councilmembers that have any thoughts or reflections? James?

Councilmember Raben: I can't really say enough. Sandie was...this is probably...well, this is the first meeting that I would serve without, you know, Sandie's presence. I guess I'm the old man on the block here, but you know Sandie brought this entire Board, and for that matter the entire county forward. I mean, she made us all better people, better government and she will truly be missed. While she may be replaced she will never totally be replaced. So God bless her and my best wishes for her family.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Anyone else?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we'll move on then to approval of the minutes from September 10th, two minutes from September 10th, September 24th, October 8th, November 26th and February 4th. I would entertain a motion for approval of all the minutes.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you. The minutes stand approved.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, now we are to the appropriation ordinance. Councilman Raben, Finance Chair.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. First on the agenda under Tourism Capital Improvement, we have all been given copies of repairs that need to take place at the Pagoda roof. So I will move that we approve \$89,270 for Pagoda repairs.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: And I would also like to note that these...this funding is due to, or is actually funded by the Innkeepers Tax and is not associated in any way with property tax.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, other discussion? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: This is not going to replace the roof, it's going to be an overlay over the top of it, is that correct, and cover up maybe a defect in the actual design?

Bob Warren: (inaudible comments made from audience).

Councilmember Goebel: No, that's alright.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, come on up. Would you mind coming on up to the mic, Mr. Warren?

Councilmember Goebel: I know it has been a patch job for years now and it has cost quite a bit of money, so this seems to be the proper step to take.

Bob Warren: Yes, sir. We believe it is. This is a more permanent fix for the problem. They are providing us with really a permanent style roof and then adding to that the decorative pavers so we can still keep the Pagoda roof open to the public and

special events. So we do believe that this is the best remedy that we could possibly come up with and it does come with a warranty which we have not been able to have prior to now.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, the photos of the leaks around the elevator shaft are very similar from 2004, 2009 and now again, so hopefully the fix is there. Thank you.

Bob Warren: Thank you, sir. Certainly we hope so.

President Koehler Lindsey: How many years was that warranty?

Bob Warren: Ten years on the warranty of the actual roof and 20 years on materials associated with the enclosure of the Pagoda elevator shaft.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great. Alright any other questions or comments? Alright, let's do roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being six ayes and no nays it passes and hopefully you won't have to swim over here any more.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**REQUESTED APPROVED**

1183-0000-407900	Pagoda Repairs	89,270	89,270
Total		89,270	89,270

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Bob Warren: President Lindsey, may I make a comment please?

President Koehler Lindsey: Absolutely.

Bob Warren: I know that public comments are later, but I do have to leave.

President Koehler Lindsey: Go right ahead.

Bob Warren: I would like to take this opportunity to thank this Council for all of the work and support that they have given us. As you know, we're about...we are under two hours away from making a very large announcement out at our sports complex. I can't disclose the announcement, but it will be made available through the media today. But this project for our community and this project for our industry would not have been possible without this body. It's a great day for Evansville and Vanderburgh County and we just want to thank you for all of your support.

Councilmember Bassemier: You're welcome.

President Koehler Lindsey: You are welcome, and thank you for all the hard work and good things that you do for our community. It's greatly appreciated. We look forward to the announcement. Mr. Chairman, moving on.

Councilmember Goebel: Play ball!

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Councilmember Raben: Now we will move in to transfers. We have three transfers today. We have a transfer for Cum Bridge in the amount of \$6,093; we have Highway Department \$5,400; and Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation for \$1,650. I will move that we approve all transfers as listed.

President Koehler Lindsey: Is there a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, it has been moved and seconded. Let's go ahead and just do this by voice vote. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed? Alright, transfer request carries forward. Thank you.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
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

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1176-0000-117626	Truck Driver	3,800	3,800
1176-0000-117635	Equip. Operator	1,600	1,600
To: 1176-0000-117645	Laborer	5,400	5,400

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2101-0000-198000	Other Pay	1,650	1,650
To: 2101-0000-210125	Probation Officer	1,650	1,650

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REQUEST TO INCREASE SALARY OF POLL WORKERS COUNTY CLERK			
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President Koehler Lindsey: We will move now to new business. We're ready, Ms. Stucki, County Clerk, to discuss the pay increase for election day poll workers.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning. Debbie Stucki, County Clerk. With me is County Republican Chairman Wayne Parke. The Democrat County Chairman, Rob Faulkner, couldn't be with us today. He has court this morning. Just a little background as to how this came about. In our December Election Board meeting we always discuss the good and bad of the previous election. It was a suggestion by the county chairman that we increase the wages for the poll workers. It is getting harder and harder to fill those positions, to find someone to work. We figured the money would entice more people, that we would get a better quality people, because now it is no longer just paper and pencil. You have to be able to do the laptops. There is a little bit, you know, with the machines, electronics and hopefully more reliable and people that would come back and work again and we wouldn't have to keep retraining people over and over, training new people. The Election Board thought that was a good idea, so they drafted the letter suggesting that we pursue this and the County Commissioners last month when we went there, they also thought it was a good idea and they voted unanimously, so now we are here before the Council to see if we can get the money to pay the poll workers an increase in salary. I believe...I hope you got my attachments.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, we did. Questions from Councilmembers at this time?

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, I think you definitely need qualified workers at the polls. We have to give the voters the best experience they can have, however, it seems like the amount you're going to from where you have been will go from about par for the course to is this the top pay in the state according to what I glean from—

Debbie Stucki: I don't think it was top pay. Well, it was. Tippecanoe was closest with \$200,000, but of the 23 that I listed in that spreadsheet only five counties are under what we're paying currently. The others with their meals and their training were equal or higher than what we are paying our people right now.

Councilmember Goebel: And when do you propose this goes into effect, this fall?

Debbie Stucki: No, I believe it was meant—

Wayne Parke: Immediately.

Debbie Stucki: --for immediately.

Wayne Parke: For the primary.

Councilmember Bassemier: Angela?

Debbie Stucki: For the city election, thank you. That's what I was trying to think of.

Councilmember Goebel: I know we have a primary for the city and that's just a one day pay correct?

Councilmember Terry: I don't know. That's a good question.

Debbie Stucki: Yes, it's election day.

Councilmember Goebel: Are you going to have early voting?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, that comes out of a different line item.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that. My question is with the number of people turning out for primaries and because it's political party affiliated why do we have early voting and why do we have to fund it?

Debbie Stucki: Well, early voting we probably get half of the votes.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand, but it seems like the numbers wouldn't be that high on primary day if we only get what percentage of people that are actually showing up throughout the entire community for primary votes?

Debbie Stucki: True, it is a city election.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand.

Debbie Stucki: There is a smaller—

Councilmember Goebel: I'm talking about general election in the off year, midterm year, and also presidential year as well. We want to have the best slated candidates for sure.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: But I was under the impression when we first went to early voting it was going to be for general election and that makes it more convenient. I'm not so sure about the primary voting. We have two percent of the eligible voters showing up. We pay people to be out there all that time and some of them get almost no activity. I don't know what the numbers are and that's why I am asking you now, but that's not this topic here. I'm okay with a pay raise for the workers,

but I don't know if we want to go to double. Maybe we can moderate that a bit. That's my feeling.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Bassemier, did you have a question?

Councilmember Bassemier: Uh, yes. If you have ever worked the polls, and I have, of course I volunteer, but I worked with a lot of other poll workers and, you know, it's not just working from six to six. I mean, you've got to get up about 4:30, 4:00 or 4:30 in the morning, be there early to help set up and then after it is all over with at 6:00 it is over for the voters, but it is not over for the workers and I can see why you're having a very hard time getting people to vote. I don't think asking what you're asking is out of the question, so my vote would be yes for it.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you. It is a long day. It's 12 hours just for voting. You are supposed to be there at 5:00 to help set up, then after the polls close at 6:00 everybody has to close down, so we figure an hour, and then you have an hour for training. That's where they came up with the 15 hours that they divided the \$230 by to get that hourly.

Councilmember Terry: Debbie, what is the, I don't think I see it here in any of the materials, what is the total increase that we would be talking about here in terms of the number of positions?

Debbie Stucki: Well, for the city election it would increase \$17,200. The figure on the right there.

Councilmember Terry: On...yeah, I don't have that.

Debbie Stucki: Versus the county election last year. That's an increase over the county election last year.

Councilmember Goebel: We obviously have a larger number of voters because of the size of our community, so I think a raise...and there is no one doubting it takes a lot of time. I think a raise would be appropriate. I just don't know about quite so much at one time, that jump.

Debbie Stucki: The vote centers, if I could say, the vote centers are checking in more voters than the precincts used to be. You know, when it was one hundred and thirty something precincts. I worked at the polls for many years and you might sit there all day and only have 100 voters, where now at least, you know, more people go to these smaller number of places so they are handling more people than the precincts used to.

Councilmember Goebel: Is there any way we can get a comparison to the new system, early voting, which I think is much better, the system that we have now to the old system for the cost of running the election?

Debbie Stucki: Just early voting, the libraries?

Councilmember Goebel: Early voting just in general. What it costs to put on an election today compared to what it cost before we started early voting centers just to give us some information on it.

Debbie Stucki: They do have that, yes, in a job study when they went to vote centers, so I can get you that information.

Councilmember Goebel: Right. I don't have it with me. I just wondered what the comparison would be because one big reason we went to the early voting was to save money.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: I am just curious if we are actually doing that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make a comment here that is not going to be extremely popular here, but you know let's not lose sight of the fact, and I don't know when this started, but this is a paid day off for city and county employees. You know, I don't know what the original intent was when that was set in place, but my thought is it was probably so these people could work the polls. You know, maybe we need to get back to some of that and encourage people that are already being paid that day to work these polls. With the wages that they are being paid today that is a nice little bonus, but I'm with Mike. I don't think we need to be the highest. You know, if we do anything I don't think we need to be the highest throughout the state, but maybe somewhere in the middle. So we don't really have to act on anything today if we need more time to consider this we can do something next month.

President Koehler Lindsey: I think, Mr. Montrastelle and then Councilman Goebel. Councilmember Montrastelle: So as I am understanding it most of your workers are city employees, government employees, county employees or no?

Debbie Stucki: No. It used to be that way. You kind of...it was just kind of understood you worked that day, on election day. Most of the people in the civic center, that might have been why they considered it a holiday, I'm not sure. I've

been working for the county for 30 years and you just worked that day somewhere on election day, but over the years it has gotten away from that and now it's mostly I guess it's just been retired people, Wayne?

Wayne Parke: Yes. Obviously getting poll workers is a very difficult thing and at our current rates we are actually paying effectively on an hour basis, \$6 an hour for the clerks and the judges. What has happened, as I understand, that it has, as Jim pointed out, that it has effectively become a holiday and it is my understanding, and that doesn't mean I'm correct, but to require the Civic Center people to work they would have to be paid overtime which would obviously be more costly as I understand the situation. I think that, you know, there is no doubt that voting and voter turnout is a major concern and that we must have good, efficient people working there at the polls and it is more difficult than ever to get people to do it because of the time that is required and to get them there and with the computer aspect of it and all that it's a big job. We are very fortunate to have a lot of good workers, okay, that have shown up. So, you know, voter turnout is a major concern. It concerns me throughout the state and certainly here in Vanderburgh County and that somehow, some way that I and others are going to have to do something to increase that voter turnout. You know in a primary election it might be ten percent. I mean one year it was six percent. Last year, ten percent. For general election primary it's about 26 percent. That's awful. The whole state is that way, but Vanderburgh County is one of the actually lowest, so somehow we've got to turn that around. The other thing is I want to emphasize, and Debbie brought this up, that Rob couldn't be here today, but certainly sent us all an email and wanted us to pass on that he one hundred percent supports the recommendation.

Councilmember Montrastelle: So, Wayne, you said if a city or county employee works the polls they are paid overtime?

Wayne Parke: If they did—

Councilmember Montrastelle: They are not required. Seems like it would be a volunteer—

Wayne Parke: Yeah, it's out of my square, okay, so I am talking about something that I don't know, but what I have been told is if you require the city or county employee to work it would be paid overtime. That's what I am told.

President Koehler Lindsey: But if they volunteer that's a different story.

Wayne Parke: Right, right.

President Koehler Lindsey: I guess a couple of questions that I have, Debbie, have we had discussions or is this information being given to the city because this year they will have to reimburse us the amount because it is a city election?

Debbie Stucki: No, it has not been yet.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, can we just make sure that they are aware of what is going on?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: And maybe send that information to the Mayor and the city controller so that they can see who else needs to look at that?

Debbie Stucki: Right, yes.

Wayne Parke: It is my understanding that in the situation for part-time workers, the people that work the polls are part-time workers, that we were having a difficult time to figure who to go to first.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Wayne Parke: The law says that the County Commissioners set the pay rate, but obviously they can't have the money unless you guys approve it and in this case that the city is going to be reimbursing, so it was the intent to walk through this in some orderly process and address it with the city to inform them of it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, absolutely. I just want to make sure that they are informed because they will, you know, get the bill for this year and then it has worked out differently in the other years. Normally, this is exactly correct. Then do we have a resolution or an ordinance that has been filed for this yet? I believe, Mrs. Lukeman had said she thought maybe it was in our April packet.

Debbie Stucki: A what, I'm sorry?

President Koehler Lindsey: Have you filed paperwork or filed a resolution, or excuse me, it would be an ordinance to actually do this because we will have to have an ordinance before we can vote on it.

Debbie Stucki: An ordinance, no. No, I was told we go to the Commissioners and we go to the Council today, so I was not aware of an ordinance.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, today is just for discussion. Then I would like our Auditor to make maybe some comments or some reflections on how that looks in the budget and, again, we're still waiting for our final budget numbers so we are...there are a lot of things that are kind of on hold so that we can make sure that we are making good responsible decisions knowing exactly how many dollars we have before we go out and spend them because we want to be responsible.

Joe Gries: Right, the financial statement that the Auditor's office provides to Council is not quite available. It's at the very end stages. Ms. Lukeman and I are finalizing that and making sure that we have all the relevant information. Tax caps are obviously a big part of that each year and I can say that the tax rates did go up this year. We will see an increase in loses due to tax caps for this year compared to last year, so the financial statement we want to make sure is as accurate and as close to what all the information that we have for the Council. As far as the line items that are used to fund the poll workers, those line items can be reimbursed throughout the year as money is spent. So in other words, the Clerk spends that money down out of those poll worker lines and we bill the city. That money can go back onto those lines without additional budget being passed. Now that is not to say that there is enough money there if these changes are approved for the entire year, but once the final number is figured the Council could possibly appropriate a smaller number in the county's budget and then once we bill the city that money can be replaced on those line items so that the county does not have to budget that full amount, but there would still be money available for the Clerk to fund those poll worker line items throughout the year. That's just a little bit of a bookkeeping issue we can deal with, but the state does allow us to reimburse those line items when the city pays us back for that work that is being done. During a county election, that would not happen. You would have to budget for the full amount, but in this case that is a bookkeeping type of thing that we can do to allow Council possibly to not fund the entire amount, maybe half for the spring and then the city pays us back and then that money would be put back on those lines and can be spent again in the fall.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, I'm going to make a motion that we table this until our April meeting. Debbie, I would encourage you to, you know, the information that we were given, I think, Stephanie, you supplied some of this did you not?

Councilmember Terry: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: I don't think we have every county penciled in and probably don't need every county, but it looks like, you know, there is roughly probably 30 counties that we have information on. I think we need to probably

figure out where the average is and then make our adjustments from there, up or down, but I think that would be helpful to have before next meeting.

Debbie Stucki: These were just when I sent an email to all the County Clerks these were the ones that responded quickly and I was out of town yesterday and Monday for a Clerk's meeting so that's what I had as of Friday to go by.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I'll move to table then.

(Councilman Shetler joined the meeting 8:25 a.m.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you. Before we do that, number one Councilman Shetler is in the chamber and I want to make sure we get that on record and if Mr. Ahlers could comment please.

Jeff Ahlers: Ms. Stucki, if you could just make sure you'll need to before the deadline to file a formal appropriation request for the next meeting and then I think Mr. Harrison provides legal services to your office, is that right? You might want to...you might discuss with him because the city is involved with this election as well as whatever else may be involved in case there is any other type of resolution or ordinance that they need, but you'll definitely have to file in terms of with this body an appropriation ordinance and then check with Mr. Harrison to see if there is anything else that you need to do with regard to this before the next meeting.

Debbie Stucki: Okay, so the appropriation should be for the amount requested even though you haven't--

Jeff Ahlers: Well, your...I guess the answer is yes unless you work with your liaison or some Councilmembers and come up with a different amount. The Council can always set it in at a lower amount, but typically you can't go at a higher amount than requested.

Debbie Stucki: Okay. Thank you for your consideration.

President Koehler Lindsey: We will go ahead and table this until the next meeting. Thank you so much and thank you Chairman Parke for being here.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I know Councilman Shetler--

President Koehler Lindsey: Oh, Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I didn't know if you wanted a second on that?

President Koehler Lindsey: I think we can just go ahead and table it so thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm sorry to belabor that, but I do have one other question. I know Warrick County is moving their city off year elections to midterm, mid presidential term election. I'm curious how much it costs the City of Evansville, and quite a few of the residents of Vanderburgh County live within the city limits, for this particular off year election and can it be moved too? Is there any consideration for moving it to a mid presidential term? Last year in '14 we had 25 percent of the people eligible to vote for the entire county for statewide elections. This year we have only a total of nine councilmen, 1 clerk and the mayor and it's going to cost approximately the same amount of money to run that election. I don't know. Is there any discussion of that?

Wayne Parke: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Warrick County is going in that direction now.

Wayne Parke: I think that some of the town/city in Warrick County are. It's a state law that you can't move it without changing the state law as far as a city/county our size. It has to do with the size.

Councilmember Goebel: The sized city? Okay.

Debbie Stucki: I do know that the state legislators are looking at that to see if combining, you know, and just have two elections every four years. The legislators are looking at that. I don't know exactly the number, the bill number, but I know they are looking at it.

Councilmember Goebel: What does it cost to run an election for a year, like this year for the city? Two-hundred and fifty?

Debbie Stucki: It's almost four. It's was \$300...it was almost \$400,000.

Councilmember Goebel: \$400,000 for this year?

Debbie Stucki: Last year. For last year.

Councilmember Goebel: Oh, okay. But it would cost...there would be no additional cost if we moved the city elections to the off presidential year election.

Debbie Stucki: Well, there would be a little more work for the vendor, I think.

Councilmember Goebel: Right.

Debbie Stucki: As far as the different ballots.

Councilmember Goebel: Right, the ballots and everything.

Debbie Stucki: Because, you know, you have to have a different ballot for the city person, for the county person, so there would be a little more cost involved there, I'm sure, for what they do.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Wayne Parke: Obviously there is an issue about terms if you move it. Somebody shorter, somebody longer. It's my feel for what is happening in Indy and that area in regard to that question it has not been a very...it has been looked at, as Debbie indicated, but it has not been a very popular thing so anything, a change of that nature--

Councilmember Goebel: Popular by the voting public or popular by the people who have elected offices?

Wayne Parke: Popular by the people in power, okay?

Councilmember Goebel: It would be a one shot deal of a three year term correct?

Wayne Parke: Yes, right. I think that supposedly the reason is that they feel like it takes for the city, it takes...if they get folded into the county or presidential elections I'll call them, they kind of lose their place of importance and they don't think that they can get their issues out there is the logic that I have heard. I think, too, and I'm not sure I answered your question, as Debbie indicated that the increase in cost of last year to this year for the city election would be about \$17,000. I'm talking about last year, now that was a 22 precinct versus a 16 for the city election was about \$17,000, so I don't know whether or not we answered that or not.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY - COUNTY AUDITOR

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we'll move along. We have a request to fill vacancy from the Auditor.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval for the Auditor's request to fill the vacancy for outgoing Teri Lukeman, our new Executive Assistant. I'll move approval for the Auditor to fill that position.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign. Motion carries.

Joe Gries: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, Mr. Auditor. Thank you for letting us steal Mrs. Lukeman.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES - SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: I'll also move approval to fill the three vacancies within the Sheriff's request.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition same sign. Motion carries. Mr. Sheriff, you got off easy today.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY - PUBLIC DEFENDER

President Koehler Lindsey: Public Defender, request to fill vacancy for Public Defender part-time. Do we have anyone to speak on that? Oh, Steve, I didn't see you. Welcome.

Councilmember Raben: Well, the one question is this position vacant now?

Steve Owen: It is vacant. It was vacant as of Friday, last Friday.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll...questions?

President Koehler Lindsey: Question Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah. Do we have anybody on staff that is death penalty qualified? I don't know if I am using the right wording there or not, but that has the ability to actually try a death penalty case other than, I guess, yourself?

Steve Owen: You mean today?

Councilmember Shetler: Today.

Steve Owen: We have people on staff who are currently qualified across the board, both in experience and having taken the seminar to be second chair. We don't have anybody currently on staff who has had the seminar within the two years to take first chair.

Councilmember Shetler: And what kind of time, money is required to get that accomplished so that we would have somebody on staff so that we could do that in-house rather than reaching out to, you know, other people and paying these exorbitant amounts.

Steve Owen: Well, the issue is the seminar. I mean, the biggest problem is they are now offering that it's only every two years. If we have somebody go to the in-state seminar, which is the most economical way to do it, that won't be offered until this fall. So in order to qualify someone and to get them on the seminar, the CR24 training requirement, we either have to one, send them to an out-of-state seminar that is going to be recognized by the Indiana Public Defender Commission, or we have to send them to the state seminar when they have it.

Councilmember Shetler: Is that one of the qualifications that you list in seeking an applicant for a vacancy, is that they're qualified to do a death penalty sentence, a death penalty trial?

Steve Owen: No. There are so few people that are seeking to do the death penalty case. I mean, there is not a lot of people that are clamoring to do a capital case. The last two hires we had, as you are aware, came in at an entry level position. They're not...I mean they're barely qualified to do D felony cases or Level 6 felonies, certainly not a capital case. In terms of replacing people, more experienced attorneys for example for this part-time position, no I am not looking

to see if they are capable of handling a capital case. I am looking to see if that person is capable of handling major felonies. You just don't pick up capital defenders off the street generally.

Councilmember Shetler: Right. You know, the whole issue we have kind of turned into a financial issue as far as whether we should seek the death penalty or not seek the death penalty, etc. I'm not going to get into that debate, except that I know that hiring the outside attorneys to do that has cost us, particularly on that last case, what \$400,000, I believe? Just the attorney fees alone.

Steve Owen: The last case--

Councilmember Shetler: Seems like it might behoove us to either pay a little bit more now and require that as one of the qualifications to be employed or we would push a couple of the people that are very close and just need that seminar to get that so that we could do it in-house as opposed to going outside.

Steve Owen: Well, two issues arise. First of all, I don't know that you are going to be able to require the part-time folks to attend a seminar so that they can do a capital case. I don't know that any of them are going to be jumping up and saying, yeah, I'm going to attend this seminar so I can do a capital case if one comes along at some point because it requires them to do some other things in terms of their private practice. Full-time people have in addition to the seminar, have to have a certain amount of trial experience. Before they can be lead counsel in a capital case they have to second chair a capital case.

Councilmember Shetler: Have we asked that question to any of the present day people?

Steve Owen: I have talked to most of the part-timers and most of the part-timers who have had some capital experience in the past aren't clamoring to do one in the future which is why I don't know of any of them that are current on the seminar for example. The full-time staff can't qualify to be lead counsel unless they have set on it as second chair on a capital case. So the problem is if you had lots and lots of capital cases going on you could require the full-time people to pick up the experience and to second chair the cases, but when you only have one or two capital cases coming down the road in three, or four, or five, or ten years and they are getting fewer and fewer, it's more difficult to get that person qualified to be first chair.

Councilmember Shetler: Like Tim Dodd was part-time and he was qualified obviously.

Steve Owen: Tim Dodd was part-time.

Councilmember Shetler: He was first chair--

Steve Owen: He was.

Councilmember Shetler: --on one of the recent cases, I don't recall the names.

Steve Owen: He was until he passed away, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, had he been healthy and that would have borne out that could have saved the county basically about \$400,000.

Steve Owen: Had Tim not passed away the attorney's fees in that case would have been substantially less because we were a year into that case, Tim died, and we basically started all over again.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, I just think it might be worth our while to seek that out. If it cost us more on a particular part-timer and it cost us a little bit more in investing in that education, the seminars or whatever may be done, that we have somebody ready to go in those scenarios. Again, one saving us the money and two, I really have an issue with the Prosecutor having to make a decision based on finances on whether or not, you know, we should do the death penalty on a particular case or not. I mean, I think sometimes we are placed into that situation from what I am understanding now and I would hope that we could get ourselves into a position where we are able to make that on the merits of the case and not on the finances of it.

Steve Owen: Well, regardless of whether we do it in-house or we farm it out, obviously if we were able to do the attorneys in-house there is going to be some additional costs because those attorneys would have some case limitations and we would have to hire somebody to take over their normal caseload.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Steve Owen: There would still be a substantial amount of expense and if we're talking hypothetically the McManus case coming back that will be a consideration. That will be a very expensive case regardless of whether it is done in-house or outside.

Councilmember Shetler: I understand that.

Steve Owen: Depending upon the timing of that when it is sent back, if it gets sent back, we may at that point have somebody who has been to the seminar. Obviously, you can't go to the seminar until they offer it and right now it is this fall. If that case doesn't come back until later this year we probably will have somebody in-house who is qualified to do it as a first chair.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all in favor of the vacancy in the Public Defender being filled signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed like sign. Alright, thank you.

Steve Owen: I do have one question for Joe. It is my understanding, Joe, that because we are sort of behind the eight ball because we would have been okay if we would of had the meeting last week perhaps, but we cannot fill the position until the start of a pay period, is that right?

Joe Gries: Well, you have to be able to report your payroll to us a week prior to getting paid.

Steve Owen: I understand that.

Joe Gries: If it is within that first week I think you could probably get us the information and report that.

Steve Owen: Okay. So theoretically if I got it to you this week we could start somebody on Monday?

Joe Gries: Right. Ideally, you know, we would like it to be at the start of a pay period, but as long as you can report it to us on time so that we can process payroll we should be able to handle that.

Steve Owen: Alright, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY - LEGAL AID

President Koehler Lindsey: Vacancy in Legal Aid.

Councilmember Goebel: Move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: All in favor signify by--

Councilmember Raben: Is there anyone here from Legal Aid?

President Koehler Lindsey: Anyone here? Oh, hello.

Councilmember Raben: I just had one question.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, question.

Councilmember Raben: We are wanting to increase from 25 to 29 hours so we have full-time coverage with two part-time positions, but you're not actually open 58 hours a week right?

Vicki Boerner: No, we currently have two part-time receptionists and together we try to have them fill 40 hours per week. After our one part-time person left the first one wanted to work additional hours and she had only been approved, I believe, up to 20 hours, so we wanted to increase that so that between the two we would always have 40 hours coverage.

Councilmember Raben: I guess that's where I was going back to if we increase them both...the request is to increase both positions to 29 so that is 58 hours worth of coverage.

Vicki Boerner: Right, we were hoping that would allow us the flexibility between the two positions for them to be able to give us 40 hours of their time just for the sake of simplicity.

Councilmember Shetler: So are you suggesting that the other person the one would take 29 and the other would take 11?

Vicki Boerner: Well, the other one would take less. However they would choose--

Councilmember Shetler: So it always would equal 40 hours between the two.

Vicki Boerner: It would equal 40 between the two because our past experience with the two part-time receptionists is that they will work different hours, different days and this would allow us for the both of them if you had one out for a week maybe on a vacation or some personal business then we could allow the other receptionist to work up to 29 to give us the 40 hours of coverage.

Councilmember Raben: So they are both not going to work 29 hours?

Vicki Boerner: No, absolutely not.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, then I am fine with this. I think there was a motion to approve. I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Vicki Boerner: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: It has been moved and seconded. Are there any other questions? Alright, then motion...all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign. Motion carries.

Vicki Boerner: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Commissioners (2)

Clerk

Health Department (6)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we're going to move into travel requests at this point. You have the list in front of you. Is there a motion to approve or are there questions?

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion to approve and call attention to the one request that has been withdrawn for it looks like several people from the Health

Department. That single request has been withdrawn and I'll move approval for all the others.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you. Any other questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign. Motion carries.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

AUDITOR	LEGAL AID
JAIL	LEGAL AID/IN CIVIL LEGAL AID FUND
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (2)	CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
HIGHWAY	COMM CORR IN DOC GRANT 136Y
PUBLIC DEFENDER	CIRCUIT COURT SUPPL ADULT PROB

President Koehler Lindsey: And then amendments to the salary ordinance. Councilman Raben, is that you? Alright, he is getting it. Getting it together there.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, amendments to the salary ordinance, everyone has been given a copy of the amendments. I'll move that we approve the amendments as listed and ask that this be made and entered into the minutes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Questions or comments? Alright. Make sure everyone gets their copy there and look that over. This was just what was done today. Please notice that the Clerk has been tabled so that was marked out, so it will be all the others that are listed. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition same sign. Alright, motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: We are in to public comment. Yes, sir.

Councilmember Shetler: I guess I am not part of the public as such, but I do have...let me ask Debbie a question going back to these salaries real quickly from my point. I'm talking about on the pay levels for the election day workers. Are there any taxes taken out on any of these workers?

Debbie Stucki: No, they are considered contract employees.

Joe Gries: That's correct. They would be considered a vendor, per se, that works for the county.

Councilmember Shetler: So any contractor that like works for any entity as long as you make less than \$600 in a quarter you actually are not obligated on any taxes?

Joe Gries: That is correct. Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any other business to come before the Council? Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I just wanted to make a comment about the earlier proclamation, and I should have, but I just want to say on Sandie's behalf what a wonderful friend she was to everyone on this Council, to everyone in Vanderburgh County and our thoughts and prayers are still with her family. Vanderburgh County certainly has lost a true friend and an absolutely wonderful public servant when Sandie left us and I miss her. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Anything else? Alright, if we have no further business I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you we are adjourned. Thank you all.

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

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Tom Shetler James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 1, 2015**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st day of April in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: I'd like to call the meeting to order. Could we have roll call please?

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

President Koehler Lindsey: There being seven members absent...or present with no members absent, I think we're all here, that constitutes a quorum so we are going to start with the Pledge of Allegiance and we'll let Councilman Shetler lead us in that if you would please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Koehler Lindsey: And now I believe Deacon Chris from Holy Rosary has agreed to lead us in the invocation. Thank you, sir.

(Deacon Chris Borowiecki offered the invocation)

UPDATE OF BUDGET & APPROPRIATION BALANCES

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much. Before we get into the regular business of the meeting we would like to hear from our Auditor. We have finally received some numbers that we have been anxiously awaiting. So without further ado, Mr. Auditor.

Joe Gries: Thank you. On the 18th we provided the County Council with the financial statement. This gives an overview of the financial picture for 2015. It has the different funds. It lists the projected revenue that we expect to come in this year and then also lists the budgets for 2015 and any money that has been rolled over from prior years that was under contract or needed, so all those combined numbers then provide us with an idea of what type of unappropriated balances we have. That information that the Council has gives them an idea of what is available that has not been earmarked for expenditure. I would just like to remind everyone that even though those numbers are there now they will change as the year progresses as appropriation requests come in and then also as we look at...get into budget season and we look at revenues for the first half of the year and project for the second half of the year. The state provides us with information to project for the second half of the year and then into next year as we start to budget for 2016. Just kind of an

overview and if there are any questions, I'm happy to kind of answer those and if there is any detailed information that anybody needs we are also happy to provide that as well. I will make just one other point about our circuit breaker for 2015 compared to 2014. For the General Fund it has gone up about half a million dollars. Tax rates did increase from last year to this year so we are seeing some additional circuit breaker losses because of that. But still with those losses we do have an unappropriated balance and there is money available, although it be small.

President Koehler Lindsey: Questions or comments at this time for the Auditor? Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Gries, what is our unappropriated balance this year compared to the last few years? Are we—

Joe Gries: Actually compared to last year it is just a little bit down from where we started the year. I think we were around the neighborhood of \$600,000 or so when we started, when the financial statement first came out. We're around \$542,000 so it is down a little bit. Comparing back, you know, several years obviously we used to have unappropriated balances in the neighborhood of, before the economic downturn, in the range of \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. So we are obviously in an era that is quite a bit different than it was five, six or seven years ago.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any other comments? Thank you so much. We do appreciate that information and I think it is good for us to all realize that we still need to be really, really careful in our spending. I would just encourage department heads as you always do to look first within your budget before you come to the Council because there just isn't any extra out there.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Koehler Lindsey: We will move into approval of the minutes. Do I have a motion to approve the minutes from March 11th?

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, it has been moved and seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed? Alright, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

ELECTION OFFICE

President Koehler Lindsey: And now to the appropriation ordinance. Mr. Finance Chair, Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good afternoon. First under Election Office the request is for \$49,648. This is for the city primary. We do have with us today the County Clerk along with it if anybody has any questions we do have the two county chairmen for both parties here. Part of this request, we discussed this in our last meeting, are pay increases for the election workers. The requested amounts differed quite a bit from where we had previously been. We were provided some information that Stephanie Terry went to great length, I guess, putting together on the counties that you could gather information and their rates for judges and inspectors and clerks and what have you.

Councilmember Terry: I didn't do the work. I can't take that credit, I just asked a question.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, Debbie did. Okay, well good job on that. So the numbers that I am going to throw out there today are basically the average statewide. So under inspectors I think the request was to take this before the training and the meal allowance, to take their rate to \$155. The state average is actually \$130, which is still in the case of the inspectors is a \$30 increase for the day. Then we have the lead judge, which the old rate was \$70. The state average works out to be about \$110. And then on the judges and clerks, the state average is \$100. So I'm going to...well, first I will answer any questions if anybody has any?

Debbie Stucki: Could I just mention that the Election Board had a meeting this morning, a public testing of the equipment and we lowered...the Election Board lowered the prices, but it was to the amounts that I had emailed the Council.

Councilmember Goebel: That was the original email or a secondary email or has it been lowered since? Is this the third or second lowering?

Debbie Stucki: It's a...I have totals, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Is it the document dated 3/13?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, that spreadsheet, yes.

Councilmember Raben: And the amounts that they were...that they reduced them to is \$155 in the case of the inspector. The state average is \$130. When we look at the lead judge the reduced requested rate is \$125. The state average is \$110. And then on the judges and clerks the reduced amount requested is \$105. We're really close on that one. The state average is \$100.

Debbie Stucki: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: So with that if there are no other questions, making the adjustments based on the state average the request is for \$49,648 and I'll move approval for \$46,300.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a question. Could I ask Debbie a question?

Debbie Stucki: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Bassemier: Debbie, when you and I met you said you needed \$47,472 to make it work.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: You still hold to your guns on that?

Debbie Stucki: Well with the rest of the amounts are what I need to run the election and I believe Mr. Raben is just talking about lowering the salaries. Is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: It is--

Debbie Stucki: For poll workers.

Councilmember Raben: --but that does call for the question. This document is for \$47,472.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Our information before us says \$49,648.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right, you just quoted us forty-six thousand something for us to approve.

Debbie Stucki: Right, we went through and corrected...Joe, Teri Lukeman and I went through and revised that and lowered the original appropriation amount, tried to cut out some more.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, Mr. Auditor.

Joe Gries: If I may, Jim, the original request included the full amount for the increase for the inspectors, judges and clerks, but it also included some calculations for the full year for the different line items and so when we went through that with Debbie we were able to reduce some of those other line items as well and that is where the \$47,472 came in. If I am correct in stating this--

Councilmember Raben: It should be \$44,124.

Joe Gries: --the \$46,300 reduces the inspector, clerk and judge's pay to what you have talked about at the state averages. I think that is the--

Councilmember Raben: So the correct amount based on this document should be \$44,124?

President Koehler Lindsey: Where are you making those adjustments on each line?

Joe Gries: And that might be helpful to read each line because then they can see the differences of where those changes are.

Councilmember Raben: Again, this is for half of the year, but, Debbie, real quick.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: This document here--

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: That is what we are going with?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, that is the revised—

Councilmember Raben: Not what we've got.

Debbie Stucki: Appropriations, correct.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, so under Board Member the amount would be \$360.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Canvassing Board \$270.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Election Inspector \$700, then you skip down to Election Lead Judge and Election Judge Others the amount should be \$3,500. Then you've got 66 Election Clerks at \$3,500. Election Attorney \$180, Travel & Mileage \$60.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Contractual Services \$37,000, Rent \$680.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: And Legal Services \$50 for a total of \$46,300...no, for a total of \$44,124. Is that correct? No, the correct amount is the original \$46,300.

Councilmember Bassemier: Debbie, are you okay with that?

Debbie Stucki: So it's the Council's position to lower the poll workers rate lower than what the Election Board suggested or recommended?

Councilmember Raben: Again, what this motion is the inspectors, this is for their wage, not their training or their food allowance.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Their wage for inspectors, \$130, lead judge \$100 and then the judge and clerks, others, at \$100. It's \$110 on the lead judge and \$100 on the judge and clerks.

Councilmember Terry: You said that's the state average? That's where you came up with those numbers? That's the state average?

Councilmember Raben: That's the state average.

Councilmember Montrastelle: And that's about a \$40--

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm awaiting your guidance.

Councilmember Montrastelle: --per day increase per individual?

Debbie Stucki: I guess if that is all the Council is going to allow. I don't know if the two chairmen have something to add to that.

Wayne Park: I'm Wayne Parke and I'm Chairman of the Vanderburgh County Republican Party. I request that the inspector wages be \$155, lead judge \$125, judge \$105 and clerk \$105. We originally were in here, I was asking for \$260 for the inspector, but it has been dropped now back. When you add up all the training and the lunch allowance to \$200, so we dropped it. That's what we think. We have got to have...being the state average, I don't like to be average. We need good, competent poll workers at the polls and I believe that what we recommended is what is needed to make that happen and we have backed off substantially from where we are. Secondly, the Election Board has approved it, the County Commissioners actually approved a higher rate and we are prepared to go in front of them. Also, from a budget standpoint that the city, this is a pass through cost to the city, and that the city has got it covered. They have it budgeted, It's not going to impact them so I recommend that we stick with what Debbie recommended and I'll let Rob speak to it as well.

Rob Faulkner: I'm Rob Faulkner. I'm Chairman of the Vanderburgh County Democratic Party. I don't know that I could explain it or articulate any better than Wayne did, so basically I concur with what Mr. Parke has indicated and would ask that the Council approve the amounts that the Election Board had voted to request at today's meeting. Thank you.

Debbie Stucki: I would just like to add, I know, Jim, you said that was the state average. We are the third largest county in the state and the vote centers handle a lot of voters because we went to vote centers.

Councilmember Raben: A lot of that can be relative to how many vote centers based on the population too. Go ahead, Mike.

Councilmember Goebel: I just wondered what the increase you're suggesting would be for the entire year for 11 positions? How much are we going to increase the budget? This is for city, but it's Vanderburgh County residents.

Debbie Stucki: For the whole election budget?

Councilmember Goebel: Uh-huh, for both primary and general election, and what will be the total cost?

Debbie Stucki: \$378,918 approximately.

Councilmember Goebel: To elect 11--

Debbie Stucki: That includes the \$47,000 that I asked in the appropriation plus what is already budgeted.

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, the request for pay raise is really a smaller part of this compared to the contract and you're going to look at a different possible contract as far as the voting machines and things like that. Is that correct?

Debbie Stucki: Nothing is planned for the future, no. Our machines are--

Councilmember Goebel: We had a pretty major increase with the certification process, is that not correct? Maybe somebody can help out here?

Debbie Stucki: Certification?

Councilmember Goebel: For the voting company who comes in and we lease or they put up the voting, actual voting machines. They have to be certified by the state and that came with a huge price sticker increase, is that not correct?

Wayne Parke: Well, I think what happened is...first of all let me clear up, the \$47,000 that we are recommending additional be approved of only about \$9,200 of that has to do with poll workers. The other has to be...is being requested for two reasons. One is there was an oversight looking at budgeting a line item, okay, that didn't come. Secondly, it is my understanding that when the budget was originally approved that the Council cut, just cut the number down for the Election Office, just generally cut it. So it is to put it back in line to where it is, and one of them, Contract Services, is the biggest line item and Debbie has projected \$135,000 of real expenditure, but what was actually in the budget is \$98,000 so that line item alone is \$37,000 of the requested \$47,000 increase for adjusting for not only the poll workers which only amounts to about \$9,200 of that. The other is corrections that occurred before this issue about poll worker pay increase ever come before. As far as changing any of the contracts or with anything else, I don't know of any changes occurring and I can't speak to that, Debbie would have to speak to that.

Joe Gries: Debbie, may I ask a question? I'm sorry Councilman Goebel.

Debbie Stucki: Sure.

Joe Gries: I think the answer to the question is what is the contract amount for 2014 for RBM and what it is this year? I think that's what we are trying to get to is what is that increase from one year to the next for the company that handles the iVotronic machines?

Debbie Stucki: I have those numbers.

Joe Gries: If I recall, it's actually less than last year, I thought, because there are fewer machines being used.

Debbie Stucki: Well, and they charge different for the different elections. I'm sorry, I'm trying to look for my copy here.

Councilmember Terry: Is that Contractual Services, is that the line? Is that what you need?

Debbie Stucki: No, but thank you though.

Joe Gries: It is the actual contract, yeah.

Debbie Stucki: For 2011 for RBM their election day support was \$199,350. For their 2012 support it was \$220,840.

Joe Gries: And for this year?

Debbie Stucki: I'm sorry, I thought I copied that, but I'm not seeing it.

Joe Gries: Teri, do you have those numbers?

Debbie Stucki: Because we signed a three year contract with them. What years does yours have, Teri?

Teri Lukeman: 2014.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you very much. 2014 was \$231,575, 2015 it's \$201,800 and for 2016 it's \$220,840. I signed a three year contract with them because 2017 there will be no election.

Councilmember Raben: So we funded it within—

Debbie Stucki: Thank you, Teri.

Councilmember Raben: --forty...or \$5,000 what the contract is.

Debbie Stucki: Well, we pay them in two installments, so that \$37,000 that I asked for will help pay their half for the year plus some other services that we use to move the election equipment.

Councilmember Raben: But we did budget \$98,000.

Debbie Stucki: Yes, but the bill...half of that bill for this year is \$100,800 or \$100,900. That's half.

Councilmember Raben: Right. Which is we funded only half of it in the budget because the city is going to reimburse us. That's my point. The entire contract at the time we probably didn't have the exact amount, but we are within \$5,000 of what we budgeted for.

Debbie Stucki: Yeah, \$98,000 was budgeted, but like I said there are other services in Contractual Services besides the RBM company.

President Koehler Lindsey: So do you pay that bill all at once or do you pay it after each election?

Debbie Stucki: Before each election.

President Koehler Lindsey: Before each election, okay.

Debbie Stucki: We pay half before each election.

President Koehler Lindsey: But the \$37,000 under Contractual Services that is not the total amount for that, this is just to bring it up where it needs to be?

Debbie Stucki: Right, to pay RBM, to pay the electronic poll book company \$14,000, Kinder \$6,000 and Computer Services, who maintains the computer equipment, \$10,500. So all of those together is what I need the \$135,000 for half the year.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well there—

President Koehler Lindsey: Did you have a question, Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: No.

President Koehler Lindsey: Ok.

Councilmember Raben: I would call for the question.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, if there are no further questions—

Councilmember Goebel: I have another general statement. I think somewhere, somehow we should move that the city elections be put onto the mid presidential year election. Like this year should have been in 2014 instead of 2015 because the machines will be set up and Mr. Parke has mentioned very strongly that we want more participation on that mid presidential year. Last year we had 25 percent eligible voters vote in the general election. If we bring a city election in that would definitely increase the interest and I don't think any post would be lost. I know it would have to go before the state legislature, but I think it's time we really seriously look at that as a bigger picture because we are spending over \$300,000 this year for the 11 races and they could be incorporated into the county and statewide races and some federal races on a mid term year. I don't know, it might be a lot easier to get people to work the polls as well with the training and they might even get a better pay raise at that point if we can move in that direction. I don't know why we are still having this city wide election in this day and age especially with the decline in the number of people who are actually going out to vote.

Wayne Parke: May I comment about that?

Councilmember Goebel: You certainly may.

Wayne Parke: Okay. By law—

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that.

Wayne Parke: --the law has to get changed. You and I can't change it.

Councilmember Goebel: No.

Wayne Parke: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: But we can start the process to contact—

Wayne Parke: That's correct.

Councilmember Goebel: No, I understand we can't do that here, and the state government has to approve, has to change our city election to the even numbered year and I think it might get lost in the shuffle of a presidential year maybe a little bit or it might even be a good thing during a presidential year because more people would be voting.

Wayne Parke: For a clarification standpoint, I'm a little confused. Is the proposed motion on the floor for not what we requested? A lower amount?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Wayne Parke: I hope that is voted down.

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick question. Debbie, do you have a good feel most of the workers, what percentage is city/county employees? Just off the top of your head what would you say?

Debbie Stucki: Not very many maybe.

Councilmember Bassemier: Would you give the amount of your motion again?

Councilmember Raben: The motion is for \$46,300 and at the rates that were stated.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I just did a little math on Jim's proposal and Mr. Shetler's second. The \$130, the \$110 and the \$100. When you do the math that actually increases the wages on the inspector from \$8.66 to \$11.66. The lead judge from \$6.66 to \$10.33 an hour and the judges and clerks from \$6.00 to \$9.66 an hour. In the neighborhood of about a 40 percent increase in pay per hour. I think it's fair. I think that's a pretty decent...I understand your need to get quality people and it's hard to find people to fill these positions, but based on the budgets coming up and how money is tight a 40 percent per hour increase is not too bad.

Wayne Parke: May I comment?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Sure.

Wayne Parke: I think that when you're comparing \$6.00 an hour, lower than wages, when you're comparing a 40 percent increase you are not comparing anything reasonable. You should be looking at, and I challenge you, I attend every year. I attend the poll worker training, and let me tell you I challenge you and all of you to attend that training and to go out there and run that election. It is a real challenge and the situation has changed because of the type of equipment and things there. So comparing where it was at \$6.00 below wage and calculate up 40 percent I don't think is a judge...is a fair comparison. While your math may be correct you need to be looking at what is a fair wage for this kind of work. What is a fair wage for somebody that is working 12 hours at the polls being open, an hour before and an hour afterwards and doing it right? Fifteen hours for that day, plus the training. I think that you've got to look at what is there and what is comparable out there with what other people are paying for this type of work and the skills that are needed. I believe that what we have proposed here is the minimum amount. I really recommended the other, the higher, but I backed off because it would put us at the same level as the other counties, the higher counties, the higher level, at the same level as what they are. I don't think it is proper to look at the average, okay. We've got some issues. We've got poor voter turnout. We need to have people there that that's a pleasant visit when that goes to vote and somehow together we need to get more people to vote. It is unacceptable to me that 75 percent of the people stay home. In this primary election, you know, it may be ten percent of the people that turn out and that's unfortunate. There needs to be some ways to look at reducing the costs. I agree with that. But we've got a situation we're dealing with now and the election is coming up very shortly.

Councilmember Goebel: I do have...okay, I'm sorry, go ahead, Rob.

Rob Faulkner: In addition to what Mr. Parke and Councilman Montrastelle, it sounds like a high percentage increase just because it hasn't been increased for a long, long time. Do you know the last time it was increased? It has been at these levels which comparatively have gotten lower and lower over the years, so it sounds like a huge increase, but that is only because it has not been increased in a long, long time.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, the request you had would put Vanderburgh County at the very top at the state from the information we have from other counties and, I think, if we average it that is a start anyway. Maybe we can come back and look at

it. It's something. The other question I have is why was this not brought up at budget time? Was it just an oversight? Usually when we deal with pay and things like that we handle that at budget in August and it is set for the next year accordingly and I do want to know as well as the city have they agreed to pay this amount because they are going to carry the burden this year?

Debbie Stucki: The city has—

Wayne Parke: Well, again, of the request for this \$47,000 that is being requested wasn't changed. Be reminded about \$9,200 is this so-called increase. The rest of it is because of not correct budgeting being done. One because it being an oversight and the other one being because there was a cut by the Council and I don't want to use arbitrary cut, but there was a cut by the Council that cut the Election Department's budget. As far as looking at it—

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, you'll have to show that to me because I don't recall that at all.

Wayne Parke: Well, I think, Joe?

Joe Gries: There was a cut during our set budget sessions. We went through and we decided, the Council decided on my advice to cut it to 50 percent, but it is actually lower than 50 percent of what Debbie provided last year. So I don't know what the percentage was, I believe it was about 45 percent, but it was reduced, I believe, the thinking was because this was a city election and it was going to be cheaper than a county election because fewer vote centers, fewer people at the polls or fewer poll workers and things of that nature. But the actual numbers weren't ever really figured when those numbers were set in.

Wayne Parke: It is my understanding from the city budget standpoint that they have about \$405,000 in their city budget and that this election cost will come under that within the city budget.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, Councilman Shetler.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I think, and I have been a poll worker. I have taken about any one of those positions you can name. I have been through the training, I understand it. The appeal basically is to people who have a sense of civic duty and responsibility I think more than it is on the wages. I can appreciate that. I see the judge back there and I am thinking, and I don't want to plant any seeds here, but I am thinking about the jurors for example who do it for civic responsibility as well. We're talking about a whole different ball game there. About \$18 a day or something, \$20.

Unidentified: Forty.

Councilmember Shetler: Forty, okay, so not a whole lot of money there to give up a whole lot of their time as well. I think that we are doing the right thing by doing what an average is. I think some of the larger counties are still at or below that average after we get finished with that, so I'm talking about Marion and Allen counties and some of those are still somewhat along that average. I think that what we really do want though is not the guy who is looking for the paycheck, but we are looking for the guy who really wants to do his civic duty and responsibility and the majority of those people out there that is what they are looking for and most of them may not be the...you may only have ten percent employees, city/county employees, but we

have a whole lot of retirees that are, I think, well educated and committed to their communities to do this. I think rewarding them with some kind of an increase is appropriate, but I think there is also the limits we need to look at too.

Wayne Parke: I think that, Tom, in all due respect when you were looking at and doing it was several years ago. The situation has drastically changed. It is a big chore to get people to be poll workers. Fortunately we have some very good poll workers now, but we've got to have it filled and we get down to taking a warm body and putting them in there to meet the number and that is not the way things should be done. They should be competent, good poll workers there and I think you are living in the past to talk about the civic thing. Jim here talks about the civic center people working. Very few if any of them work at the polls mainly because I think it is because that day, election day, is now a holiday for them and for all people here at the building it is my understanding.

Councilmember Shetler: I do understand the predicament and 157 precincts is what we had to deal with in the days that I had to fill all those places and it was very, very difficult. Now we are dealing with vote centers and all the things that we've agreed to in the last several years have been addressed to attract more people to do this and none of those seem to be meeting the demand that we have. So I'm not sure that raising it another \$30 or \$40 is going to be the answer.

Wayne Parke: Well, in my opinion it is and we've been working at it and working at it lately in the years that I have been Chairman of the party. It is a difficult thing to do and I welcome you for your help to come and sit down and make the phone calls and try to get people there. It is a difficult thing to do. I guarantee you.

Rob Faulkner: Councilman Shetler, you are correct in an ideal world it would be that. We would have people lined up to do this, but we have to deal with things as they are not the way we would like them to be. Mr. Parke is correct, it is difficult to fill these slots. It has been increasingly difficult over the years.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, I think we probably need to take a vote. I would like to clarify, Mr. Raben, can you...yeah, Tom has seconded and Jim made the motion. Can you read down through each line item so that we have that please, on what your motion was?

Debbie Stucki: Everything was the same except for the three line items.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Board Member \$360. I had the mic off. Board Member \$360; Canvas Board \$270; Election Inspector \$700; Election Judge \$3,500; Election Clerk \$3,500; Election Attorney \$180; Travel & Mileage \$60; Contractual Services \$37,000; Rent \$680; and Legal Services \$50.

Councilmember Goebel: For a total of?

Councilmember Raben: For a total of \$46,300.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion on the floor and I am going to request a roll call vote please.

Councilmember Terry: Clarification, I'm sorry.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: Which is \$1,172 difference than the proposed \$47,472 or \$49,648 that is on the appropriation sheet? Because Jim is proposing \$46,300 which is \$1,172 difference than what we received, I am assuming yesterday.

President Koehler Lindsey: Correct.

Councilmember Terry: However, our sheets here in front of us show \$49,000.

Councilmember Raben: That was the confusion earlier, but the total is \$46,300.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Debbie Stucki: You're working with the revised—

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: No.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm going to agree with Debbie and the two party chairmen I'm going to...I know how hard it is to get party workers, so I'm also going to vote no. I think it should be \$47,472.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Aye.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Um, before I vote I'm going to just comment on a couple of things. Number one, I greatly appreciate the hard work of the County Chairmen, of the County Clerk, of the Auditor and our Executive Assistant on coming forward with a revised request. I would also encourage, and I know we have some news media here present and some others here that we really do encourage people to get out and do their civic duty and to come and work. With the restrictions on our budget that we have just discussed today we're going to bring this up a little bit, so we are just hoping that we can get some qualified workers so everyone talk to everybody you know and encourage them to come out and help us get this election done. We have also talked with the city and this is within their budget, so with that I am going to go ahead and vote aye. There being five ayes and two nays the motion carries.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-121111	BOARD MEMBER	1,560	360
1210-121114	CANVAS. BOARD	1,170	270
1210-121116	ELECT INSPECTOR	2,316	700
1210-121117	ELECTION JUDGE	200	3,500
1210-121118	ELECTION CLERK	5,832	3,500
1210-121120	ELECTION ATTY	780	180
1210-313000	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	60	60
1210-353000	CONT. SERVICES	37,000	37,000
1210-360000	RENT	680	680
1210-361000	LEGAL SERVICES	50	50
TOTAL		49,648	46,300

(Motion carries 5-2)

SUPERIOR COURT

President Koehler Lindsey: So we will move on to Superior Court.

Russ Lloyd: Before I leave I just wanted to say it is always enjoyable to see the Council in action and this will cover our budget and I appreciate you lowering the amount. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

Regene Newman: Hi, Regene Newman with Vanderburgh Treatment Court. I apologize for missing the Personnel and Finance meeting. I only have myself to blame.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's okay. Our schedule has been changing a little bit, so I'll take some responsibility for that as well, but appreciate you getting with us. Any questions for the Superior Court line item? Okay, then I would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, all in favor of approving the \$71,335 for Superior Court request signify by saying...well, let's go ahead and do roll call vote. Sorry.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes, zero nays, motion carries.
Thank you so much.

Regene Newman: Thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-399200	DRUG COURT	71,335	71,335
TOTAL		71,335	71,335

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION FUND

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, Mr. Finance Chairman, the next item please.

Councilmember Raben: Next under Superior Court Training & Education in the amount of \$15,000. Good afternoon, Judge.

Rich D’Amour: I’m here, Rich D’Amour. Good afternoon. If there are any questions, basically what we are asking here is from our user fee account we would like to transfer \$15,000 to that line item and that goes to train our 17 probation officers. There is mandatory state law training now and we are asking that money simply be taken from the user funds to fund this, but I am here if you have any questions regarding this request.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Hearing none, okay I’ll move approval for Training & Education in the amount of \$15,000.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays motion carries. Thank you, sir.

Rich D'Amour: Thank you very much. Appreciate your time.

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2102-0000-331000	TRAINING & EDUCATION	15,000	15,000
TOTAL		15,000	15,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

Councilmember Raben: Okay and last we have one late transfer. It's from the Cum Bridge account and it is for a transfer in the amount of \$375,000 out of the Franklin Street Bridge into the Broadway Avenue Bridge, so I will move that we approve the transfer as listed.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Roll call please...or any questions? Seeing none, roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes, zero nays motion carries.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1135-0000-475000	FRANKLIN ST BRIDGE	375,000	375,000
TO: 1135-0000-438100	BROADWAY AVE BRIDGE	375,000	375,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES - COUNTY CLERK

President Koehler Lindsey: I don't know where I stuck my agenda, but that concludes, I believe, our finance section. Okay. I think we have already talked about the old business, so moving into new business. The Clerk request to fill vacancies for the Bookkeeping Clerk and Clerk Records Perpetuation Fund for two extra help positions. Madam Clerk.

Debbie Stucki: Hi. There is no buy-out for the full-time position. The employee had not been there a year and got a better job offer, so there is no buy-out.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition? Okay, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES - COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

President Koehler Lindsey: The next item under new business is Cooperative Extension request to fill vacancies for Secretary and three part-time 4-H summer assistants. I believe Ms. Plassmeier is here and Mr. Brown is going to hide back there in the audience.

Susan Plassmeier: Good afternoon. We would like permission to hire a new secretarial position. It's in the budget so it would be replacing someone that resigned and then for the summer positions we would like to hire four. One has worked for us previously so is already still on the payroll so it would be three new individuals.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any questions? I would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

Councilmember Goebel: I have a question.

Susan Plassmeier: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: This is based on last summer and each year, the same numbers?

Susan Plassmeier: Yes, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. You have a question? Alright, no further questions, any opposition? Okay, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Susan Plassmeier: Thank you very much.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY - COUNTY COMMISSION

President Koehler Lindsey: Commissioners request to set temporary part-time office assistant salary. I believe this was an issue that we have seen before and just maybe didn't quite get all the bookkeeping done.

Kristen Comer: I'm not sure what happened with this. This was a position that we had received approval to fill back in February. At that time I don't think a dollar

amount, an hourly salary, was specified so we are requesting that be set in at \$10 per hour and that is in line with what this position has been paid in the past.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, all those in favor?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition? Alright, we're good with that.

Kristen Comer: I neglected to mention that my request also is to approve that retroactively. She did start on Monday of this week.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Kristen Comer: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, Health Department request to fill vacancy for Director of Communicable Disease.

Councilmember Goebel: I have a question on the last one. Can we do that?

President Koehler Lindsey: I don't know, can we do that?

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Good question, thank you.

(Inaudible comments made away from the mic)

President Koehler Lindsey: The money is there in the account so we are good to go with that. Alright. Health Department, hello.

Chris Borowiecki: Yes, I am filling in for Dr. Spear. We were just asking to have the position of Communicable Disease Director refilled. It just became vacant. There wasn't someone that was there for a long time or anything, so the position is there. It's available to just, you know, open it up so we can try to get a hire for that. There wouldn't be any extra salary or anything like that. It's a very critical position for us.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, questions? No questions, I would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Chris Borowiecki: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: All signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed? Alright, motion carries. Thank you so much and thank you for your services today.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Commissioners

DADS (2)

Engineer (2)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, travel requests. If you will pull those out. I think we have had several amended versions. It looks like we have one from the Commissioners, two for DADS and two for the Engineer. Questions?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed? Okay, motion carries. Travel requests are approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SALT BID

President Koehler Lindsey: Highway, road salt. Come on up.

Scot Wichser: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen.

President Koehler Lindsey: Hello.

Scot Wichser: Our salt bid that we do with the state we have to give them a number by April 10th. So in the past we have come up and discussed that with the Council, so my recommendation is 2,500 like we ordered last year, 2,500 ton. We have on hand approximately 900 to 1,000 left. We had a mild winter. I would like the 2,500, but I'm here to talk about it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: Questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Do you know how much...how many tons you used this year?

Scot Wichser: We used approximately about 2,000.

Councilmember Goebel: And you have about 1,000 left?

Scot Wichser: Approximately 1,000 left.

Councilmember Goebel: And you're asking for 2,500?

Scot Wichser: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: What can you live with?

Scot Wichser: I would like to live with 2,500 is what I would like to live with.

Councilmember Goebel: This varies, I mean we put down a certain amount and if we need more we can add to it?

Scot Wichser: No, once we put the bid in we're done. We can't get any more salt.

Councilmember Raben: It used to be you could get up to 20 percent more.

Scot Wichser: Well you can.

Councilmember Raben: Or take 20 percent less.

Scot Wichser: You can get...you're allowed to take 20 percent over what you ordered or 20 percent less than what you ordered, so we wouldn't have to take actually the whole 2,500 if we didn't need it.

President Koehler Lindsey: What is in the budget for that?

Councilmember Raben: We can order...we can contract for 20,000 or for 2,000 and buy up to 2,400 or we can contract for 2,500 and buy up to 3,000.

Scot Wichser: Right at 2,500 it would be 2,000 on the low end or 3,000 on the high end.

Councilmember Raben: Do you know what did we budget for 2015?

Scot Wichser: That is all put into Materials. I mean, that includes asphalt and everything for materials, rock, that is all into one. It used to be, but it is not anymore.

Councilmember Raben: Well, which brings up a good point. I mean, the salt situation, you know, is somewhat of a crap shoot. It really is.

Scot Wichser: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, we've had mild winters. We've had very harsh winters. This year, you know, while we had a lot of cold weather we didn't have a whole lot of snow, but the cold weather results in deteriorated roads. I mean, as I drive, you know, throughout the county I think what are our options to pave more roads this year? The risk, you know, is buy salt for the winter we may or may not have and pave fewer roads. At some point in time if we don't make some major in ways on these roads, you know, it's going to really get expensive to repair them.

Scot Wichser: Yes, we need to be putting blacktop down on these roads. We need to be paving them and capping them because right now you've got a lot of cracks,

a lot of potholes and water gets in them, freeze, refreeze, here comes the rains. They start cracking, they start falling apart. We used to pave 30 to 35 miles a year.

Councilmember Raben: So the point is, you know, when you let the roads...if they get in much worse shape you are no longer paving over them you're digging out. Your grinding, resurfacing or digging out in a lot of locations.

Scot Wichser: Basically what we did this year, except for a few short roads, was we call it deep patching. Instead of doing the whole road we would find a bad section of road, dig it out and then pave that section so that section is gone.

Councilmember Raben: Which probably comes at a cost of what? Two or three times as much as normal just resurface?

Scot Wichser: It's going to cost you more because you are adding rock. You're using base and then you come back with surface, so the cost is higher, yes.

Councilmember Raben: So I guess the point with all this is the risk is you might have to pay a little more for salt if you under buy, but one thing for sure we need to spend a lot on roads right now. So, I mean, you know if we got into a really severe winter I would rather risk having to pay \$10 or \$20 more a ton on salt that we may or may not need in lieu of not fixing as, you know, a couple of extra miles of road.

Scot Wichser: The only thing you run into on salt I had some companies call me telling me they had salt available because they know what the situation of salt when I am asking pricing, it was anywhere from \$100 to \$300 a ton is what they were trying to sell it to me for.

Councilmember Raben: What is this price that you've got it here for?

Scot Wichser: Last year we paid \$72.99. We have no idea until they...because they will get the bids in...they'll get the tonnage in from across the state and then they go to the salt companies and send it to vendors. I think they bid on it and then they will let us know, I think, I think it's by the end of June they'll give us a price. Because we piggyback on top of the state's salt bid.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I don't know. I mean I'm very concerned about how we are even going to make the basic repairs, the band-aid fix on all the band-aids that we need to put down. I just hate to have salt sitting in the barn this summer when we could be spreading asphalt.

Scot Wichser: Yeah, and I agree with what you're saying, but on the other hand we throw in the safety aspect of ice and snow on the road.

Councilmember Raben: I understand—

Scot Wichser: School buses and things like that.

Councilmember Raben: And I'm not saying we don't buy any.

Scot Wichser: Right.

Councilmember Raben: You're saying we used how much this year?

Scot Wichser: Approximately about 2,000.

Councilmember Raben: About 2,000 and if we've got roughly 1,000, you know, maybe we only contract for 1,000. That will allow us to buy 1,200 tons if needed.

Scot Wichser: If we have a bad winter we're in trouble.

Councilmember Raben: I understand. I understand, but, you know, the roads if we don't fix them we'll have to close them before winter anyway.

Scot Wichser: I agree with you.

Councilmember Shetler: Let me...how much are we paying a ton?

Scot Wichser: This past year was \$72.99.

Councilmember Shetler: And any projections on what this is going to be?

Scot Wichser: No, the state will put it out for bid and they will contact us and tell us what the cost is.

Councilmember Shetler: So \$72 and let's just say it's the same and if we reduce that 1,500 what is that? Is that \$100,000 or is it a million?

Scot Wichser: What, at 1,500 ton?

Councilmember Shetler: It's either around \$100,000 or it's a million depending on where...I can't do decimals in my head very well in my head any more. Getting old.

Scot Wichser: Right

Unidentified: \$109,000.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so around \$100,000 savings and how much more paving can we do for \$100,000?

Scot Wichser: Depending on the cost of asphalt which we haven't got totally yet. We used to figure about \$30 to \$40,000 a mile, but it could be more than that.

Councilmember Shetler: So maybe three miles at the most.

Scot Wichser: At the most and it could be less than that.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, and I agree, James. I agree totally with what you're saying is that we need to fix these roads. I think that is, you know, of the utmost, but at the same time I'm not so sure that this is giving us a big pot of money to work with and maybe what we ought to do is look to see if there is some, I don't know, emergency type funds or some other funds that we can draw from to get that blacktop done this summer. I would be in favor of reducing that load a little bit, but maybe not quite so severe as 1,000. Maybe something around 1,800 that would still with the 1,000 we have in stock that is 2,800. That would give us about 50 percent more capacity than what we had this last year or that we used, so we would be increasing...if we had a 50 percent worse snowfall and I'm not so sure that this was as mild a winter. I'm looking at the dates of school that we missed and what did we go for three, four?

President Koehler Lindsey: Oh, we missed like seven.

Councilmember Shetler: So there was about three or four left in the bank and there are three or four that we went over on that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, we went over four.

Councilmember Shetler: So about seven days and that's an economic impact also. When we're not able to get the streets cleared and people are missing work and all the opportunities there and stuff too.

Councilmember Raben: Well, if it wasn't mild we still only used 2,000 tons this year.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Scot Wichser: I can tell you from past experience—

President Koehler Lindsey: That's what I was going to say. Can you give us past numbers?

Scot Wichser: This winter was mild. We've had other years that we have emptied out...we used every grain of salt we had and had to go looking for more.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Do you know the average, like five year average on salt we used?

Scot Wichser: Well, what we have tried in the past is we have tried to keep total amount of salt available around 4,000 tons and there has been years that we've ran out. There have been years we've had it leftover, but we knew we had that. You know, it gave us more of a buffer. I know money is getting tight. I understand that. You know, whatever you all—

Councilmember Montrastelle: So, Scot, you were approved 2,500 tons...pounds last year...tons last year?

Scot Wichser: Yes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: What was it the year before that you purchased, do you know?

Scot Wichser: That I cannot tell you.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Twenty-eight?

Scot Wichser: I think it was right around there, yeah.

Councilmember Montrastelle: So if you've got about 1,000 left would 1,500 you think get you there? Twenty-five hundred again total?

Scot Wichser: Fifteen hundred, the most we could order would be 1,800 plus a 1,000 would be 2,800. That would be less than what we had available this year. If we're gonna cut, you know, 2,000 would give us 2,400 plus what we've got left on hand, so you're looking at 3,300 so either way.

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a motion on the floor and it died for a second, but I'm still with the expert out here at the county garage. He has been out there for years and he knows what he is talking about. I would rather be safe than sorry. I

know we need new roads, but salt is very important. Very, very important if we have a bad winter next year.

Scot Wichser: Yeah, and like I said, I come to you all to discuss it with you and to listen to you.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I understand, it's just this puts us in a bit of a quandary.

Scot Wichser: Right, exactly.

Councilmember Raben: We're trying to figure out how we can spend more repairing deteriorated roads to buy more of what tears them up.

Scot Wichser: That's right.

Councilmember Goebel: We used to have about two to two and a half million more dollars to work with not very long ago.

Scot Wichser: Yes, I will tell you our paving budget at one time was like \$1.1 million. That was just paving budget.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we used to pave as many as 30 or 35 miles a year. Last year you paved how many?

Scot Wichser: It was mostly spot paving, so the mileage is hard to figure. We might have did five or six miles total.

Councilmember Raben: Right, and you know the three miles that he cited earlier for the \$100,000 that might spot fix 25 miles of roads. Believe me, there is not a county road you travel today that doesn't need a lot of repair. I think I would almost personally rather take the risk of if we need more salt, you know, take the risk of paying a little higher price, but know that we fixed as many roads as we could possibly fix this year.

Scot Wichser: The only problem you run into on the salt end of it is in past years there have been times we couldn't even get salt. We called everywhere. If there is a bad winter in other parts of the country you cannot get salt. Then you're at the mercy of whatever they want to charge.

Councilmember Goebel: Boston might have a little extra this year. What about as Mr. Shetler suggested 1,800 that would bump us up to 2,100 or 2,200 that you could get your hands on or 2,000 and we could bump it up to 2,400? That's close to what you are asking for anyway.

Scot Wichser: If I can get 2,000 it would be great, but you know, I would prefer 2,500, 2,000. Sitting in that office during the winter, and I think we do a pretty good job of snow removal—

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes you do, thank you.

Scot Wichser: --depending on—

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll rescind my motion if he is okay with 2,000. I will rescind my motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you.

Scot Wichser: –the people that call. Basically the people in Vanderburgh County are used to clean roads line to line.

Councilmember Goebel: Are you getting calls right now for road repair?

Scot Wichser: Yes, they started as soon as the snow is away.

Councilmember Goebel: That's the calls we're getting those as well right now.

Scot Wichser: That happened as soon as the snow melted off.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm sure and I don't envy your position because you're limited. It would be nice to have that \$1.1 million, but we don't have it.

Scot Wichser: I would love it, but it's not going to happen.

Councilmember Goebel: So if we can bring the salt down you might have a little bit more to work with on paving.

Scot Wichser: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, Mr. Bassemier, Councilman Bassemier, has offered to rescind his motion for the 2,500. Is there another motion on the floor?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make a motion for 2,000.

President Koehler Lindsey: Is there a second for 2,000?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, if they have it on hand I'll second that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, I think we've got a second and a third then for 2,000. Are there any other questions under discussion or comments? It is a tough decision.

Councilmember Goebel: Where will that put us at as far as the budget, do we have any idea, Mr. Auditor?

Scot Wichser: Well, I'm off–

Joe Gries: Well, there are two places that the materials line item shows up. One is in Local Roads & Streets which there is \$637,500 approved this year and then in the Highway budget there was \$100,000 so if you're looking at 2,000 tons and 1,500 was at the \$100,000 plus you are within the budget limits and then the determination to be spent on road paving can also be made. I might just point out also you do have unappropriated balances this year which weren't really the case last year in the Highway budget and the Roads & Streets. I'm sorry, the Highway Fund and the Local Roads & Streets Fund. You do have some unappropriated balances there that we really didn't have the last couple of years. The Highway Department and the Engineer's Office has done a good job for the last couple of years in trying to reduce some costs and so that's allowed for those–

Scot Wichser: And we're still trying to cut costs as much as we can.

Joe Gries: Sure.

Councilmember Goebel: I take it the other departments are going to come to us with some pretty heavy requests if I am not mistaken.

Joe Gries: And it won't be out of those funds, but yes you are correct.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I'll agree with Jim. I can see why he, you know, he's got a good point there, but Scot made a good...if we can't get the salt that's where it is going to hurt us.

Scot Wichser: That's where it is going to hurt us if we run out of salt.

Councilmember Bassemier: If we have a bad winter everybody wants it and we won't be able to get it.

Councilmember Montrastelle: So, Scot, if the 2,000 is approved you would have the approximately 1,000 you have now so you'll go into next winter with 3,000?

Scot Wichser: A little over 3,000. It's basically what we had this year because our barns are pretty well empty last year. We ordered 2,500 and we can get up to 3,000 and that's what we ended up with was 3,000. So it's going to be pretty close to what we had in our barns last year.

Councilmember Goebel: It would be nice if the state too, and I'm sure you would be more comfortable too, if the state would give you some idea what the price was going to be.

Scot Wichser: It would be real nice.

Councilmember Goebel: But we're locked with whatever they say.

Scot Wichser: Yeah, because now...a few years ago salt companies would give municipalities contracts. They would contract straight Morton or whoever it may be would contract straight with the county. Some things went awry, they got burned a few times, so they no longer did that. So you had a heck of a time trying to get salt and at the price, so when the state stepped in and said you can piggyback on our bid and then you're guaranteed the salt so the cities, counties or whoever, the majority of them in the state of Indiana piggybacked on the state bids, so once the state gets the bid we are guaranteed that much salt at their price. I think we went out on our own you would see a lot higher price.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Scot, you mentioned those inflated prices if you are out of salt and you have to go out and buy it are you ever contacted for people that want to buy salt from us?

Scot Wichser: Yes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Have you entertained selling salt at an inflated price?

Scot Wichser: Well, we've never really...the times they have contacted me everybody is running low on salt.

Councilmember Montrastelle: And it's probably the middle of winter?

Scot Wichser: Yeah, and we can't afford to get rid of it. But they have called about that, yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second on the floor. Are there any other questions? Alright the motion was to authorize a purchase of 2,000 tons, is that correct?

Councilmember Bassemier: That's correct.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all those in favor signify by aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition? Alright, 2,000 it is.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Scot Wichser: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: And thank you again.

Councilmember Raben: You know, Scot, before you get away—

Scot Wichser: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: --I guess some sort of master plan on how we do move into the spring and summer making all the necessary repairs and what have you. I don't know how long something like that takes to put together. I hope that foremen and stuff are driving around or realizing the really severe spots that do exist, the shoulder cave-ins and drop-offs and what have you.

Scot Wichser: We've—

Councilmember Raben: Well, let me finish first.

Scot Wichser: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I would consider, you know, at some point, you know, we might have to go out and bond, you know, for a couple million dollars or whatever it is to get these roads back in shape.

Scot Wichser: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, we can't continue to pave five miles a year when we've got how many miles of roads?

Scot Wichser: It's right around 600 plus you figure lane miles it's actually double that because you don't just pave one side of the road, so it's 1,200.

Councilmember Raben: So at that rate, I mean, a band-aid you can't...I mean, it just never works. We're going to have to realize that we need to look at other avenues and get the job...get going back to paving a certain amount of miles annually.

Scot Wichser: Well, just to give you an idea we...our foremen are out running the roads now. We have a road hearing every year. It's April 21st after the Commissioners' meeting. The public is welcome to come in for their roads if they've got problems so we kind of put together what we want to kind of tackle at that point. So I get with John from the County Engineers and we get together and kind of sit down and look at everything. I think John has got the same problem with contractual money that he doesn't have any more that he used to use for subdivisions and things.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Scot, one more question. Have you...are we contracting any of this out? In the past we have contracted paving out.

Scot Wichser: No, we have never--

Councilmember Bassemier: You've never used Rudolph? I was thinking you used Rudolph at one time.

Scot Wichser: No, the only thing...you know on the major projects that are in the county when they first...like University Parkway and things like that those are all contracted out.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Scot Wichser: The only time I remember anything contracted out was I think they did a short section of St. Joe from Diamond to Allens Lane.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Scot Wichser: The Engineer contracted that out.

Councilmember Bassemier: And what is your goal this year, you think, about paving? What would you like...how many miles would you like to pave this coming year?

Scot Wichser: What I would like or reality?

Councilmember Bassemier: Reality.

Scot Wichser: I'll be honest with you, I don't know about a definite number right now because after the road hearings, and we're going to hear the complaints from the people bringing their roads in, we've got our roads and we've got to sit down and figure costs, what we think it is going to cost us, and you know I would love to do ten if we can do it. I don't know if that is going to happen.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

(Inaudible comments made away from mic)

Scot Wichser: Oh, we're capable of doing a lot more than that, it's just the money situation right now. I mean it's tight everywhere. You know, I understand that. It's just a bad situation.

Councilmember Shetler: And we do have unappropriated balance leftover in the Highway of about \$750,000 and then we do in the Bridge which we can use a little

bit of that for approaches and stuff of about \$700,000 and the Road & Streets is somewhere in the half million dollar range.

Scot Wichser: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: I mean, so we do have some monies out there that we can tap to get things rolling and stuff—

Scot Wichser: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: --that we haven't had the luxury of having in the past so the money is there.

Councilmember Goebel: You'll work with Mr. Stoll on working this because I know he has got some real concerns as well. Thank you.

Scot Wichser: Yes, John and I have already been talking.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Scot Wichser: And we'll be talking a lot more.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Scot Wichser: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: One more thing, you said the date is April 21st for that road hearing?

Scot Wichser: It's April 21st after the Commissioners' meeting.

President Koehler Lindsey: And the Commissioners' meeting starts at 5:00?

Scot Wichser: At 5:00.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, if we can make sure that we spread the word on that people can come and get that done. Thank you so much.

Scot Wichser: Alright, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Appreciate it.

RESOLUTION CO.R-04-15-03 US 41 AND BASELINE ROAD APPROVING ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND COIT PLEDGE

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, please forgive us we are going to go out of order here and quickly take the Vanderburgh County Council issuance of bonds so Mr. Harrison if you would please come forward. We have a resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council approving the issuance of bonds of the Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission approving the pledge of the County Option Income Tax revenues to the payment of such bonds and related matters. This is US 41 and Baseline Road Economic Development Area and we did receive some information at our last meeting and we have received some via email, so I appreciate that.

Joe Harrison: Sure. Joe Harrison, Jr., Vanderburgh County Attorney. I was here briefly for the Personnel & Finance meeting and talked a little bit about the resolution before you which is seeking your approval for basically the use of COIT, County Option Income Tax, as a backup for the bonds to be issued in connection with the US Highway 41/Baseline Road TIF District road improvement project which as I mentioned a couple of weeks ago is Peck Road to be improved and then a portion of Baseline Road, I think from Fenway to Korff Road. The amount of bonds is not to exceed the principal sum of \$7,000,000 and also as I mentioned a couple of weeks ago this is a legacy TIF District that would essentially, I believe, end in 12 years if these bonds are not issued by July 1st and by doing so this will enable the bonds to pay for the improvements now as opposed to piecemealing it over the next five or ten years and get the roads done and we'll have additional funding down the road to do some more projects out in that area. So, anyway, I think your Council Attorney, Jeff Ahlers, sent you an email as well summarizing basically what I indicated and if you have any other questions I would be glad to try to answer them.

President Koehler Lindsey: Are there any other questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, is there a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes, zero nays, motion carries. Thank you so much.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Joe Harrison: Thank you very much. Yeah, again, the road hearing for the county is the 21st, I think, after the Commissioners' meeting in this room so it will probably be 6:00 or whatever that night. It's my understanding though that the Engineer does bid out some road projects each year for various subdivisions.

Joe Gries: If I recall it is mostly concrete work.

Joe Harrison: Yes, yes. I don't think it's asphalt.

Joe Gries: The Highway deals with the asphalt.

Joe Harrison: Yeah.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great.

Joe Harrison: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much.

<p>RESOLUTION CO.R-04-15-01 ERA AND TAX PHASE-IN VIP LOT 10 - TERRA FIRM PROPERTIES, LLC/ENVIROPLAS, INC.</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Now backing up then and we're going to take the preliminary resolution for Vanderburgh County Council for economic revitalization for tax phase-in for Enviroplas. Thank you for your indulgence, Chris.

Chris Kinnett: For the record, Chris Kinnett, Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. Today we are asking for your approval of Resolution R-04-15-001, which is a preliminary resolution to allow for tax phase-in for both capital as well as personal property for Enviroplas. Enviroplas is looking to grow their business and as part of that they are looking to purchase a building that has been existing out at VIP park at 15220 Foundation Avenue. This will put a building back into service that has been vacated by the previous tenant. This will be the retention of 43 jobs, the addition of ten jobs at an average of \$22 an hour. This will have a fiscal impact as noted in your information sent to you earlier of \$17.1 million to the county per year over the next ten years. This is a \$55,000 roughly \$56,000 benefit to the company over the ten years based on the calculations they provided us or based on the information they provided us and the calculations we did. The State of Indiana has offered state Edge Credits of \$80,000. Within your packet we did provide the scoring system as we took a look at this project and made a tour of the facility and certainly this is a well respected company within the community as well as the fact that they are home grown type of company as well. With us today is Mike Elliott, and Mike will give you a little briefing of the company itself.

President Koehler Lindsey: Welcome, thank you.

Mike Elliott. Thank you. Mike Elliott, CFO with Enviroplas. Jim Stratman, if anybody knows Jim, is the owner of Enviroplas, 100 percent owner. He started the company back in 1992 on his Discover credit card. In fact, he still has that credit card. Basically he built his first operation in 1998 on Hedden Road where we are located right now.

Councilmember Goebel: Has he fulfilled that debt yet?

Mike Elliott: He is rolling it over, I think. So about 10,000 square feet building in 1998 where we still are today on Hedden Road, but in 2004 he sold that building and bought the building next door, 30,000 square feet. Increased the size of that to 48,000 square feet in 2010. In 2013 leased the original building he was in, the additional 10,000 square feet, so we are growing and we have been adding jobs in the process. We manufacture plastic pellets. We are sustainable. We're green. We use prime products, additives, prime resins. We also use wide spec or off spec resin meaning we buy material from Sabic in Mt. Vernon and other large manufacturers of plastics that they couldn't use, they made it wrong, it is off spec and we also buy recycled materials as well and use that in the process. So we are green, we're sustainable. We are selling to injection molders throughout the US and in Western Europe. This property is just shy of 65,000 square feet. What we like about it is we can add another 45,000 square feet. We're going to keep the building on Hedden Road for now and we hope we can continue to expand in both that area and also at VIP park. VIP park is a respectable area. It's a nice looking piece of property. Any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion has been made and seconded. Any further questions or discussions? Alright, we'll take a roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Thank you for staying here. We appreciate it, growing and expanding and I vote yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: It warms my heart to see a local company thrive and grow. Congratulations, well done and, yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: I will just say ditto, ditto. We really do appreciate you being here and the business here in our community. It just kind of goes to show what a great place we have and I vote yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays motion carries. Thanks so much.

Mike Elliott: Excellent. Thanks for your support.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BOARD APPOINTMENT - BURDETTE PARK

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, next on the agenda we have a board appointment to fill an opening that we have at the Burdette Park Board. We got this recommendation actually from the County Commissioners and comes very highly recommended, so I wanted to appoint Patrick E. Merten to the Burdette Park Advisory Board. Does anyone have any questions? Alright, do we need to take a vote on that? Alright, do I have a motion?

Councilmember Terry: Angela, I'm sorry.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: I don't know what it is, but could you give a little bit of background when you make an appointment just so that I know who I am voting for.

President Koehler Lindsey: Sure, I have the resume here I will pass around. But he has a college degree, professional experience is with Vectren. There is various community activities and does come very highly recommended, so I'll just pass this around and let you look at that. Does anyone else have any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Not on this particular appointment, but we have a new director at Burdette?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, okay.

Joe Gries: His name is Jacob Murphy.

Councilmember Goebel: Perhaps he could stop by sometime and say hi. I think that might be an introduction we would welcome especially with the summer season coming.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great, thanks. Actually I did...I remember now I did get to the meet the new Burdette Park person.

Councilmember Shetler: Do we need a motion for this?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, do we have a motion and a second?

Councilmember Shetler: I will move.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed? Okay, we'll appoint Patrick Merten then.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

**CLERK
CLERK RECORDS PERPETUATION
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

**COMMISSIONERS
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

President Koehler Lindsey: Amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay everyone has been given a copy of today's salary ordinance. It's the Clerk, Clerk Records Perpetuation, Co-op Extension, Commissioners and Health Department. I'll move approval of the amendments to the Salary Ordinance as listed and ask that they be made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. We have a motion and a second. Any questions? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition? Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Is this the one I voted no on?

President Koehler Lindsey: Um, no.

Councilmember Bassemier: I don't think it is.

Teri Lukeman: The Election Office is not on there.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the Election Office is not on there. Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, just wanted to make sure.

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, under public comment do we have anyone to make any comments? Alright, the reminder then just as we are on this new schedule we will meet again on April 29th at 3:30 right here in this room. April 29th at 3:30. If there is no other business I will take a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Tom Shetler

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 6, 2015**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of May, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: I would like to call to order the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council for May 6, 2015. Roll call please.

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

President Koehler Lindsey: There being seven members present, none absent, we have a quorum. I would like to ask today if Councilman Shetler could lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and I'll do the invocation.

(The Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation were given.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we need now the approval of the minutes from April 1, 2015. I would entertain a motion.

Councilman Terry: So moved.

Councilman Raben: Second.

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

(All Councilmembers voted aye.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition? Okay, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

TREASURER

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we're now to the appropriation ordinance. Finance Chairman, Councilman Raben?

Councilman Raben: Okay, thank you and good afternoon. First on the agenda today, under Treasurer, is a request for computers in the amount of \$2,140. We discussed this last week that there's available funds within the Council's budget to fund that. So, I'll move that that be set in at zero.

President Koehler Lindsey: Is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed? Alright, it's set in at zero.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-337000	Data Management	2,140	0
Total		2,140	0

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

COMMISSIONERS/CCD

Councilmember Raben: Next, under Commissioners/CCD, Energy Upgrades, this is for a new air conditioning unit for the morgue. The amount is \$1,400. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes, zero nays, the motion carries.

COMMISSIONERS/CCD		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1138-1300-365200	Energy Upgrades	1,400	1,400
Total		1,400	1,400

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we'll move on to the Prosecutor Pretrial Diversion Fund. The request is in the amount of \$11,885. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Okay, roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION**REQUESTED APPROVED**

1182-118209	Deputy Prosecutor	10,000	10,000
1182-190000	FICA	765	765
1182-191000	PERF	1,120	1,120
Total		11,885	11,885

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, under Tourism Capital Improvement, we also discussed this last week. This is a modification to the original repairs needed for the roof over the Pagoda. I'll move approval in the amount of \$13,300.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Alright, roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'll qualify it by stating that we will not have to listen to another request for ten years, is that correct?

President Koehler Lindsey: Something like that.

Councilmember Goebel: Is that right, Bob?

Bob Warren: I'm sorry, what was the question?

Councilmember Goebel: A ten year warranty?

Bob Warren: Yes, a ten year warranty.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you. Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes, zero nays, the motion carries. We'll see you in ten years.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1183-407900	Pagoda Repairs	13,300	13,300
Total		13,300	13,300

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

AUDITOR(W/D)	SUPERIOR COURT	CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
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Councilmember Raben: Next are transfers. I would like to make a motion to approve all transfers as listed.

President Koehler Lindsey: Is there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, the Auditor's Office has been withdrawn. I overlooked that one.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: But, for Superior Court and Cum Bridge.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, is there any discussion? Any questions? Alright, roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries. Thank you.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-102126	Tax Mapping Supervisor	9,300	W/D
To: 1020-102112	Chief Deputy	2,100	W/D
1020-102113	Administrative First Deputy	2,300	W/D
1020-102116	Bookkeeper/Payroll	2,400	W/D
1020-102117	Bookkeeper/Insurance Retirement	2,500	W/D

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-305000	Patient/Inmate Care	33,500	33,500
To: 1370-393200	CASA	27,500	27,500
1370-394200	Judge Pro Tem	1,000	1,000
1370-379000	Professional Svcs	5,000	5,000

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1135-427000	Highway Equipment	12,000	12,000
1135-200000	Materials	17,500	17,500
To: 1135-423000	Motor Vehicles	29,500	29,500

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES-PROSECUTOR

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have no old business. Under new business, I'm going to move the Prosecutor and take that one first. The Prosecutor has to leave. So, I told him he owes me one. Mr. Prosecutor, you have a request to fill vacancies for Deputy Prosecutor, Legal Secretary and IV-D Enforcement Agent.

Nick Hermann: Good afternoon. The Deputy Prosecutor position is in our Criminal Division, that's been open for a while. We are going to move a Legal Secretary over

to take that Enforcement Agent position, which is why we have a Legal Secretary listed. We would like to hire for that spot as well. So, those are the three that are in front of Council this afternoon.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any questions for the Prosecutor?

Councilmember Shetler: I don't have a question, I would just like to note though to our Prosecutor that you wield an awful lot of influence to go in front of a couple of judges and half the Sheriff Department. So, I'm pretty impressed with that alone, so, congratulations.

Nick Hermann: It was actually Regene. I just found out about it when I walked in.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, do I have a motion?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, it's been moved and seconded to grant the requests to fill the vacancies in the Prosecutor's department. Let's have roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries. Congratulations.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

Nick Hermann: Not to belabor my new found power, but we found out this morning that we had another Enforcement Agent that gave her notice. She's going to be moving to Indianapolis. We have a letter for the Council. She has no time accrued, so, our options are either to submit it and come back next month, or ask the Council for permission to hire at this time.

President Koehler Lindsey: The pleasure of the Council? We'll wait for everyone to get one.

Nick Hermann: She is out of time. We checked that today. So, when she works out her, I believe, two week notice or so, then it would be open to hire. So, the question is whether or not to put it on for next month or go ahead and get permission today.

Councilmember Shetler: So, you're suggesting in the question that perhaps we could wait a couple weeks? Is that what—

Nick Hermann: I just figured we were here today anyway. I found out this morning, so I asked Regene to put a letter together for this afternoon. If we leave it open and leave it till next month that will give us a couple of weeks of not having anyone there. I mean, obviously, we'll cover with other people, but we're getting in to vacation time, school is getting out, those types of things.

Councilmember Raben: Are you good with going last the next time you appear before us?

Nick Hermann: Jim, I'm trying not to be here in June.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, he's saying if we do this today we don't have to mess with him next month.

Councilmember Raben: I understand, I'll move for approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, man, Mr. Prosecutor, any questions? Any comments, discussion? Alright, we'll do a roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. Don't forget, Mrs. Lukeman, we're going to put him at the end next time.

Nick Hermann: I'll see you in July.

President Koehler Lindsey: The motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

<p>SUPERIOR COURT/CIRCUIT COURT & SHERIFF: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP: WORK RELEASE THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM & REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES-SUPERIOR COURT</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, moving along, now we're going to start at the top with Superior Court, discussion on Superior Court, Circuit Court and Sheriff forming a partnership with the Vanderburgh County Therapeutic Work Release Program. Sounds exciting. Judge?

Wayne Trockman: Madam President, members of the Council. Really the most succinct way to put what's happening in Indiana is, House Bill 1006 did pass, or, actually, it passed last year with revisions to be made this year. They've been made. As of July 1st of this year, the county can no longer send D felons, and they're now called Level 6 felons, to the Department of Corrections. The number of inmates that the county is going to have to keep on a local level is going to skyrocket. That's good news, maybe bad news, but one of the good news portions of that is our Community Corrections Complex right now is running at about a 30 percent capacity. So, we have significant capacity at Community Corrections to keep these offenders. What we would like to do is form a partnership. When the Sheriff was sworn in, he approached Judge Kiely and I and said, I've got an idea. It ended up that the three of us had been thinking about the same thing, and that is forming this partnership. The one thing that was different though is that we'd been thinking about, the three of us had been thinking about this for years, how effective it would be to use that facility in a therapeutic way rather than just in a work release way, because it's filled with alcoholics and drug addicts is about 90 percent, Sheriff, of the people at work release. Our plan is to appear before a group created by the Department of Corrections on May 18th and request additional funding, so we can bring treatment in-house. Since this is a work release facility and these individuals will be working, or they won't be there, we're going to try to make it easier for them all to get treatment and the treatment they need. I had an interesting conversation with Councilman Shetler about how when he used to employ individuals from the old work release, as long as they were on Antibuse they would show up every day and they were great workers, but as soon as they stopped taking the Antibuse, they started drinking again and soon they stopped showing up to work. We intend, Judge Kiely and I have been running the Treatment Court together for about six years, seven years. It was formed about 14-15 years ago, and so, what we intend to do is

bring the Treatment Court model in to the work release center and make it a therapeutic environment where, Tom, these individuals will hopefully remain sober for life and not just for the time that they're made to take Antibus. We've hired a Community Corrections professional that I think is going to run that facility, under the direction of Judge Kiely and I, in a way that it's never been run before. There will be no fiscal impact to the county. The Sheriff has agreed to provide all of the security. I think that we have a very nice package. You'll see that, in the package that we gave you, we need to move around a couple of positions. For instance, we're bringing in a Counselor, a full time Counselor, who is replacing someone who left a couple of months ago. So, that's a vacant position. That person would be doing group and individual counseling on site. Then, we're combining the two Directors, we had a Director for Work Release and a Director for Treatment Court, and we'll now have one Director for both. Finally, in that packet, we lost an administrative person in Treatment Court about five or six months ago, and we've not replaced that person. We would like permission to do that. That is in our packet, but it's also the second line item on the agenda. So, if you would like to handle that separately we certainly can. We are all here because we wanted to be available to answer any questions.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, questions? Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: How many do you project to be out there at one time?

Wayne Trockman: There are 200 beds, my estimate is within 120 days we'll be over 150, or close to 150, and that within a year we'll be at capacity again.

Councilman Bassemier: Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Judge, as far as the personnel you'll be handling, these are all non-violent, obviously—

Wayne Trockman: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: —criminals? Will they be paying anything as far as their stay?

Wayne Trockman: \$70 per week.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Wayne Trockman: Basically, no violence, no sex offenses. It is a very general description.

Councilmember Goebel: That's reassuring for the general public too. Thank you.

Wayne Trockman: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: Not really a question, but a comment. This is one of those programs that I think is a win-win for everyone. It's a way to, you know, we're at capacity in our jail, and with the new law that's been passed we would be well over capacity. So, this is a way to help shrink down that jail population and shift it more into the, so called work release, I guess, at one time, or whatever it's called today. It's also a way then to get these common offenders, to get their problem resolved, and, hopefully become citizens, you know, that can be back in to our society, working in good, steady jobs and paying the taxes and not working off the tax rolls

like, you know, they are today. In every account that I can think of, this is a win-win for everybody concerned; for the offender, for the Sheriff's Department, for the jail population, for the judiciary system, for Council that's supposed to be looking over the finances. So, I applaud you guys for the amount of time and effort that you've put in to it, because these things are not easy jobs and I appreciate it.

Wayne Trockman: Well, we've had a lot of help, Councilman, and let me introduce Regene Newman and Jodi Uebelhack, who are both here behind me. They've been doing the heavy lifting.

President Koehler Lindsey: Judge, let me ask you a couple of questions here. So, today, your immediate need is to fill the Administrative Assistant position, is that correct?

Wayne Trockman: Our immediate need is to get your approval so we can go to Indianapolis and ask for the funds so we can bring the treatment in-house and do some of the other things that we've discussed. But, yes, we do, to make everything work, the plan that you have in front of you work, we do need to fill the Counselor position and fill the Administrative Assistant position.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, I'm just trying to get a handle on what we need to do. This is phenomenal, and we want to make sure we do it in the right order. On the two creating positions, those may need to be factored by Job Study, or can we go ahead and make a, I guess, that would be up to Chairman Shelter on that.

Wayne Trockman: Those will be at the same rates that were paid by the individuals that were in those positions before.

Councilmember Goebel: Those positions exist already.

President Koehler Lindsey: The new positions? The Executive Director and the Counselor for Work Release?

Councilmember Terry: It's two positions now.

Jeff Ahlers: It looks like there's two existing positions to fill, and then, I guess, and then items two and three say create the position. Or, is that not what it really means?

Councilmember Shetler: Well, there's a shaping of the new—

David Kiely: In number two we're reshaping. We're eliminating the two positions to form one. So, yes, we're creating a new position. We're asking for that approval, and then we are asking to create the position of the Counselor at the work release facility.

Councilmember Shetler: And, those positions—

David Kiely: These are all DOC funded.

Councilmember Shetler: —when it's reshaped, it actually fits into one of our PAT VI or VII, whatever it would qualify as. So, there's no change there.

Wayne Trockman: In fact—

Councilmember Shetler: It's only the fact that there's a reshaping of the responsibilities of the position.

Wayne Trockman: – our Counselor is currently a Case Manager who we're moving over. He's got his Masters and has been with us for quite some time. His salary and his classification will not change.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, I mean, I think, given all that, I don't believe it's necessary.

Wayne Trockman: I did fail to state that we have been before the Commissioners, and the Commissioners have approved this plan.

David Kiely: And the Advisory Board, the Community Corrections Advisory Board.

Wayne Trockman: That's right.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Do we, you said this is funded by DOC, will that mean creating new line items for these employees?

President Koehler Lindsey: That's my question as well.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we might....I mean, Judge, if we can, until we get clarification, if we approve the plan today, can we come back to the employee side of it next month?

Wayne Trockman: We certainly could. If we had approval of the plan, then we can go forward. If we need to take the Counselor to Job Study....I don't know that the other position needs to go.

Councilmember Raben: I'm not as much worried about that as if this is DOC paid for, we may need to create line items–

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: –specifically for these employees, and that's things we can't do today here, obviously.

Wayne Trockman: Sure.

Joe Gries: They would have to have a place on the salary ordinance, I believe, and they would also have to be put into the system to be paid, through the Auditor's Office, which we can handle, but we would just need to make sure we have all of that.

Councilmember Raben: Let's get this on the docket for June's meeting. I'll make a motion here today to approve the plan–

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Raben: – and let you know that I'm very supportive of it.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Judge, you started off your presentation by saying the good with the bad. There's a lot of good stuff I'm hearing, but I haven't heard any bad about this plan. Is there any?

Wayne Trockman: The bad is that we're taking on a lot more responsibility.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Sheriff Wedding, maybe moving some responsibility away from him?

Wayne Trockman: Oh, no. He's a worker, and he's been pushing us, but, just as you are, we're busy, worked all of election day yesterday, everybody's towing the line in the county, I think, or most are with our budget. So, we're taking on a new and significant responsibility, but, we've been committed to this idea of treatment rather than incarceration for 15-16 years. So, our hearts are in it. When we decided to do this, it was yes-no, yes-no. In fact, we had a yes-no conversation that was just like that, but we ended up saying, we have to do it.

David Kiely: To answer your question though, I don't see a down side. I truly don't see a down side, other than the additional work we're taking on, because with 1006 and what our legislature has done with the funding through the Department of Corrections, we think that we're going to be able to go to the Department of Corrections and finance this project. It's not going to affect us locally. That's what we think.

Dave Wedding: I would like to say, as the Sheriff, when I approached the judges, I had seen a need to change the way we operate the Community Corrections, because we had Sheriff's Office employees in the Community Corrections overseeing participants, we had members from the judge's office overseeing participants, and they utilize different services and different mindsets and different rules for the participants. I thought that was a big problem. They manage different case loads, and when I approached the judges, I asked them if I would maintain the safety and security of the building and do what Sheriff's do, and that's put offenders in jail, guard offenders in jail, and they would do what they do best and that's help and rehabilitate them and get them in programs. That's why I promoted this idea.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman?

Councilmember Shetler: Just a point of clarification a little bit on the reshaping of the positions. The person that's going to take on more responsibility, going to stay at the same pay grade, but is the pay going to be the same?

Wayne Trockman: Which person?

Councilmember Shetler: Was it the Director or the Counselor?

President Koehler Lindsey: The Executive Director.

Councilmember Shetler: The Director, I think is assuming more responsibility—

Wayne Trockman: That is an Unclassified position, and we move some of the funds of the Director that was let go several months ago to increase the salary for our Community Corrections professional who will run both. In fact, I think, Ms. Uebelhack has something that she would like to say with regard to that.

Jodi Uebelhack: Just to try and help here a little bit, Mr. Raben in particular. My line item, obviously, already exists as the Treatment Court Director. So, my title would change to Community Corrections Director. My salary is increased some, and that's in your proposal, but I am not classified. The previous Director position of Work Release would be changed over to the Counselor position. So, that's, there is a line item there, but it's obviously titled Director of Work Release, and what we would ask to do through this proposal is change it to Counselor for Work Release. It would be a PAT VI. Then all of the other positions are the same. So, I don't think we have to create a line item, per se, they have to be changed and Regene has got the proposal for the salary ordinance to be submitted, but she believed the order was, and that's what we believed was that we had come here first and get your approval, then we submit the salary ordinance. We're not asking for either of those positions to change until June 29th. The reason we did that is the DOC grant money runs in a year from July 1 to June 30th. So, we picked the last date of the pay period, and that's when we're asking for it to be effective, because it is all grant money paying all of the salaries that we're talking about today. We've got a million forty two thousand and some from DOC already approved. We're asking for an additional \$435,000 to cover some of these positions. It would help us a lot when we go to them on May 18th to have your approval. I know you've already moved, so that we can say to them, you know, we've got the support of the Council and we're asking you for this additional money to fund our proposal.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, but, with that, do we need to establish a DOC grant budget?

Jodi Uebelhack: It's already established. You've gotten DOC money for the past—

Joe Gries: We have those.

Jodi Uebelhack: — ten years, twelve years.

Joe Gries: Yeah, those are handled through the Sheriff's Department.

Jodi Uebelhack: And the Treatment Court.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that are paying salary lines?

Jodi Uebelhack: Yes.

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, with that—

Joe Gries: So, if there's nothing new, then we wouldn't really have to change anything—

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Joe Gries: — other than the names, I guess.

Jodi Uebelhack: You got a million forty two thousand, I'm sorry, I don't know the rest of it. It's a million forty two thousand and the rest of it last year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but I wasn't aware that we were paying employees. Okay.

Jodi Uebelhack: Yes, you paid, myself was paid out of it and two Treatment Court Case Managers and some of the Work Release people were paid out of it. That's what the proposal shows we're shifting the Sheriff's employees to the General Fund and the employees that are going to be doing the direct Treatment Court to the DOC grant.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so we simply need to do some fine tuning then on the job description types.

Councilmember Shetler: The only other question on that, I mean, some things that come out of, you know, State funded deals, particularly with the judiciary, whether it be Prosecutor or Public Defender, whomever it may be, they have certain pay requirements that does not–

Jodi Uebelhack: The requirement that DOC requires is that it follows your pay guidelines, and we do comply with their requirements. They were just down, well, actually they come Monday and Tuesday for their fiscal audit. We're in compliance with that.

Councilmember Shetler: So, they do have established–

Jodi Uebelhack: Yes, they do have guidelines.

Councilmember Shetler: – and we exceed that is what you're saying?

Jodi Uebelhack: Do they have established minimums? They don't have established minimums. They require us to follow the county guidelines, and they do have established maximums. We can't exceed an hourly rate. These rates do not exceed those hourly rates.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll amend my motion to also include the replacement and the two positions with that, we'll fine tune or we'll make the adjustments to the classifications and/or titles, whatever we need to in June.

Councilmember Goebel: I'll second the new motion, as amended.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, are you motioning to fill both of those vacancies?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and that we approve the plan that they've presented?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, any other questions? Discussion? Okay, let's go ahead and do roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I'm voting yes, but I definitely want to commend Judge Trockman and Kiely and Sheriff Wedding on developing this partnership. It's, we know that it's been proven to be successful when offenders have an opportunity to re-enter in to the community, but more importantly they need jobs, but then they also need support and resources in terms of counseling services. So, bringing that to them is definitely, as Tom said, a win-win, and it will really help those individuals get back on track in their lives. So, thank you for your leadership in developing this. Not only for them, but also for the community as a whole. When you talk about this kind of partnership happening, we're only going to open ourselves and position ourselves for more resources to come and be a model for others across the nation. So, thank you.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I echo what Stephanie and Tom says. Good job. I vote yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: In speaking not so much with you, Judge Trockman and Sheriff Wedding, but others on the bench and also the work in your area, they've all been very, very supportive. So, thank you and yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Well done ladies and gentlemen. Thank you, yes, for sure.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: It's an exciting time to be able to implement these new programs. It's really an awesome thing that you're doing for us, and it's my pleasure to vote aye. There being seven ayes and no nays, you all have your approval, and we'll get everything fine tuned. Thank you for your hard work.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

Wayne Trockman: Thank you. We'll be here in June in case there's any questions.

President Koehler Lindsey: We won't put you at the end though. That's the Prosecutor.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES-JAIL

President Koehler Lindsey: Up next is the Jail request to fill a vacancy for a Nurse Manager.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilman Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, questions? Comments? Alright, roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

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

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES-CLERK

President Koehler Lindsey: That brings us to the Clerk, request to fill vacancy for M/T Court Warrant Clerk.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any questions?

Councilmember Shetler: I don't have a question about this specifically, but I would like to bring up a point, since it's fresh in mind. Yesterday, going to vote, I got there kind of late and I was one of few that had shown up. There was probably as many people working as may have voted all day long. I just think we really need to look at that real close to see where we are on the numbers of people, you know, maybe we need as many locations, but perhaps we could cut the number of people down at the locations. I don't know.

Shirley Reeder: We cut them down as far as we could, because if some of the workers don't show up. It was a slow turn out.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I understand—

Shirley Reeder: We need to push more people to vote too.

Councilmember Shetler: Right. I understand that. There was probably ten to 12 people, you know, when I went in there to vote, which I thought was—

Shirley Reeder: Which location? Calvary and Washington Square are the largest.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, this was Lynch Road. Since there were so few people, I was number 100, okay. So, you know, a 12 hour day—

Shirley Reeder: We still did a 16 hour day yesterday, no matter who turns out.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Shirley Reeder: So, yes, it is.

Councilmember Shetler: I just thought, you know, we talked about this a couple of weeks ago, you know, about the salary levels and all that stuff.

Shirley Reeder: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Shetler: But, there's still ways to economize on this, because, you know, I'm not sure that we needed, you know, basically 12 people for eight people an hour coming through the doors there and stuff. So, I just, if we could re-look at that and visit each one of those sites and see what....maybe we need to cut sites down, maybe we need to cut people down at some of the sites, I don't know, but that's not for me to figure out, except just an observation there. I think there's ways of economizing there, so.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Shirley Reeder: There were 16 vote centers.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Alright, any other questions or comments? We have a motion and a second. We do, don't we, right?

Madelyn Grayson: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, shew! I forgot for a second. Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

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

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

Shirley Reeder: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. We appreciate your hard work yesterday, thank you.

Shirley Reeder: You're welcome.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES-COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

President Koehler Lindsey: We are ready for Cooperative Extension request to fill vacancy for part time 4-H Assistant.

Councilmember Raben: This, we approved–

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: – three just recently. Since then they've lost their fourth one. So, I'll move approval.

Randy Brown: Yeah, basically, we had one person that worked for us last year that got an internship that will allow her to get in to graduate school. So, we're just replacing her with somebody else.

President Koehler Lindsey: Can you state your name for the record please?

Randy Brown: I'm sorry, Randy Brown with the Cooperative Extension.

Councilmember Raben: Move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any other questions? Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

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

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

Randy Brown: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: You're welcome.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES-HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: Next on the agenda we have, the Prosecutor is done, the Health Department request to fill part time vacancies for Registered Dietician.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Questions or comments? Okay, roll call please. Oh, wait, go ahead.

Councilmember Shetler: Are you asking for one or three? You're asking for three?

Ken Spear: Two positions.

Councilmember Shetler: It's a CPA and a Clerk?

Ken Spear: CPA, a Registered Dietician, and a Clerk. These positions were approved by WIC. We went through the budget review change, and because of our increased activities we were given two more positions. These are WIC funded positions.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: How many hours do you consider part time?

Ken Spear: Pardon?

Councilman Bassemier: How many hours do you consider part time? How many hours will they be working?

Ken Spear: I think it's 20 hours, I believe.

Councilman Bassemier: Twenty hours?

Ken Spear: Yeah. The RD might be 29, I would have to check on that and get back to you. It's actually coming straight out of the WIC grant and does not really come out of any kind of county fund.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's what we like. Alright, anything else? Okay, roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

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

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

Ken Spear: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

REQUEST TO RECLASSIFY SENIOR SECRETARY

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, now we are up to a couple of things that we looked at at Job Study. The Area Plan Commission request to reclassify Senior Secretary as recommended. Is there anyone from Area Plan Commission here?

Councilmember Raben: Job Study supported the change?

Councilmember Shetler: Let me, there's a bit of a caveat to that perhaps. We had what five, we had five different jobs that were under discussion that day, and we ended up basically, I think, only with a quorum for the first discussion, and then one of the requests was, I think, tabled, the other three, I guess there was six that we had, the other four that we had were voted on affirmatively, but without a quorum. So, they had a majority vote of those present, but we did not have a quorum present. So, I just wanted to make that clear to everyone.

Councilmember Goebel: But, this is the only job coming to us today, correct, from that meeting?

President Koehler Lindsey: There are two.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I think there was an Auditor's.

President Koehler Lindsey: There's the Auditor's Chief Deputy.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, that was just Chief Deputies in general.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, it's presented by the Auditor.

Councilmember Shetler: That one did have the quorum. Joe got that one in there first. He set the agenda.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but the Job Study is simply a recommending body.

Councilmember Shetler: That is correct.

Councilmember Raben: So, I guess, we'll follow your lead on this one, Tom.

Councilmember Shetler: I mean, I voted affirmatively.

President Koehler Lindsey: I don't think anybody voted against any of them, did they?

Councilmember Shetler: I don't think so.

Councilmember Raben: Move approval.

Councilman Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Shetler: I just wanted to point that out for the record.

Councilmember Raben: So, the motion, I'll make the motion to approve the request.

President Koehler Lindsey: And we have a second. Alright, then let's have a roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, Ron.

Ron London: No, thank you.

AUDITOR-REQUEST TO APPROVE CHIEF DEPUTIES PAY SCHEDULE

President Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Auditor, sir. You get the fun job.

Joe Gries: Yes, we have before you, I had placed at each Councilmembers seat there a, basically what we're asking for is for Chief Deputies within the Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Recorder, Surveyor and Treasurer to have a schedule with step increases. Right now, Chief Deputies do not receive step increases. Their salaries are set according to what the office holder makes. There's no room to increase that, which has created a little bit of an unfairness as far as, you know, we're concerned as there are other employees within these offices, because of their longevity, they receive a higher wage than what the Chief Deputy would receive who is responsible to manage those offices when those office holders are not there. So, what we're asking for is this to be approved to allow for steps at two years, five years and ten years, capped at that, which would alleviate some of the unfairness here. So, and then we're also asking that this be retroactive back to January 1. The second page that I provided gives you the amount of money that would be required to cover the cost for all the different offices. So, in total it would be about \$12,000, a little over \$12,000 for the year. Now, I've talked to a couple of the offices already and they, and our office as well, we would be able to transfer the money. So, there actually won't be additional money requested for, I would say about half of this. We'll be able to move some money around and wouldn't need that additional money.

Councilmember Goebel: This would begin in year '16? 2016?

Joe Gries: No, it would be this year. It would go into effect for this year. That's what we're asking.

Councilmember Raben: I know it's been a topic of discussion forever, you know, where you have Chief Deputies, the person that's really a director in most cases. So, I know where you're at, but I kind of struggle with it, but, you know, I've heard this argument presented several times, and there is merit to it.

Joe Gries: Yeah, and the other part of this too is, you know, there's a cap on it, it only goes up to ten years. Then when a new Chief Deputy would come in, they would go back to that original step one salary, which was 75 percent of the office holder's salary. So, you're not continually seeing these higher paid employees continually going up. It also would come back when new office holders would be voted in, and then they have a new Chief Deputy as well.

Councilmember Montrastelle: So, Joe, you said that some of the employees are paid more than the Chief Deputy?

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: That's why it's unfair?

Joe Gries: Correct, because they're managing those employees, and because of their longevity they're receiving that higher pay.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Alright.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, if this passed today, then would you come back with a finance ordinance?

Joe Gries: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Or, do we have funding in place?

Joe Gries: Each office holder would have to come back and either transfer money into these line items. We would have to do a salary ordinance adjustment for those line items, or, a couple of them may have to ask for an appropriation.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Why retroactive to January 1st and not June the 1st?

Joe Gries: Well, what we're asking for as far as the schedule, Chief Deputies come in when, you know, new office holders come in. So, it's always usually a January 1 time frame. So, that just made sense to cover that, and to kind of fall in line with how those employees are hired.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Why wasn't it presented in January?

Joe Gries: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Why wasn't it presented in January then?

Joe Gries: This was something that we've been discussing over the last several months and it has just come to pass now.

Councilmember Goebel: I kind of concur. This is the first time we're going this route, and I think it has merit, as Mr. Raben said, but can we not start from day one when we approve instead of going back?

Joe Gries: You can, yes, that's just the request. If that's how the Council—

Councilmember Goebel: That would be my thinking, and then next year it would be set for January 1 every year after it would be set.

Joe Gries: Sure.

Councilmember Goebel: It's not set this January 1.

Joe Gries: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Well, the consideration is to make it effective June 1, is that what you're saying? Of this year, instead of retro to January? I think that's fair.

Councilman Bassemier: I think Mike's right. I mean, it's all new, why go back?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Councilman Bassemier: I mean, you know—

Councilmember Raben: I think it's fair.

Councilman Bassemier: I do too.

Councilmember Raben: I'll make the motion to approve effective June 1.

Councilman Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: I have a motion and a second. Questions? Discussion? Okay, roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: It will go in effect though January 1st next year.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilman Bassemier: Starting January 1st? Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: No, no, no.

President Koehler Lindsey: No, it goes in effect June 1st, but it will continue.

Councilman Bassemier: But, then it goes to full pay January 1, 2016?

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, so it's reset every year—

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

President Kiefer: – January 1st.

Joe Gries: During budget time each office will have to, for next year starting January 1, will have to follow this schedule. So, they'll put that in the budget and that will be a part of what Council would approve during budget time for next year, yes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: So, year two, because year two is on here, step two—

Joe Gries: Right.

Councilmember Montrastelle: – would that start January of 2016, or January 2017? Are we going to go a year and a half and then year two starts?

Joe Gries: Well, the step increases are based on hire date for the Chief Deputies. So, there's some Chief Deputies that have been here, you know, for five years or more. So, they would hit the step two this year, June 1st, is I think what Council is approving, and then next year they would go to step three, their fifth year. So, that's how, I mean, it's based on that hire date is how we've structured that. They would only see the increase from June to, I think it that's approved if I'm following right.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's what the motion is.

Councilmember Shetler: So, for seven months of the year they'll get, and the overall fiscal impact is actually very slight—

Joe Gries: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: – in comparison. Let's just say that was a \$3,500 annual increase, or \$3,600 annual increase, you're basically talking about something that would be around \$2,100 for this year–

Joe Gries: For this year.

Councilmember Shetler: – because of it being seven months, right.

Joe Gries: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: And, do you think it's possible that many of these department heads will be able to fund this year with what they have currently in their budget?

Joe Gries: I've talked to the Assessor, the Surveyor, and I know my office will be able to transfer funds.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Joe Gries: So, in that case, the only other offices that would see the increase would be the Treasurer and Recorder, and they, I know the Recorder's Office, obviously, they don't have a lot of employees and the Treasurer doesn't either, so I don't know if there's any way to–

President Koehler Lindsey: And the Clerk.

Joe Gries: And the Clerk actually, that wouldn't happen this year.

Councilmember Shetler: Think there's a fund.

Joe Gries: It would happen next year for her. So, there wouldn't be any additional money for the Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Goebel: But, Joe, let's say Chief Deputy for the Auditor leaves in September–

Joe Gries: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Goebel: – the new Deputy will go back to–

Councilmember Terry: Hire date.

Joe Gries: Absolutely.

Councilmember Goebel: – the very–

President Koehler Lindsey: Step one.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Montrastelle: So, Joe, other than just being fair, right? Any other upside to this?

Joe Gries: Upside as far as retaining great employees, because I know we all have, you know, very good Chief Deputies. I know, I've talked to all the other office

holders, they are very happy with the people they have. So, this helps retain those people.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, this carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

Joe Gries: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir, for your work on this.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

**Commissioners
Veteran Services**

**Auditor
DADS (2)**

**Surveyor
Health Dept. (4)**

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we're ready for travel requests. There are a number of them in your packet. Do I have a motion for approval on the travel requests?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the motion carries. All in favor of the travel requests, let's just do it by voice vote, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition? Okay, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION CO.R-05-15-004: CONFIRMING RESOLUTION FOR TAX PHASE-IN: ENVIROPLAS, INC. AND TERRA FIRMA PROPERTIES LLC</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: That takes us to, finally, the resolution for confirming the declaration of economic revitalization area for tax phase-in.

Chris Kinnett: Item one, first of all for the record, my name is Chris Kinnett with the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. Today we ask your consideration for the confirming resolution for Enviroplas. As we explained last month, they're looking to purchase the building at 15220 Foundation Drive out at the Vanderburgh Industrial Park. This is an extension, this is not a replacement of. They will be expanding in that particular location. They will be retaining 43 jobs, adding ten new jobs over the next five years at an average wage of \$22 per hour. They will be bringing, based on our modeling, \$17.1 million per year in new opportunity for Vanderburgh County, and for that they will be given a tax phase-in, if you so approve, for reowned personal property of \$55,597 in today's money. The State has offered, and I believe they have accepted \$80,000 in EDGE credits. As required it has been advertised in the Courier & Press, and has been duly advertised for the ten days as required. So, we ask, and, obviously Mike is here again today to answer any questions you might have, but we ask that you, as long as there's no opposition within the public venue, that you approve this confirming resolution for tax phase-in for ten years of both real property and personal property.

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Questions? Discussion? Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries. Congratulations.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

Chris Kinnett: Thank you for your support, appreciate it very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION CO.R-05-15-005: PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION FOR TAX PHASE-IN: JERRY DAVID ENTERPRISES, INC.</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, next we have a preliminary resolution. Mr. Kinnett?

Chris Kinnett: You have in your packet for this particular resolution David Enterprises, Inc., which is looking to, again, expand their facilities within Vanderburgh County. They've had several options to take a look at other properties, both within and outside of the State of Indiana. Their intent and their pleasure is to stay. They are looking to retain 59 full time jobs, add an additional eight jobs, again, at an average wage of approximately \$20. As stipulated, they are looking to bring in to the community \$8.5 million per year. We are recommending a ten year tax phase-in for both real and personal property. That value in today's dollars is \$117,402. They have been offered a \$40,000 Hoosier Investment Tax Credit from the State of Indiana for the amount of equipment that they are going to be bringing in to the community, as well as State taxes. With us today is the proprietor, the owner, the guys that's making all of the decisions, here to talk a little bit about the company and answer any questions you have. Go ahead.

Jon David: My name is Jon David. I'm one of three owners of David Enterprises. Some of you may not be familiar with our company. We are an asphalt paving, manufacturing and a ready mix concrete company. A little history on the company is, back in the 60's our father started the company as David Excavating, and carried it through the 70's and part of the 80's and then started David Enterprises, which we got into the....well, he was in the asphalt, but then we started the concrete at that time. For that 20-30 year time frame it had mostly remained a small company with probably less than a dozen employees. In '97, 1997 my brother and sister and I purchased the company from our parents. In '95 we had joined a, we had started working for SIGECO at that time, and we started expanding our workforce because of SIGECO. Since that time it's become Vectren, and because of that partnership that we have, we like to call it a partnership because we've had it for 20 years this year, we've added about 30 full time employees just last year alone. We continue to see that expand, probably on a slower growth rate, but we're working in seven counties, but we're based out of Evansville. That's the way we would like to keep it. So, that's a little history on what we are doing. What we would like to do is take, for the most part, some land that probably would not be developed by anybody else, because we have the means of the building materials, with the concrete, we can build a much stouter foundation and larger platforms to work on that many companies probably would not spend the money on. Because we have those resources at our availability, we can spend that money and make a new place. Now, with that, we're probably, I'm not sure what the numbers said that we're going to

spend, but within the next five years it's going to be between two and three million dollars in infrastructure in money spent, just to develop this property. I have a concrete plant sitting in northern Indiana at this time waiting to come to whatever location we decide to go to. So, we already have, you know, invested \$200,000 in a piece of equipment that we don't know where it's going to sit yet. So, hopefully, you know, we can get this, but some things that we do for the community is, we give probably close to \$10,000 a year to high school, colleges and faith based organizations, hospitals. Just last month, between a personal donation and a match by the corporation, we just gave \$6,000 to a faith based organization that really needed the money to put a roof on a facility that they had. So, those are some things that we do as far as spending money within the community. As far as our future goes, we plan on growing. We want to stabilize where we work. We have four other family members, the next generation coming along that we're trying to groom to continue to grow the company. So, we would like to continue to stay here. We plan on staying here, but we would like your help in doing that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, Jon, it's obvious your name is familiar with a lot of people around town, and thanks for the work and thanks for deciding to stay here, but if you're in a generous mood, do you ever give discounts to Highway Departments for asphalt materials?

Jon David: Always.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. Thank you.

Councilman Bassemier: I thought you was going to say Mater Dei's football team.

Councilmember Goebel: There you go.

Jon David: Well, in addition to that, you brought something up that, when we do give like the donations and things to the high schools and colleges, in many occasions on the charitable things and then the high schools, if we don't do some jobs at cost, sometimes they're below cost when we do things for people as well.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: How many employees do you have, or will you have?

Jon David: Right now, I think we have, well, there's been some disciplinary actions that's been problems within the entire public, but we had as of the end of March 60 full time employees. We're going to be back up to that 60 by the end of this month, and probably we'll add six part time employees over the summer, and probably be close to 70 employees by the end of this year.

Councilman Bassemier: You said you bought the company from your parents?

Jon David: Yes.

Councilman Bassemier: Did they give you a good deal?

Jon David: You know, no. It was really, in '94-'95 it was in a downhill slide. My father had other interests in running the company. So, my brother, sister and I decided we're going to build the company up. Well, all we did was increase the sale cost to us, because we built it up over the next few years that we had to purchase it at.

Councilman Bassemier: He took advantage of you. Thank you sir, appreciate it.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I'll make one comment. Jon mentioned that the location where they're talking about putting this facility is, you know, over the years it was filled in with—

Jon David: Probably 15 feet of fill.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, 15 feet of, you know, trash, you know, not necessarily trash, but, you know, it's basically very low land, swamp land, and to his point, you're not going to, we're never going to see a new shopping mall on this property. So, this is a great opportunity for them, but, you know, with all tax phase-ins, eventually they run out and you start paying tax based on, you know, the current rates. So, it's good for the county, I congratulate you guys. You guys have been a wonderful west side business for a great number of years, and we appreciate the opportunity to help.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, that being said, roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. Thank you so much for working to stay here. We appreciate it.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

Jon David: Thank you.

BURDETTE PARK

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, Burdette Park, Mr. Murphy. Thank you for waiting patiently. He promised to be quick. So, I've got that on the record.

Jacob Murphy: Yes, thank you all for having me. I'm Jacob Murphy, Director of Burdette Park. We're gearing up for the pool season. Our opening weekend, Memorial weekend, May 22nd is opening day. Had a little situation with our slides, but the Commissioners approved a restoration project on Monday. They're actually out there today starting it. He said, weather depending, they're confident they can get those ready. On the 25th of April we had the St. Jude's Children's Hospital 5K out at the park. We had around 1,200 folks come out. They raised over \$120,000 for the children's hospital. They said that was the second largest amount that they've raised. They credited our helpful staff and our facility. Then, I was also going to tell you guys that the BMX Park, the group that we contracted that out with was able to raise around \$12,000, and they hired a guy out of Colorado who specifically redoes BMX tracks, and he came out and redid the track. It's looking great. He was confident we could start having more championship and regional events at our park. I'm real excited about that. That's all, unless you guys have any questions for me.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, go ahead.

Councilmember Terry: First off, I mean this is the first I've actually seen you. So, welcome. Are you from this city?

Jacob Murphy: No, I'm from Bloomington, Indiana.

Councilmember Terry: Okay. I guess, do you mind sharing some of your goal or vision for the park.

Jacob Murphy: Yeah, I mean, currently I'm just trying to wrap my head around what we currently do and what's been done, and then I definitely see a lot of opportunity for more natural, as far as like trails and things in the park, very inexpensive things we could do that could really increase the value of Burdette and make it more of a draw for the community and the tri-state area.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any other Councilmembers?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Just real quick, on the repair of your slides—

Jacob Murphy: Yes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: — are you going to do that overall big fix, or is it going to be more of a temporary fix? Because I know there was a difference you were talking to the Commissioners about.

Jacob Murphy: Yes, I've learned a lot about slides. So, what they've been doing in the past is spot patching, and they were having to do that every year. So, what we decided to do was do a full gel coat, is the product that they use, on the slides. That should give us around a ten year span, so we won't have to do the spot patching every year. Then, too, it also looks like a brand new slide, and supposedly will move faster, be more enjoyable.

President Koehler Lindsey: The kids will love that.

Jacob Murphy: Yeah.

Councilmember Montrastelle: The money that's going to pay for that?

Jacob Murphy: That's coming out of the CCD/Park and Playground Account.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman?

Councilman Bassemier: Jacob, is this the first park you've ever worked at?

Jacob Murphy: No, I worked the past four years for Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation, mainly doing communications and public relations for the Parks Department.

Councilman Bassemier: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great. Anything else?

Councilmember Raben: Thank you. Welcome aboard.

Jacob Murphy: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, welcome. Thank you for taking the time to come out and introduce yourself.

Jacob Murphy: Thank you for having me.

President Koehler Lindsey: Don't be stranger.

Jacob Murphy: Alright. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, good luck. Look forward to that opening.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we are ready now for the amendments to the salary ordinance. Finance Chairman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. We will move to the amendments to the salary ordinance. Today we have quite a few actually. We've got amendments for; Superior Court, Jail, Clerk, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Co-Op Extension, Health Department, Prosecutor PTD, Area Plan Commission, Clerk, Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Surveyor and Assessor, and, then, along with that, we also have amendments for the Sheriff's Department for salary lines to take effect June 1 of this year. Then we have an amendment to the Sheriff Domestic Violence grant. So, I'm not going to read all of this, because it's quite a bit, but I'm going to ask that these five pages of documents be entered into the minutes and made to be part of the record. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any questions?

Councilmember Shetler: Not a question, but a couple of points. The last time when the Sheriff Deputies came before us with a contract and stuff, I think I was perhaps the only out of seven that voted against it. I did that not because I had any opposition to the Sheriff Deputies and what they do, because they do a lot for our county and for protecting my family and your families and stuff, and that's important. I did that because the economic environment at the time, I didn't think, really was conducive to setting up increases in salaries. The economic climate is a little bit better. I also appreciated the fact that they kind of separated that, at the time, and made it easier for us to do it then, and easier for us to vote it in now. So, I appreciate the fact that they did work with us. So, I want to be supportive of it this time as well because of their cooperation in the past. The second point though that I would like to make is the fact that, and I think Councilman Raben mentioned, that this will begin on June the 1st. Again, that's another cooperate, cooperative effort that they have made on their part, and concession to work with us to try to make the fiscal impact very minimal. So, I appreciate that. The only other thing that I would like to point out, is that while we're not involved in approving the contract, or ratifying it in any way, shape or form, the Sheriff has been able to work it out where fiscally we can afford to do that this year. I don't know what years two and three will hold, and, hopefully, we'll be able to honor the contract that the Commissioners had signed in the coming years, but I did want to point that out that we're approving this right now for the rest of 2015, and hopefully 2016 we'll be able to do something as well.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: You mentioned that the Sheriff was able to come forward with \$60,000 to help fund the contract this year, so, we want to recognize that and thank the Sheriff for his help and support on seeing this contract through as well.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, we do appreciate that. We appreciate the patience that you've had while we've waited to make sure that we have funds in place so that we can work this together. We'll see a finance ordinance at probably the next meeting to make sure that we get this coming from the right spot and going to the right spot.

Councilmember Shetler: The transfer of funds?

Councilmember Raben: Are you talking about—

President Koehler Lindsey: Transferring, yeah.

Councilmember Raben: The money is actually, it was blue claimed already into the General Fund. Okay, there's a motion on the floor.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: We are up to the public comment. Is there anyone that is still awake out there that wants to comment? Okay.

Councilman Bassemier: I've got a question.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, sir?

Councilman Bassemier: We've got a lot of students out here. What's going on?

President Koehler Lindsey: Is something going on, or are you all just trying to get your credits so you can graduate? What high schools do we have represented?

Councilman Bassemier: Do you have a spokesman?

President Koehler Lindsey: If you want to come up and state your name for the record, it will be in the minutes and you can get a copy of it. Come on up, tell us who you are.

Councilmember Shetler: You get extra credits, an A for that.

Councilman Bassemier: You would be on t.v. too.

President Koehler Lindsey: They're shy, alright. We're glad you're here and best of luck—

Councilman Bassemier: We all appreciate you being here.

President Koehler Lindsey: – in finishing out your school year.

Councilman Bassemier: Did you all pass?

Unidentified: Yeah.

Councilman Bassemier: Okay, good deal.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great. If you all need anything signed or documentation that you were here, just come on up and ask one of us. We'll be happy to do it.

REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME: MAY 27, 2015 @ 3:30 P.M.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, our next meeting date and time, mark this down, 3:30, 3:30 on May the 27th. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright we are adjourned. Thank you, have a great day.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Angela Koehler Lindsey

Vice President John Montrastelle

Tom Shetler

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2015**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of June, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: I call to order the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council for June the 3rd. I think it is right at 3:30. So, welcome, and if we could please have roll call.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler		X* joined the meeting at 3:34 p.m.
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Montrastelle	X	
President Koehler Lindsey	X	

President Koehler Lindsey: There being six members present, one absent, we have a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

President Koehler Lindsey: We have asked today, we have really kind of a nice treat, we have five of our, let me get this right, Probationary Deputies, that are here to see County Council in action. Hopefully we won't scare them, but they're going to come up and do the Pledge for us. Or, you can stand right where you are.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilmember Terry.

(The Invocation was given by Councilmember Terry.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we would like to now have approval of the minutes of the May 6th meeting. You should have all received those, via e-mail, I believe. Do I have a motion to approve minutes from the May 6th meeting.

Councilmember Montrastelle: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye.)

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign. Alright the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: We're going to move in now to the appropriation ordinance, Finance Chairman, Councilman Raben.

TREASURER & RECORDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good afternoon. First on the agenda, under County Treasurer, we discussed this last week, these are to bring the Chief Deputies pay levels up. Actually we have the same request for the Recorder. I'm going to take both of these at one time. So, it's County Treasurer in the amount of 1,423, and County Recorder in the amount of \$1,422.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Any questions? Roll call vote please on Treasurer and Recorder.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I understand you're taking them both together, so, yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, that constitutes a passage, and can we please make note for the record that Councilman Shetler is now in chambers.

TREASURER **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

1030-103112	CHIEF DEPUTY	\$1,197.00	\$1,197.00
1030-190000	FICA	\$92.00	\$92.00
1030-191000	PERF	\$134.00	\$134.00
TOTAL		\$1,423.00	\$1,423.00

RECORDER **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

1040-104112	CHIEF DEPUTY	\$1,196.00	\$1,196.00
1040-190000	FICA	\$92.00	\$92.00
1040-191000	PERF	\$134.00	\$134.00
TOTAL		\$1,422.00	\$1,422.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Sheriff, as everyone recalls we discussed this actually in our, I believe it was our April, it could have been May meeting, but this is the final step to complete the Sheriff Deputies new contract for 2015. The amount is in the amount of \$117,131. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we have a motion to approve on the Sheriff and all of the line items listed therein. Any questions? Okay, roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I just do want to make a note that, you know, a couple of years ago I did vote in opposition to it because of our financial position, but I can't tell you how much I appreciate the fact that you guys have been so patient and have waited, you know, a couple of years to try to satisfy, because I think we split this up a couple of years ago and stuff, and appreciate what you guys did and the patience that you took with us, and particularly myself. So, I'm going to vote aye, and again thank you for all you guys do to serve our county. So, thank you.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I have to vote yes, because Sheriff Wedding brought in all these reinforcements today. We have no choice. Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I’m going to vote yes, and echo a little bit of what Councilman Shetler said, well, actually I did vote for the first one, but, you know, the first one, the request was to get them where this takes them today. They did offer a compromise that made it a little easier pill for us to swallow, some three and a half, maybe four years ago. So, you know, I’m happy to say that today we’ve got them where they wanted to be, and congratulations. I’ll vote yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: I will just ditto what Councilman Raben and Councilman Shetler have said. We do appreciate you working with us, we appreciate Sheriff Wedding finding some funds within to help us with accommodating this request, and we do thank you and appreciate all that you do for our community. It’s my pleasure to vote aye. There being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion passes. Councilmembers, please note we are front and backed on the paper. Thank you for saving paper, so there’s a lot to write in there.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-105002	CHIEF	\$2,082.00	\$2,082.00
1050-105003	MAJ.	\$1,757.00	\$1,757.00
1050-105004	MAJ.	\$1,484.00	\$1,484.00
1050-105005	MAJ.	\$1,758.00	\$1,758.00
1050-105021	SGT.	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105022	SGT.	\$1,623.00	\$1,623.00
1050-105023	SGT.	\$1,081.00	\$1,081.00
1050-105024	SGT.	\$540.00	\$540.00
1050-105025	SGT.	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105026	SGT.	\$1,081.00	\$1,081.00
1050-105027	SGT.	\$1,081.00	\$1,081.00
1050-105028	SGT.	\$1,081.00	\$1,081.00
1050-105029	SGT.	\$1,104.00	\$1,104.00
1050-105030	SGT.	\$1,352.00	\$1,352.00
1050-105031	SGT.	\$1,352.00	\$1,352.00
1050-105032	SGT.	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105033	SGT.	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050 105034	SGT.	\$1,081.00	\$1,081.00
1050 105035	SGT.	\$1,104.00	\$1,104.00
1050-105036	SGT.	\$1,081.00	\$1,081.00
1050-105037	SGT.	\$1,081.00	\$1,081.00

1050-105038	SGT.	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105039	SGT.	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105040	SGT.	\$5,398.00	\$5,398.00
1050-105050	LT.	\$1,977.00	\$1,977.00
1050-105051	LT.	\$1,706.00	\$1,706.00
1050-105052	LT.	\$1,704.00	\$1,704.00
1050-105053	LT.	\$1,706.00	\$1,706.00
1050-105054	LT.	\$1,706.00	\$1,706.00
1050-105055	LT.	\$1,706.00	\$1,706.00
1050-105056	LT.	\$1,706.00	\$1,706.00
1050-105057	LT.	\$1,706.00	\$1,706.00
1050-105058	LT.	\$1,165.00	\$1,165.00
1050-105070	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105071	DEPUTY	\$541.00	\$541.00
1050-105073	DEPUTY	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105074	DEPUTY	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105075	DEPUTY	\$541.00	\$541.00
1050-105076	DEPUTY	\$541.00	\$541.00
1050-105077	DEPUTY	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105080	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105081	DEPUTY	\$541.00	\$541.00
1050-105082	DEPUTY	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105083	DEPUTY	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105084	DEPUTY	\$541.00	\$541.00
1050-105086	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105087	DEPUTY	\$541.00	\$541.00
1050-105088	DEPUTY	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105089	DEPUTY	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105090	DEPUTY	\$1,082.00	\$1,082.00
1050-105092	DEPUTY	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105093	DEPUTY	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105094	DEPUTY	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105095	DEPUTY	\$541.00	\$541.00
1050-105096	DEPUTY	\$1,082.00	\$1,082.00
1050-105097	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105098	DEPUTY	\$541.00	\$541.00
1050-105099	DEPUTY	\$1,082.00	\$1,082.00
1050-105101	DEPUTY	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105102	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105103	DEPUTY	\$1,082.00	\$1,082.00
1050-105104	DEPUTY	\$541.00	\$541.00
1050-105106	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00

1050-105107	DEPUTY	\$670.00	\$670.00
1050-105108	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105109	DEPUTY	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105110	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105111	DEPUTY	\$541.00	\$541.00
1050-105112	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105114	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105116	DEPUTY	\$811.00	\$811.00
1050-105117	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105118	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105120	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105121	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105122	DEPUTY	\$976.00	\$976.00
1050-105123	DEPUTY	\$583.00	\$583.00
1050-105124	DEPUTY	\$1,082.00	\$1,082.00
1050-105125	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105126	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105127	DEPUTY	\$294.00	\$294.00
1050-105128	DEPUTY	\$541.00	\$541.00
1050-105129	DEPUTY	\$1,082.00	\$1,082.00
1050-105130	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105131	DEPUTY	\$541.00	\$541.00
1050-105133	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105134	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105135	DEPUTY	\$1,082.00	\$1,082.00
1050-105138	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-105139	DEPUTY	\$541.00	\$541.00
1050-105141	DEPUTY	\$270.00	\$270.00
1050-196100	DETECTIVE INCENTIVE	\$23,100.00	\$23,100.00
1050-190000	FICA	\$7,919.00	\$7,919.00
1050-191100	SHERIFF RETIREMENT	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00
TOTAL		\$117,131.00	\$117,131.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we will move to Circuit Court. Again, this is for an additional magistrate that has been approved by the Indiana legislature. The balance for the remaining 2015 is \$1,882. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Questions? We'll go back, we can go back and pick up Area Plan, or do you want to do that together?

Councilmember Raben: We'll go back.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, alright, okay we'll have a roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-136193	MAGISTRATE	\$1,748.00	\$1,748.00
1360-190000	FICA	\$134.00	\$134.00
TOTAL		\$1,882.00	\$1,882.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move back one.

Councilmember Goebel: Before we move, is there someone from the Circuit Court here?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Kelly Fink: My name is Kelly Fink. Judge Kiely–

President Koehler Lindsey: Go ahead and come on up to the mic. and state your name.

Kelly Fink: My name is Kelly Fink. I'm the current magistrate, and Judge Kiely is at judicial college this week. So, he's gone all week. So, if there's any questions that I can answer, I would be happy to try to do so.

Councilmember Goebel: No, I just want to express our gratitude that Judge Kiely worked to modify his request, and he definitely understands our situation. So, we're very grateful, and congrats on getting a new magistrate.

Kelly Fink: Thank you also.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move to Area Plan. We have a request in the amount of \$6,305. This is moving the Senior Secretary position from a COMOT IV to a COMOT V. I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, it's been moved and seconded. Roll call please, if there's no questions. Okay, roll call.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes, zero nays, the motion carries.

AREA PLAN

REQUESTED APPROVED

240-124120	SENIOR SECRETARY	\$5,304.00	\$5,304.00
240-190000	FICA	\$406.00	\$406.00
240-191000	PERF	\$595.00	\$595.00
TOTAL		\$6,305.00	\$6,305.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

COMMISSIONERS/CCD

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, Mr. Chairman, we're moving in to CCD.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Commissioners/CCD, this is for five new computers for the Area Plan. I'll move approval. The request is for \$3,665.

President Koehler Lindsey: I have a motion. Is there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any questions on the CCD request for computers? Alright, roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

COMMISSIONERS/CCD		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1138-1300-422000	COMPUTERS	\$3,665.00	\$3,665.00
TOTAL		\$3,665.00	\$3,665.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we have Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation. The request is for \$15,000, and this is to make space and renovations to accommodate the new magistrate. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Are there any questions? Alright, roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2101-0000-412000	BUILDINGS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
TOTAL		\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

TRANSFERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, that concludes the appropriations, so we will move into transfers. We have quite a long list of transfers. I’m going to move that we approve all transfers as listed.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, it’s been motioned and seconded to approve all transfers as listed. Again, you do have a front/back page five and six. Any questions? We did discuss all of these matters last week in Personnel and Finance, I might note, and had some good, healthy discussions. Alright, roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries. That concludes the finance ordinance.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1020-102123	ADMIN ASST II	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
To:			
1020-102112	CHIEF DEPUTY	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00

SURVEYOR **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From:			
1060-106113	Party Chief	\$2,441.00	\$2,441.00
To:			
1060-106112	Chief Deputy	\$2,441.00	\$2,441.00

ASSESSOR **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From:			
1090-109166	Dep Assessor Deeds	\$6,020.00	\$6,020.00
To:			
1090-109112	Chief Deputy	\$1,220.00	\$1,220.00
1090-109153	Res RE Deputy	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00

CIRCUIT COURT **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From:			
1360-394400	Spec Reporter	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
To:			
1360-372300	Psy Evaluations	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

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

From:			
1370-305000	Patient/Inmate Care	\$39,659.00	\$39,659.00
To:			
1370-137189	Part-Time Probation Clerk	\$13,220.00	\$13,220.00
1370-137190	Part-Time Probation Clerk	\$13,220.00	\$13,220.00
1370-137191	Part-Time Probation Clerk	\$13,219.00	\$13,219.00

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

From:			
1370-137195	Part-Time Bailiff/Job Share	\$7,582.00	\$7,582.00
1370-305000	Patient/Inmate Care	\$854.00	\$854.00
To:			
1370-137192	PT Probation Officer	\$8,436.00	\$8,436.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From:			
1420-142176	PT Secretary	\$12,370.00	\$12,370.00
To:			
1420-1422161	Public Defender	\$12,370.00	\$12,370.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

REQUESTED APPROVED

From:			
1430-143058	Medical Ed.	\$23,974.00	\$23,974.00
To:			
1430-143055	Clerk/CO Supv.	\$5,326.00	\$5,326.00
1430-143056	Case Mgr./CO Supv.	\$10,257.00	\$10,257.00
1430-143057	Case Mgr./Clerk	\$8,391.00	\$8,391.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES-CIRCUIT COURT

President Koehler Lindsey: So, we'll move right into new business. We have the Circuit Court request for additional magistrate, to fill vacancies for Bailiff, and in Adult Probation Receptionist/Secretary and a part time Probation Typist/Intake Clerk.

Councilmember Raben: The, I guess, since we're here—

President Koehler Lindsey: Questions?

Councilmember Raben: – for clarity moving forward, and this was actually suggested by our County Council staff that, going forward, moving some of the new business items, like personnel matters, employee replacements or additions, to the top of the agenda. That way we vote on those prior to making any appropriations or transfers. So, I just thought now might be a good time to bring that up. So, your agenda may look different next month.

President Koehler Lindsey: That would be great. Do you have any comments? If you want to state your name for the record again please.

Kelly Fink: My name is Kelly Fink and I'm the magistrate in Circuit Court.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any questions? We appreciate you coming today. Do I have a motion to approve the request from Circuit Court?

Councilmember Raben: I move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, being seven ayes and zero nays, the requests are approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Thanks for coming today.

Kelly Fink: Thank you so much. Thank you very much.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES-SUPERIOR COURT

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, next up we have Superior Court request for three new part time Probation Officers Juvenile, and change part time Bailiff line item to one part time Bailiff, and move half the funding to create another new part time. We did get quite a bit of information on this, I believe. Hello, Judge.

Brett Niemeier: Hi. Brett Niemeier, Superior Court, Juvenile Division.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any questions for the Judge?

Councilmember Raben: No questions. I'll move approval. Again, we've already, that's a good reason to move these up on the agenda. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, if there are no further questions, roll call please. Thank you so much, Judge.

Brett Niemeier: Thank you.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

REQUEST TO AMEND SALARIES-AUDITOR

President Koehler Lindsey: Now we have Auditor, request to amend salaries for the Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper, Bookkeeper and these have been through the Personnel Administration Committee. Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I don't want anybody to think we're just kind of running things real quickly through here, but we did spend a considerable amount of time through Personnel, so that when we discussed this job study and stuff, so, I just want everybody to know, but I do vote yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Joe Gries: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, Mr. Auditor, we appreciate your hard work. Being seven ayes, zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES & RENAME POSITIONS-SHERIFF

President Koehler Lindsey: The Sheriff's Department has requests to fill vacancies, moving around job titles, and we have received quite a bit of information on this as well, via e-mail and here on our desks. Do we have any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: These are all ready to go now?

President Koehler Lindsey: Are these all ready to go now, Sheriff?

Dave Wedding: Yes, every one of these are vacant and ready to be filled.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, great. Any other questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, and I will mention, particularly with the confinement folks, you know, we still continue to this day to operate with our original staffing levels. So, it's important that we fill these as quick as we possibly can.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Just an observation, Sheriff, it appears that you've been really pretty much on top of this, and filling these pretty quickly, as I think Councilman Raben kind of alluded to a moment ago. Do you look for that overtime that we get into so much, because that's where it eats us alive if we don't fill these promptly, and you have been, as I said, on top of it. So, do you look at that kind of shrinking this year?

Dave Wedding: Oh, yes. We've already minimized our overtime by filling the vacancies. With the union contract we do have a minimum staffing level that we have to have daily, and anytime we get below that we have to fill those with overtime slots. So, by having the people hired in a reasonable fashion we can minimize the overtime.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thanks.

Councilmember Raben: What really complicates matters, or makes it so difficult, is the training period is approximately what, six months?

Dave Wedding: Maybe four, before we can cut them loose on their own.

Councilmember Raben: Four? So, when you lose someone, you know, it's not like just picking up somebody off the street. So, it really does create havoc.

Dave Wedding: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we've already--

Councilmember Shetler: Is there a motion already?

President Koehler Lindsey: -- we're already done.

Councilmember Shetler: We've already voted. It's gone.

President Koehler Lindsey: It's gone, it's voted. Motion carries, and we appreciate it, Sheriff.

Dave Wedding: Okay, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Dave Wedding: Thank you.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES-PROSECUTOR

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we're going to move on to Prosecutor. This is a request to fill vacancies; Legal Secretaries, Investigator and IV-D Receptionist. We have information on our desks. We did have the Prosecutor here last time to ask questions. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion to approve. It looks like two of them will be eligible to fill on the 15th, and the other one on the 29th.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, and they have the buyouts listed as well, when there is one.

Councilmember Raben: There's no buyouts on two of the three. I guess, the question can be is there, that's why the other one is not eligible to fill until the 29th, I'm sure they're finishing a buyout there.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So, I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Is that correct?

Regene Newman: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES-PUBLIC DEFENDER

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we're going to move on to the Public Defender's request to fill vacancies for two Legal Secretaries. No, I'm sorry, fill vacancy for Investigator. Our Public Defender is here.

Steve Owens: Steve Owens, Public Defender.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Any questions of Mr. Owens?

Councilmember Goebel: Is this ready to be filled now, or is there a buyout, Steve?

Steve Owens: No, the incumbent retired last year, there was a buyout from last year. We actually thought we had already requested permission to fill the position, which is funded for this year, and realized that we hadn't. So, there are no buyouts or anything to deal with.

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we have a motion and a second to approve the request. Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

Steve Owens: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES-OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, moving on to Highway, request to fill vacancy for Road Crew Foreman. Nope, I'm sorry, I skipped, let me go back so I don't get us mixed up. The ONEP, as we're called now, request to fill vacancy for Maintenance.

Darren Stearns: Good afternoon, Darren Stearns with the Old National Events Plaza.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thanks for coming down. Do we have any questions? Is this ready to fill right away.

Darren Stearns: Uh-huh.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

Darren Stearns: Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES-COUNTY HIGHWAY

President Koehler Lindsey: Now we'll move to the Highway request to fill vacancy for the Road Crew Foreman.

Councilmember Raben: Just a general comment, I move to approve this replacement, with all of the blight of the roads and all the paving and repair work now is not the time to postpone staff out at the County Highway, but just one quick comment that I think it is important that, you know, some of us discuss means in which to do more paving than what we actually have budgeted for. So, we need to continue to work on that collectively and figure out what we can do.

Scot Wichser: Any questions or anything I can do to help, just give me a call. I'll meet with all of you, any of you, anything we can do to help try and improve the roads.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second that motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, great. We appreciate that. Alright, any questions? Roll call please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and no nays, let's get those roads fixed.

Scot Wichser: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

CLERK (2)

TREASURER

HEALTH DEPT (5)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we're now going to move to travel requests. There are quite, there are several on there; Clerk, Treasurer, Health Department, and it looks like they are all State called meetings. Are there any questions or discussion, motions for the travel requests?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Motion to approve all.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: A motion and a second. Questions?

Councilmember Raben: Just one question.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes?

Councilmember Raben: I mean, I wonder if we get the extra value out of actually taking two people. Susie, you're the only one here, I don't mean to call you out on this, but there's no one here that I know of from the Clerk's office. Is it really important to take two people, since these are a fairly expensive conference?

Susie Kirk: Hello, as I have said in the past, and I know for sure and I can speak on behalf of the Clerk and the Treasurer, there are breakout sessions. Now, I can't speak this for the Clerk, but this is the only meeting that I attend. I don't go to any spring meetings, I don't go to the Indiana Association of County meetings, I go to nothing, we go to one meeting a year. The rest of them we do not attend. So, I do need to have my Chief Deputy go so that we can, because I can't be two places at once. I know the Clerk's is the same way. I don't why they have all these breakout sessions. I can tell you this also, that other counties literally bring a carful of people to these conferences. So, Vanderburgh has always been the one pretty well that's had just two. So, that's why, it's the same thing as when I was the Clerk, it's the breakout sessions. If you

don't, you're going to miss out, and beings as I'm only going to one meeting a year and not attending the rest of them, I really feel like that we need to be able to cover all of the areas that we can so that we're up to date. So, in the long run, I'm saving you money by not going to all of these other meetings.

President Koehler Lindsey: That makes sense.

Susie Kirk: The Clerk, like I said, I can't speak for her, but I do know that there's breakout sessions.

Joe Gries: Just to add to the discussion, the Treasurer's travel is also covered under the Elected Official Training Fund.

Susie Kirk: Yes.

Joe Gries: So, it's not within the General Fund. So, you're paying it from another source. That money comes from recording fees and then builds up in that fund. So, because the elected official—

Susie Kirk: Yeah, I've already got money in that fund, so.

Joe Gries: – has to have additional training, the State has set those funds up.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I understand. Thank you.

Susie Kirk: I only go when I have to, believe me.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. We already have a motion and a second.

President Koehler Lindsey: A motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition? Okay, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

Susie Kirk: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, and thank you for explaining that. That does make sense.

<p>MOTION TO WAIVE FINAL READING OF RESOLUTION & ORDINANCE RESOLUTION CO.R-06-15-007: PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2016 AND CASTING VOTES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON SAID ORDINANCE</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, now we're going to move on, and bear with me on this, to the resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council proposing an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homesteads for 2016 and casting the votes of the County Council on said ordinance. We would like to do this all in one meeting. So, we're going to need three

separate votes. First we need to have a motion to make this the first and final reading, and this does need to be a unanimous motion to make it first and final. So, I would entertain a motion to make this–

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, on both the resolution and the ordinance. We can include that in the same motion? Okay, so we need a motion to approve both the resolution and the ordinance to hear this as first and final reading.

Jeff Ahlers: And to waive the final reading.

President Koehler Lindsey: And to waive the final reading.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, did you get that, ladies? See Mr. Ahlers. I'll give you back the cheat sheet. We want to make sure we do this legally correct. Okay, thank you. Is there a second on that?

Councilmember Terry: I second the motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition? Okay, that motion–

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, so, that motion has been approved unanimously, 7-0, to include both the resolution and the ordinance on first final reading and waive the final reading.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION CO.R-06-15-007: PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2016 AND CASTING VOTES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON SAID ORDINANCE</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Now we need a motion to approve the resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council proposing an ordinance of the Vanderburgh Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homesteads for 2016 and casting the votes of the County Council on said ordinance. This is resolution number CO.R-06-15-007. I would entertain that motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition? The motion carries, again unanimously, 7-0.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

<p>MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE ON FIRST & FINAL READING: PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2016</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Then, thirdly, we're going to make a motion to approve an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council, I guess I should say I would entertain an ordinance to, a motion to approve the ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council amending the percentage credit allowed for homestead for 2016.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second. Awesome. So, we're going to get our homestead credit approved. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposition? Okay. The motion carries unanimously, 7-0.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

President Koehler Lindsey: What this has done is allowed us to give the percentage credit allowed for homesteads. It's the maximum by State law not to exceed eight percent for our 2016 budget. So, that's pretty significant, and I always like to dedicate this to Councilman Jim Price, who when I was on the City Council saw that we had this happen every year to help our taxpayers in Vanderburgh County. So, thank you all. Does that cover it, Counselor?

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Koehler Lindsey: I'm going to learn this stuff sooner or later.

<p>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, moving on now, amendments to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman?

Councilmember Raben: Everyone's been given, actually eight pages of salary amendments. I'm going to move that this document be entered into the minutes, and I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, a motion and a second to approve the amendments to the salary ordinance. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed? Okay.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: That brings us to public comment. At this time I would like to introduce our brand new Probationary Officers. I will commend, we received an e-mail and a letter from Chief Deputy Strange that the practice used to be to require all the new Deputy Sheriff's to come to the meeting to kind of see what's going on as part of the training. We haven't done this for a number of years, and, so, Chief Deputy Strange and Sheriff Wedding have re-instituted this policy, and we appreciate and welcome you to come anytime. So, we have Deputy Sheriff Justin Chambers, if you want to stand up. You've been here this long, you probably need to stand up. Deputy Sheriff Mark Dimmett. Deputy Sheriff Robert Hart IV. Deputy Sheriff Neal, is it Lecky?

Neal Luecke: Luecke.

President Koehler Lindsey: Luecke. Deputy Sheriff Neal Luecke, my apologies, I should have asked before. Deputy Sheriff Dane VanWinkle. Gentlemen, we just truly appreciate your commitment. Thank you.

(Applause)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you and congratulations. If there's every anything that we can do to help you, don't hesitate to contact any of us. Teri's got all of our numbers.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Are you all from Evansville? Is there anybody from outside of the city as far as growing up?

Unidentified: I'm from Warrick.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Warrick County.

Unidentified: Warrick County.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay, just curious.

President Koehler Lindsey: Welcome to the great county of Vanderburgh. Alright, any other comments? Again, thank you so much, we appreciate you being here today.

Unidentified: Thank you. Appreciate it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I would like to recognize one individual in the audience.

President Koehler Lindsey: Absolutely.

Councilmember Goebel: Jerry Parkinson is here today, and he's got a nice tie on for us. He's the, I guess, Regional Director for Senator Donnelly.

Jerry Parkinson: That's right.

Councilmember Goebel: He's just here checking in on us. I would like to put an asterisk by that, Jerry was one of our former wrestlers, a great wrestler at Mater Dei. He made it to State finals a couple of times. He was instrumental in leading his team to a couple of State championships. So, it's good to see Jerry. He's meaner than he looks. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Welcome. If you have any comments for the record, you're welcome to come up. If you want to state your name so we can get it right in the minutes, we would appreciate it.

Jerry Parkinson: Jerry Parkinson, Regional Director for Senator Joe Donnelly. Thank you all for allowing me to sit in on your meeting today. I would also like to welcome these fine men to the force, and thank you for your service, and thank you for everything that you will do and have done for the County of Vanderburgh. So, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, thank you so much for being here. Okay, anything else under public comment?

<p>2016 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE CHANGES & REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME: JUNE 24, 2015 @ 3:30 P.M.</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Under reminders, before we go there, please note we have this in big print for everybody my age and older. I guess that rules Stephanie out. The dates to remember, I have tried to work with Teri, and I appreciate your indulgence on maybe streamlining the budget schedule a little bit so we can get more things done on the days that we're here. So, we are, we have the room reserved and these are the dates right now. If there is a serious conflict, and I believe, I asked Teri to try to reach all of you, I believe everybody did get to communicate, but if there's something that we need to discuss, let me know. Otherwise, please put these on your calendar. Okay.

<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Anything else to come before the Council today? Man, you guys are quiet today, everybody is ready for a nice summer day. Seeing no further comments, we are adjourned. Thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

_____ President Angela Koehler Lindsey	_____ Vice President John Montrastelle
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_____ Tom Shetler	_____ James Raben
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_____ Mike Goebel	_____ Ed Bassemier
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Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 1, 2015

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st day of July, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: Good morning. I want to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council meeting for July 1, 2015. Welcome, could we have the roll call please?

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

President Koehler Lindsey: There being, there being one, two, three, four, five present and two absent that constitutes a quorum. So, the meeting is officially open.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Bassemier, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance? I'll do the invocation.

(The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were given.)

**JOINT ORDINANCE OF GIBSON, POSEY, VANDERBURGH & WARRICK COUNTY
AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we're going to make a slight change in the agenda to make sure that we can get everything done in a timely manner. So, at this point we're going to skip down to new business. I would like to call forward the joint ordinance of the Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick County authorizing the creation of a regional development authority. Mr. Schopmeyer?

Greg Wathen: Good morning. Thank you, Madam President and fellow Councilmembers. My name is Greg Wathen and I'm the President and CEO for the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana. We're here today to talk about the Regional Cities Initiative that the State of Indiana has before us. So, the process today is a technical process set up by statute where we have to form a Regional Development Authority. It becomes the conduit, if we're lucky enough to be chosen, for a significant amount of state revenue that could come in and support quality of life projects. The Regional Cities Initiative itself is designed to do three things; it's designed to inspire regional collaboration, but with the Coalition we've been working in that market for the last eight years, but it's regional collaboration that retracts, retains and attracts talent and it encourages us to build this brand of Southwest Indiana, while at the same time it provides a strong financial partnership from the state. Quite candidly, we've never seen this opportunity before. In a nutshell, we have the opportunity, if we're chosen, to receive \$42 million from the state to allow us to invest in quality of place projects, specifically bricks and mortar projects that allow us to attract and retain talent. We have lots of competition across the state. A couple of the regions have already passed and established the RDA's, in South Bend and Ft. Wayne, and Indianapolis is going through the process as well. So, I don't know if you have any specific questions about it. This is a step required by statute that we form this. We're just going through the process in order to do it. It's not costing the county anything to do this. It doesn't cost

any additional investment, it's just these are the steps that we have to follow in order to put ourselves in a position to receive \$42 million from the state. I would be more than happy to entertain any questions you might have.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Sure.

Greg Wathen: Yes?

Councilmember Terry: Do you have any idea of some of the projects that you would be looking to do?

Greg Wathen: We're going through that process now. We have a really significant and very diverse working group of more than 70 people. So, it could be anything, we're looking at some specific things tied to some bricks and mortar tied to the School of Medicine and particular research. One of the things that happens, for example, with a school of medicine you can have laboratories, but it doesn't necessarily mean you actually have research. So, we're talking to Indiana University about the research opportunity that might exist and how we can participate there. We're looking at quality of place initiatives, for example, we're looking at how do we, much like Indianapolis and the building of their cultural trail, if you're familiar with that, that's a seven and a half mile loop that was established to really connect the historic districts within the Indianapolis area, and we're looking at possibly doing that kind of thing, and how that would drive private investment. One of the conditions of this is that whatever we do not only has to attract and retain talent, it has to drive private investment. So, that's at least initially what we're looking at are projects that have some type of private investment component attached to it. Then we're looking at some core projects in the outlying areas. For example, we're looking at a project in the Warrick Wellness Trail that's research related. We're looking at a project in Oakland City that's tied to the university to help re-build downtown while at the same time provide student, potential student housing for Oakland City and looking at a project within Oakland City itself. Though primarily, most of the projects will be in Evansville and Vanderburgh County, because the idea is to strengthen the regional city, of which Evansville is.

Councilmember Terry: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Awesome. Mr. Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Good morning, Mr. Wathen.

Greg Wathen: Good morning.

Councilmember Montrastelle: The \$42 million, is that money that we're competing for?

Greg Wathen: Competing, yes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

Greg Wathen: We were called in about two and half weeks ago to the state, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, they're promulgating the rules. So, like a lot of statutes, it's sort of a donut, they give you the parameters and then the state fills in all of the blanks. So, there are probably 11 communities represented. Not all of those will probably submit, but I would suspect our biggest competition will be Ft. Wayne, South Bend, Lafayette, Indianapolis, and then the area across from Louisville, Kentucky in Southern Indiana. There may be some other ones. I know that Kokomo and Muncie and Richmond have looked potentially at a region. So, Terre Haute is potentially looking at this as well, but it's very competitive. We think, based upon our track record as a regional organization, we've helped secure up to this point about \$75 million of grants for our four counties over the last eight years, we think we'll be very competitive. Two communities will be chosen, and the process is that there will be a recommending committee that will review all proposals. We'll be able to make a presentation to them probably sometime in September or October, and then, in turn, before the end of the year the Indiana Economic Development Corporation board of directors will select those two communities to be chosen.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. It sounds like a great opportunity for our area and we greatly appreciate your work on this. Alright, Councilmembers, we are going to do this all in one meeting so that we can help move the process along. What we need to do is two separate motions. They both require unanimous approval. So, I'll read the motion and ask for someone to make the motion and second it. Please note also that we all need to sign six copies of this ordinance. They need to take that with them, so please don't leave without putting your okie dokie on there. Alright, first of all I would request a motion to waive the second reading and make this the first and final reading of ordinance number CO.07-15-007, a joint ordinance of Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick County authorizing the creation of a Regional Development Authority.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being five ayes and no nays, the motion passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: I would now entertain a motion to approve ordinance number CO.07-15-007, a joint ordinance of Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick County authorizing the creation of a Regional Development Authority.

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much and congratulations.

Greg Wathen: Thanks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, I need to move back and approve the minutes, because I forgot to do that. So, I would entertain a motion for approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2015 meeting.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: I have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY-SUPERIOR COURT

President Koehler Lindsey: Notice we have made some slight adjustments to the agenda, and again we have it up here. I hope all of you out there enjoy that we've got our technology working. We're moving the personnel requests up here before we do the appropriation ordinance. So, the first request that we have is the Superior Court request to fill vacancy for Probation Officer-Juvenile. Yes, sir, please state your name for the record.

Bernie Faraone: Bernie Faraone with Juvenile Court. What we're asking is a recent hired employee has notified us that they're returning to their former employer. It's turned out to be, we hope it turns out to be a fortuitous anomaly. She replaced an employee that left for a position and is in position to return to her former spot, if the Council approves. We hope you do. We're asking for approval to fill a Probation Officer position.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, great. Do we have any questions? Do we have a motion?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being five ayes and zero nays, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Bernie Faraone: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: You're very welcome. Thank you.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES-SHERIFF

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the next item on the agenda is Sheriff request to fill vacancies for Deputy Sheriff, Jail/Confinement Officers and User Fee 136Z/Confinement Officer Supervisor. Good morning, Mr. Sheriff.

Dave Wedding: Hello, good morning.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have any questions for the Sheriff and/or a motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all those, let's go ahead and do roll call.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, five ayes and zero nays.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Dave Wedding: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES- HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, next is the Health Department request to fill vacancies for Deputy Sheriff, Jail/Confinement Officer.....whoops, Health Department request to fill vacancies for Secretary/Bookkeeper TB, TB Clinic Nurse, and Supervisor-Environmental Health change to Environmental Health Specialist and to fill that. Good morning, sir.

Ken Spear: Good morning. How are you this morning?

President Koehler Lindsey: Just great. Could you please state your name for the record?

Ken Spear: Dr. Ken Spear of the Vanderburgh County Health Department, Health Officer.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, do you have any information for us?

Ken Spear: The Secretary position is able to be filled at the current time. It's an open slot, as is the TB Clinic Nurse. The Secretary is going to be cross trained and will also work in Vital Records, to fill both those slots. The TB Clinic Nurse will also be cross trained in multiple areas, including Immunization Specialty Clinic, etcetera. We're running short right now. The third one is a little bit different in that we're replacing a Supervisor with a non-supervisor position. We're dropping it to a Sanitarian from a Supervisor, and it's about a \$20,000 per year savings on that position. We don't feel like we need a supervisor back in that area. So, I would strongly recommend filling these positions, as we are a little short right now.

President Koehler Lindsey: Is this part of the reorganization that is going on with the Health Department?

Ken Spear: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, very good. Are there any other questions for Dr. Spear at this time? Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: It's a motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, go right ahead.

Councilmember Shetler: Motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve, do I have a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, being five ayes and zero nays, the motion carries. Go right ahead.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Ken Spear: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES- CORONER

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, next up Coroner request to fill three part time employees. Good morning. Please state your name for the record.

Steve Lockyear: Good morning. My name is Steve Lockyear. I'm the Chief Deputy in the Coroner's Office.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do you have any information or comments for us?

Steve Lockyear: These are part time Deputy Coroners that are used to cover night time shifts, weekends, holidays.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Do we have any questions for the Coroner's Office? Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being five ayes and zero nays, we're on a roll this morning, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Steve Lockyear: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY- SURVEYOR

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, next up, Surveyor. He's on his way up, request to fill vacancy for the Office Manager. State your name for the record please.

Jeff Mueller: Good morning. Jeff Mueller, Vanderburgh County Surveyor, requesting to replace the Office Manager position that became vacant. She left to go back out into private industry.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, do we have questions for the Surveyor?

Unidentified: (Inaudible, microphone not on), Jeff?

Jeff Mueller: No, I just want to start being able, you know, I want to be able to have it open so I can start looking.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being five ayes and zero nays, the motion carries. Thank you, sir.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, moving right along to the appropriation ordinance. I think I got around to everyone, but I will point out that I had Kathy put at the bottom, "approved as requested unless otherwise indicated". So, unless we make a change, you just need to initial the bottom of each page and you don't have to fill in all of the amounts. It will save us a little bit of writing. It is front and back to save a little bit of paper. Seeing as the Finance Chairman is unable to be with us this morning, you're stuck with me.

JAIL

President Koehler Lindsey: So, we're going to start with General Fund appropriations requests with the Jail. We did look at these requests last week. Are there any further questions on the requests for the jail? I'll get to the right page. This is due to the Teamsters contract.

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

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, is there a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being five ayes and zero nays, the request is approved.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1320-132001	CO SUPV	1,741	1,741
1320-132002	CO SUPV	2,450	2,450
1320-132003	CO SUPV	2,564	2,564
1320-132004	CO SUPV	761	761
1320-132005	CO	35	35
1320-132009	CO	2,996	2,996
1320-101320	CO	3,004	3,004
1320-132011	CO	35	35
1320-132013	CO	526	526
1320-132015	CO	803	803
1320-132020	CO	803	803
1320-132021	CO	78	78
1320-132024	CO	2,727	2,727
1320-132025	CO	35	35
1320-132027	CO	545	545
1320-132028	CO	78	78
1320-132031	CO	3,004	3,004
1320-132033	CO	78	78
1320-132035	CO	78	78
1320-132036	CO	3,281	3,281
1320-132038	CO	35	35
1320-132039	CO	2,543	2,543
1320-132040	CO	526	526
1320-132041	CO	78	78
1320-132042	CO	78	78
1320-132044	CO	1,541	1,541
1320-132045	CO	78	78
1320-132047	CO	78	78
1320-132049	CO	31	31
1320-132050	CO	35	35
1320-132051	CO	803	803
1320-132052	CO	803	803
1320-132053	CO	78	78
1320-132054	CO	3,044	3,044
1320-132055	CO	78	78
1320-132056	CO	78	78
1320-132058	CO	78	78
1320-132060	CO	78	78
1320-132061	CO	526	526

1320-132062	CO	78	78
1320-132064	CO	78	78
1320-132065	CO	78	78
1320-132066	CO	1,559	1,559
1320-132102	CLERK	1,079	1,079
TOTAL		39,083	39,083

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Koehler Lindsey: The next request is the Cum Bridge Fund with Broadway Avenue. Are there any further questions on this? Do I have a motion to approve?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: A motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being five ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

1135-438100	BROADWAY AVE BR #271	100,000	100,000
TOTAL		100,000	100,000

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

President Koehler Lindsey: Now, the next request from the Local Emergency Planning Commission. Is there anyone here to speak on this? Okay, do we have any questions about this? It states that the fund has run short. It's a catch all account. Yearly funding check from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security will be electronically deposited this month. So, it sounds like we will be reimbursed. They just need a little to carry them through.

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any other questions or comments? Okay, I'll ask for a roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being five ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMM

1152-321000	EMERGENCY MGNT	5,000	5,000
TOTAL		5,000	5,000

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: I know that if there are some questions Councilmembers want answered, please feel free to contact Emergency Management, but we'll make sure that money gets back in there.

AUDITOR'S INELIGIBLE DEDUCTIONS

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, Auditor's Ineligible Deductions. I think this is kind of a bookkeeping matter with the computers purchased with the Treasurer's Office. Do we have any further questions on this? We did hear this last week. If not, I would entertain a motion to approve.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being five ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

AUDITOR'S INELIGIBLE DEDUCTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1216-337000	DATA MANAGEMENT	2,056	2,056
TOTAL		2,056	2,056

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

TRANSFERS

President Koehler Lindsey: Counselor, I believe we can take all of these transfer requests together. Is that correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, you can take them all in one motion, unless there's any exceptions.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, so Councilmembers if you would look over these. These are transfer requests we're just moving from one spot to another to keep everything flowing. Are there any questions on the transfer requests? Anything you want done individually? If not, then I would request a motion to approve all transfers as requested.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we have a motion and a second on the transfer requests. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being five ayes and zero nays, the motion carries. That takes care of our finance ordinance for this month. We're getting down to the end of the year, ready for the new budget. So, not quite as much as usual.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1020-102131	ADMINISTRATIVE SEC	4,220	4,220
To:			
1020-102117	BOOKKEEPER INS/RET	2,160	2,160
1020-102116	BOOKKEEPER PAYROLL	2,060	2,060

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1050-105079	DEPUTY	4,349	4,349
1050-105113	DEPUTY	4,349	4,349
1050-105119	DEPUTY	10,938	10,938
1050-105137	DEPUTY	4,349	4,349
1050-105151	DEPUTY	1,073	1,073
1050-105159	ADMN. ASST.	3,076	3,076
1050-105170	PART TIME	3,735	3,735
To:			
1050-153000	MERIT SHIFT	15,000	15,000
1050-130000	MERIT OT	16,869	16,869

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1240-361000	LEGAL SERVICES	3,000	3,000
To:			
1240-314000	COMMUNICATIONS	3,000	3,000

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1320-132007	CO	994	994
1320-132008	CO	994	994
1320-132017	CO	8,161	8,161
1320-132022	CO	994	994
1320-132023	CO	8,526	8,526
1320-132026	CO	16,038	16,038
1320-132030	CO	11,509	11,509
1320-132032	CO	1,137	1,137
1320-132034	CO	6,974	6,974
1320-132037	CO	23,480	23,480
1320-132043	CO	16,083	16,083
1320-132046	CO	2,498	2,498
1320-132105	NURSE MGR	7,007	7,007
1320-132109	EMT	889	889
1320-175000	CO CLOTHING	11,000	11,000
To:			
1320-130100	CIVILIAN OT	32,000	32,000
1320-153000	CO SHIFT	3,000	3,000
1320-185000	CO OT	80,358	80,358
1320-195000	TEAMSTERS ED FUND CO	765	765

1320-195100	TEAMSTERS ED FUND CIV	161	161
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SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1370-390300	PETIT JURORS	4,000	4,000
To:			
1370-379000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4,000	4,000

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1430-143003	CO SUPV	2,836	2,836
1430-143006	CO	1,041	1,041
1430-143020	CO	5,500	5,500
1430-143022	CO	4,225	4,225
1430-143053	CLERK	3,140	3,140
1430-143054	CLERK	7,830	7,830
To:			
1430-143001	CO SUPV	2,459	2,459
1430-143002	CO SUPV	2,564	2,564
1430-143004	CO	2,266	2,266
1430-143005	CO	35	35
1430-143007	CO	803	803
1430-143008	CO	803	803
1430-143009	CO	78	78
1430-143010	CO	3,281	3,281
1430-143011	CO	803	803
1430-143012	CO	803	803
1430-143015	CO	3,281	3,281
1430-143016	CO	526	526
1430-143017	CO	78	78
1430-143019	CO	180	180
1430-143023	CO	514	514
1430-143055	CO SUPV	510	510
1430-143056	CO SUPV	1,699	1,699
1430-153000	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	3,468	3,468
1430-195000	TEAMSTERS ED FUND	421	421

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1152-260000	SUPPLIES	53	53
1152-313000	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	300	300

1152-314000	COMMUNICATIONS	100	100
1152-337000	DATA MGMT	100	100
1152-331000	TRAINING & EDUCATION	110	110
1152-331300	EDUCATON & PUBLIC OUTREACH	100	100
To:			
1152-321000	EMERGENCY MGMT	763	763

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

AUDITOR HEALTH DEPT.	SURVEYOR ASSESSOR	DADS(2)
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President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you so much, moving along we’re going to look at new business, the travel requests. We have Auditor, Surveyor, the DADS Department has two requests, Health Department and the Assessor. Do we have any questions on the travel requests for July? If there are no questions, I would entertain a motion to approve the travel requests as submitted.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second to approve the travel requests. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed like sign.

(None opposed)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries. The travel requests are approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION CO.R-07-15-008:TAX PHASE-IN FOR FLANDERS, LLC, ARRO, LLC AND ALL JOE INVESTMENT, LLC

President Koehler Lindsey: Now we’re ready to look at the preliminary resolution/tax phase-in for Flanders. Do we have someone to speak on that? State your name for the record please.

Chris Kinnett: We have several. Chris Kinnett, President of the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. Good morning and thank you for hearing us this morning and our request for resolution CO.R-07-15-008, preliminary resolution asking for tax phase-in for Flanders. This again is a well-known and a well-respected company within the city of, well, within the County of Vanderburgh. They currently have 436 individuals employed locally, over 850 nationally. They’re looking to expand their facility, of which \$950,000 would be for the physical structure, and about \$2.8 million for personal property. Again, we’re asking for tax phase-in on both, again, as we discussed last week, the actual real property only came in at nine points, as opposed to ten points, but it was missed by \$50,000. So, again, we ask for a little bit of understanding there given that we are looking at 436 retained employees, plus 30 new employees for this year, at an average wage of \$28. Here with us this morning are two gentlemen; Eric will be giving a brief presentation regarding Flanders itself, and Allen Patterson is here as well. So, Eric, if you want to come up.

President Koehler Lindsey: Welcome, thank you.

Chris Kinnett: State your name.

Eric Reffett: Eric Reffett. I just wanted to give a quick overview of the company, what our plans are and what the expansion looks like.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great.

Eric Reffett: Flanders is a family-owned company, for the last three generations, founded in 1947. Allen represents the third generation here. We're a global company with over 850 employees. Our primary focus is here and nationally, but expanding internationally as well. Our foundation is with electric motor repair in the mining industry. Since that time with the early foundation we've expanded that and diversified outside of mining, gone to the new motor manufacturing, expanded into new products and engineering services. Our present state is that we've established a 25 year plan. A lot of that plan is focused on growth and diversification outside of mining. As most of you are probably aware, mining is a little bit of a sore subject right now, so, we're working as best as we can to try to get some other areas of business outside of that. We've got a few huge opportunities right now, a couple in oil and gas, marine and other areas where we feel like if we can get outside of that window, it's going to create more sustainability and more stability for the company. So, with that we've got a proposed expansion. The majority of that comes in the first phase of increased power. That sounds kind of simple, but we've run out. So, in order to run all of our machines at the same time and to test adequately, we need to work with Vectren to get more power. Part of that would be a testing facility. That's a niche for Flanders. That's not a very well-known thing within the industry, but to be able to test large 6,000-7,000 horsepower motors, you need a lot of power. With that, we're also going to add new manufacturing cells. We're going to switch from more of a low volume to a high volume manufacturing product. We need new equipment, we need new testing, a lot of automation, all of those projects are going to combine into a couple of manufacturing cells. Along with that there's going to be software implementations, learning management systems, HRIS, with a focus on training and developing employees. So, with the new equipment, the employee focus, we really feel like the expansion will help Evansville, help the community and also help the company increase our stability, and get a little bit more diversified outside of the mining. Any questions?

President Koehler Lindsey: Any questions from Councilmembers? Or comments? Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: No questions, but just a comment. Great corporate citizens, and they buy local and it's very good for our community, city, county and we're glad to have you. Anything we can do to help, I think all of us are here to help.

Eric Reffett: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any other Councilmember? Councilman Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Your growth, is all of your expansion going to take place at your current facility?

Eric Reffett: Correct. It's our Baumgart Road facility here in Evansville.

President Koehler Lindsey: Anything else? I had a note that you are retaining 436 employees and expected to have ten new positions?

Eric Reffett: Yeah, we're looking at adding ten new positions this year, and then adding an additional, I think, nine positions next year.

President Koehler Lindsey: Awesome, we love to hear that with job opportunities. Again, I would just echo what Councilman Shetler said, we appreciate you being right here in Vanderburgh County and we're happy to do what we can to keep you here.

Eric Reffett: Awesome. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Okay, did you have anyone else that was going to speak?

Chris Kinnett: No, just, again, if there any questions Allen Patterson is here, but, certainly is supportive of the project and supportive of trying to do whatever it takes to help the Council understand what's going on.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. So, with that I would entertain a motion to approve resolution CO.R-07-15-008.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I make a motion to approve it.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Could we have a roll call please?

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being five ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much and best of luck.

GAGE/TAX PHASE-IN COMPLIANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, GAGE is not going very far, I suppose, we have the tax phase-in compliance packet. Welcome, good morning and please state your name for the record.

Andrea Lendy: Good morning. I'm Andrea Lendy, and I'm the Business Services Coordinator at GAGE. In your packet you will find a summary of my findings for the first group of companies for this year's tax phase-in compliance. The companies who have missed either of the compliance numbers by greater than 90 percent have been notified and have filed letters regarding their compliance for your review. You will find a summary spreadsheet, the CF-1's of the companies and letters of explanation from Shoe Carnival and Terra Firma, also known as Enviroplas, addressing the company's non-compliance. Shoe Carnival was impacted negatively due to unforeseen economic factors during the financial crisis between 2007 to 2009. The growth of Shoe Carnival was less than estimated, however, they're still 88 percent compliant with 140 employees out of the estimated 160. They have exceeded their pre-recession workforce levels by 19 percent at their corporate headquarters, which are also in Vanderburgh County. Terra Firma, again, also knows an Enviroplas, barely missed their estimated investment total at 89 percent, due to reduced costs in 2010. Should you decide not to grant compliance based on the two letters of explanation, I will submit a letter to the companies requesting a company representative to appear at the next Council meeting to answer any questions. After discussions with the representative the Council can grant compliance or propose a resolution to withdraw tax phase-in if the company does not meet requirements for compliance. Do you guys have any questions?

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I'm kind of almost reminded of the Biblical verse, and that would be that, you know, whoever didn't have rough times in '09 and '10, let them cast the first stone here. So, I think everybody that's in business suffered greatly, and I would have to understand and sympathize with their plight during that time, because it was rough sledding for all of us. So, I would support and I don't know if we need a motion to approve that, or if we just need a motion to get them to comply or whatever needs to be done.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do you want to explain all of that please, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, what you can do, as she indicated, if right now if all, is there five of these, I think, is that right?

Andrea Lendy: There are two that are non-compliant.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, and then there's two others. I didn't know if you wanted to take them, find that they're all in substantial compliance with a motion, or whether you wanted to separate the two, or how are you wanting to proceed?

Shance Sizemore: Historically, what we have done...this is Shance Sizemore with the Growth Alliance as well. Historically, what we have done is take them all as compliant, as long as the Council decides that one of them didn't at least make an effort to try to be substantially compliant. In that case, then they would separate that individual or that individual CF-1 out from the packet. But, in this case, what we were looking for is a vote for substantial compliance for all of them and the signatures on them, that way we can return them to the companies.

Jeff Ahlers: If that's the motion you want make, I would just list all of the companies, just make a motion that you find them in substantial compliance, and get a second and pass them, unless there's somebody that wants to except one.

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom, you made a motion?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I'm making a motion that we accept them all as substantially compliant.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we need to read them into the record?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, if you don't mind. Do you have that list? I've got your chart, but I don't know if you have the list of names, if you want to read them in to the record, so we just have a record of the companies that we're approving as substantial compliance as of this date.

Andrea Lendy: Sure. Okay, I've got Brake Supply, WBK/Graham Packaging/Angelo Gordon, Terra Firma Properties, Advanced Disposal Services, also Veolia Solid Waste, Enviroplas, Graham Packaging again, Brake Supply Company and Shoe Carnival.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second to find all of these companies that have been named in substantial compliance. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being five ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: We appreciate your hard work at GAGE and know you'll continue to work with these companies.

Shance Sizemore: Thank you very much. We will—

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a question.

President Koehler Lindsey: Go ahead.

Councilmember Bassemier: Refresh my memory, what does this Terra Firma Properties do, LLC, what's their type of business?

Andrea Lendy: Terra Firma is also Enviroplas.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, okay. Great.

Shance Sizemore: It's the holding company for the real property.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, okay.

Chris Kinnett: They combine plastic pellets, basically is what they're doing, which includes both raw plastics, as well as recycled.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Shance Sizemore: The final piece is that you will see us again next month with the last group, and final group of CF-1's for compliance.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, very good.

Shance Sizemore: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you all so much.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we're going to move along now to the amendments to the salary ordinance. Teri has placed a copy of this in front of you. We're looking at Superior Court, two; Sheriff, two; Jail, three; Community Corrections, two; Health Department, the Coroner and the Surveyor and the Auditor each have one. Are there any questions or comments on the salary ordinance amendments? If not, I would entertain a motion to approve.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: That moves us into public comment. Is there anyone here today that would like to come forward and comment? We scared everybody away. We thank you all for being here. Awesome.

REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, reminder we are not going to have our Personnel and Finance meeting in July, honestly, due to vacation schedules and so many Councilmembers being out of town. So, we're going to just take care of all of our business at the August 4th meeting, which will start at 8:00. No, I'm sorry, August 5th the meeting will start at 8:00, but we will be meeting to start the budget process August the 4th, which is Tuesday at 8:30. Did I get that right, Teri?

Teri Lukeman: You did.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Teri Lukeman: Do you want to read these?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, please, let me read these other dates in here. August the 4th, budget hearing starts at 8:30; August the 5th we will have our regular Council meeting here at 8:00, followed by budget hearings starting at 8:30, or whenever we get done with Council; August 26th then will be our August Personnel and Finance meeting, again at 8:00 a.m.; and September the 2nd we'll have the regular Council meeting at 8:00, with the hearing for the Solid Waste and the Airport, budget cuts will be at 8:30, and the Trustees budget review at 9:00; September 30th is our Personnel and Finance meeting at 8:00, budget adoption, we hope, at 8:30, and then we'll review the Civil Unit budgets and adopt the Solid Waste and Airport starting at 9:00. If you have any questions on these days, or if any members of the public need a copy, please contact our Assistant, Mrs. Lukeman. Any Councilmembers needing a copy, again, just make sure, you should have one of these, and please let us know if something is going to be a conflict. Questions?

Councilmember Terry: 8:00 meetings will go until when?

President Koehler Lindsey: The 8:00 meetings—

Councilmember Bassemier: I think November.

President Koehler Lindsey: -- when we're at Council they will go until about noon, I don't know.

Councilmember Terry: No, no, no. I mean, is it going to end in September that we meet at 8:00?

President Koehler Lindsey: Oh, oh, oh, no, it's going to end, is it November?

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: We've moved our meetings from 3:30 to 8:00 from now until November, and then December we'll go back to 3:30 until, well, that will be the next Council's decision to decide.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: So, when we fall backwards on the time clock.

Councilmember Terry: Yeah, I just, 8:30 was (Inaudible. Microphone not on.). I'm having trouble with that.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's okay. I understand, me too.

ADJOURNMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, is there any further business to come before the Council? If not, then we stand adjourned. Thank you all.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Tom Shetler

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 5, 2015**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of August, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: We're going to call to order the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council for August 5, 2015. Roll call please.

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

President Koehler Lindsey: There being six members absent, or six members present, one absent, that constitute a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

President Koehler Lindsey: We're going to ask Councilman Bassemier to lead us in the Pledge, and I will do the invocation.

(The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were given.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, that brings us to approval of the minutes of July 1, 2015. You should have received via e-mail. Do I have a motion to approve?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, it's been moved and seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed?

(None opposed)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries.

(Motion approved 6-0)

COUNTY CLERK-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Next up personnel requests. We have, the first one is from the Clerk, a request to fill vacancies for Juvenile Clerk and Circuit/Superior Counter Clerk.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning. Debbie Stucki, County Clerk. We're asking to fill these two vacancies. We've checked with the Auditor's Office, and because of their buy outs I can't hire anyone until 9/21 for both of those positions.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have any questions for the Clerk?

Councilmember Shetler: Let me, just looking a little bit here in advance, and next week starts the budget hearings, so, I can wait till then, but since you're here requesting to fill a couple of vacancies, I know you've given up a couple of positions in recent years.

Debbie Stucki: I think it's three.

Councilmember Shetler: About three? Has there, you know, with all of the technology we have out there today, and you're using it better than what we have in the past, and that's greatly appreciated, are there ways that we could save further on manpower within your office in the future?

Debbie Stucki: Odyssey, it is a nice program that was offered by the state, but some things take longer to do, to enter in Odyssey. Something like the services it used to take about five steps, it takes ten steps to enter. So, some things take longer, some things it made easier. I haven't found a way to eliminate anyone yet.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay. Quite honestly, and I'm going to speak it to really all the department heads from here on out, because it really is more than just our mantra, but I kind of view this as being one of the more difficult years that we're going to have in the budget process, in a long time. We're going to have to definitely tighten the belt. So, just a forewarning on that.

Debbie Stucki: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: I would approve these today, but I don't know what I'm going to do next week when it comes to budget time for next year.

Debbie Stucki: Okay. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: I would like to just kind of follow up on Councilman Shetler's, that we are planning to send an e-mail to department heads, all department heads these next couple of days, as we're getting ready to go into budget hearings, to really ask you to just once again scrutinize, to comb through, to find places where there might be additional available dollars. You know, look at all your positions, we're not about eliminating a position and eliminating a person at this point, but as retirements happen and as openings are there, really look seriously at where we can consolidate and get the best bang for our buck, because, as Councilman Shetler indicated, it's going to be really, really tough this year. We would rather have you all look at what you can do than all of us just picking out whichever one we think. So, I think we can work it out working together. That being said, do I have a motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Angela?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Bassemier: Ma'am, do you think you can hold off on these two vacancies until after the budget hearings and see where we really stand? You're not going to hire them until September anyway, so, can you hold off until we go through budget hearings?

Debbie Stucki: Well, I think they need to be filled. One is in Circuit/Superior and one is in Small Claims, they're two very busy departments. I know the titles say otherwise, but the way that people have been moved in the past, their line items weren't always moved with the job that they're doing. I think they're two busy departments that need, but I would certainly be willing to look elsewhere.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thanks. I was just asking.

Debbie Stucki: Sure.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I concur with Councilman Bassemier. The final budget adoption is September 30. You cannot hire until September 21.

Debbie Stucki: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: So, why don't we just hold until after that point, as far as the hiring goes?

Debbie Stucki: I probably wouldn't have a person start right on 9/21, that's correct.

Councilmember Shetler: We could at least hold off until perhaps the September 1st, 2nd, whatever that first meeting is.

President Koehler Lindsey: The first meeting in September.

Councilmember Shetler: At least a month away from now.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah.

Councilmember Shetler: By then there may be a few things shaking out where we would have a better feel on our cash flow. But, there's no doubt, it's going to be very tight next year.

Debbie Stucki: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: So, that will not affect you whatsoever if we just table this until, at least the next meeting.

Debbie Stucki: September 1st, right?

Councilmember Shetler: Then, maybe until that—

Debbie Stucki: Budgets.

Councilmember Shetler: --October meeting.

Debbie Stucki: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, then, at this point, we will hold. Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Debbie, do you have, I guess, is this enough time for you to kind of look at to see if there is an opportunity for some positions to be moved around?

Debbie Stucki: We have done a lot of moving and consolidating. Some, just duties within their, each person as they leave, and, so far, some people have been able to take on some duties, but then there's always something else that has to be done. I can't even hardly keep a part time file clerk. So, we're always filing, because I can't even keep a part time file clerk.

Councilmember Shetler: Are you having a difficult time keeping that part time file clerk because of the pay rate? Or, are they looking for full time and that's just not enough for them?

Debbie Stucki: Well, of course, they all come in hoping they will get full time, but most of it is the rate. They work really hard. It's, I tell them right up front, there's, you know, it's nothing but filing. You'll be sitting, sorting a little bit, but you're mostly up on your feet filing. I just, I have a hard time keeping a person in there.

Councilmember Shetler: I mean, I ask that question because I have felt for a long time that perhaps we have not really been real wise about how we've done our part time. Perhaps we need to pay them better per hour because we're not having to pay the other benefits and stuff, which saves us a considerable amount of money, you know, nearly, probably fifty or sixty percent of their total cost is saved by not having to worry about, you know, paying the extra perks and stuff that might associate with a full time employee. So, it's worth paying, I think, a little bit more per hour to keep somebody. There are many people out there that are well qualified and attracted to part time work, because, you know, maybe they want to be home when the kids get home from school,

whatever it might be. So, I think we ought to revisit that whole situation and save on our full time employees.

Debbie Stucki: Yeah, I think that would be enticing.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great. Alright, well, thank you for being agreeable to holding this, and we will, at this point, go ahead and hold this particular item until at least the September meeting.

Debbie Stucki: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

AREA PLAN-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the next item on the agenda, the Area Plan request to fill vacancies for Zoning Enforcement Officer and Senior Secretary. Good morning.

Ron London: Good morning. Ron London, Director of Area Plan Commission. We had a Zoning Enforcement Officer leave last week. We have two entire Zoning Enforcement Officers for all of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, as we only have one doing the job right now. So, we are requesting to fill the vacancy, and I believe August the 24th is when everything would be paid up to be able to re-hire.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Do we want to look at these separately? Or, go ahead and tell us about the Senior Secretary position as well.

Ron London: The Senior Secretary position, we were just informed two weeks ago that she would be leaving, and we are requesting to fill that vacancy, but that vacancy won't need to be filled until, I would say, the end of September. She's not leaving until mid-September, so, if for some reason we need to hold off on that, we could until after budget time on that one, but, we are in need of the Enforcement Officer.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so, I'm hearing that you are willing to hold the Senior Secretary position. So, we will go ahead at this point and hold that position, appreciate that.

Ron London: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: And just, again, just reiterate, you know, continue to look at where you can fine tune things in your office.

Ron London: Sure.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, we will hold that position, and then any questions and discussion now on the Zoning Enforcement Officer from members of Council? Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I guess, I'll just kind of go through the same thing I just said with Debbie, and that is, you know, I don't know if there's ways that, again, I feel that there are very qualified people out there that know a lot about the building industry that have, you know, special, but they don't want to work full time. This might be a perfect opportunity, I don't know exactly what this job entails, what the requirements are without having that in front of me, but I would think that some people with some good construction background and some knowledge of zoning and building, etcetera, might have the kind of skills, and I would think that there's probably some retired people out there that want some part time income.

Ron London: This is definitely not a part time job.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, I mean, but two or three people may be able to fill that, and get basically a full timer out of it, I don't know.

Ron London: I would not recommend that, by no means, with this job. If you don't know the zoning ordinance, if you're not here every day, because not only do they go out in the field to go out and look at complaints, they also have to help run site review, they have to take in the files to do all of that work. I mean, there's a lot of detail involvement that you need to be here every day to be able to do that job. I think we've done a good job up front as far as being able to answer the questions as people have been able to come in, and you've got to be able to draw, help people draw site plans whenever they come in on paper. I mean, there's a lot of detailed work that needs to be done. So, really, these two positions, both of the Zoning Enforcement Officers need to be here every day. I would not recommend that being a part time position, but whatever we would have to look at, we would have to look at, but I don't think this is one of those.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Ron, when you say full time, is that 40 hours?

Ron London: Oh, yeah.

Councilmember Montrastelle: So, it could not be done with a 32 hour work week?

Ron London: No. They need to be here a full eight hours every day. If you would come down to the office, you'll see how many people come in and out of that office to try and get permits, try to go through site review, come in and file subdivisions, and these people are the ones who are not only doing that, but they're also going out and trying to handle violations at the same exact time. So, they're doing at least 40 hours worth of work in a 40 hour work week.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval on the Zoning Officer.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we have a motion and a second to approve the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Roll call vote please. Oh, one question before we vote. Yes, sir?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.) we can hire right away, right?

Ron London: Yeah, August the 24th, I think, is whenever their pay out is totally done. So, we would be able to hire on the 25th full time.

Councilmember Bassemier: August the 24th?

Ron London: Yeah.

Councilmember Shetler: Let me just point out, what I am talking about is that you can actually hire two part time people, working 30 hours a piece, 60 hours of work that you could get out of it, depending on how you want to schedule it, and we could actually end up saving money, versus one full time person. So, you actually gain 20 hours of work off of it because of what we save on the benefits that we provide. So, that's what, maybe it won't work in your situation. It doesn't work in all situations.

Ron London: Sure.

Councilmember Shetler: But, it is, we have to start thinking somewhat out of the box here in order to, I think, to accomplish a budget next year that's going to be with, you know, to balance it at all.

Ron London: I would like to say that we are bringing in probably \$100,000 of additional monies this year to the county that you would not have to put into the Area Plan. So, I just want everybody to know that. Last year we brought in \$150,000.

Councilmember Shetler: Are we getting—

Ron London: We are trying to do our, we are trying to do what we can.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great, we appreciate that.

Councilmember Shetler: Are we getting anywhere on that, I mean, right now the split's like 85 percent?

Ron London: I've turned in everything that I can to everybody who's asked for information. So, other than that, I'm not in the loop, other than providing what people have asked for.

Councilmember Goebel: I think we need to put a little bit of emphasis to the Commissioners to get something worked out. We have to sign that contract this year.

Councilmember Shetler: Right. Yeah, and that's the big bucks, honestly. If we can get that split between city and county to something that's a little fairer to our side.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: That's a whole lot more than saving \$20 here or there, you know.

Councilmember Goebel: The \$100,000, does that go 85 to county and 15 to city?

Ron London: Yes, it would.

Councilmember Bassemier: Would it be hard (Inaudible. Microphone not on.) two part time without (Inaudible. Microphone not on.) hard to find somebody?

Ron London: I think with this position it would. There might be others in the office that we might be able to do something with, but I think for these two it's very important that you have the consistency in there for the people who are coming in to try and get the permits and trying to do the site plans. I think, just those two positions are very difficult for that to occur.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion on the floor. I'm going to go ahead and call for the question. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being six ayes and zero nays, we will go ahead and pass this much needed position at this time.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Ron London: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

COUNTY HIGHWAY-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the next item on the agenda, the Highway Department request to fill vacancy for Laborer. Good morning. We'll just say ditto, we would appreciate you listening to all of the comments that have been made prior to on our need for saving some bucks. Good morning.

Scot Wichser: Okay. Scot Wichser, Superintendent of Vanderburgh County Department. It's a union position, Laborer's position we're needing to fill.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do you know when you're needing to fill it?

Scot Wichser: We can fill it as soon as we get the okay. We then need to send the pink slip through the Commissioners meeting.

President Koehler Lindsey: How long has it been vacant?

Scot Wichser: It's been vacant about a month.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Alright, other questions or discussion from members of Council? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Is this a slower time right now for the county?

Scot Wichser: Oh, no.

Councilmember Goebel: Or is there such a thing?

Scot Wichser: There's no such thing.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I'm just curious.

Scot Wichser: This time of year it's really busy, because we've got all of the mowing of right-of-ways, we've got the county lots we've got to take care of, we've got the paving, we've got the deep patching, we've got the ditching, we've got the shoulder repair, we've got the pot holes, we've got the, actually this time of year there's actually not enough people to go around to try and get everything done. We work with what we've got.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think you've got vacations too, right?

Scot Wichser: What's that?

Councilmember Bassemier: You've got vacations this summer too? You're short of help.

Scot Wichser: Oh, yeah. Yes, yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Okay, roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being six ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Scot Wichser: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

HEALTH DEPT-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: Next up is the Health Department request to fill vacancy for Secretary/Bookkeeper. Good morning, Dr. Spear.

Ken Spear: Good morning. Dr. Ken Spear, Vanderburgh County Health Officer. We're asking to fill a position, the Secretary/Bookkeeper MCH, who also does a lot of our computer work, with installation of the medical record throughout the departments. She is moving over to a Sanitarian position that was left vacant by a supervisor. We reduced that position from Supervisor to General Sanitarian. She is trying to move to that position since she can get knowledge of every job within the Health Department. She's very committed to staying with the Health Department long term. So, we will have one vacancy that can be filled. The Sanitarian position has been paid out, and that line item is full again. So, we're requesting that replacement.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Questions or discussion or a motion?

Councilmember Terry: I move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, it's been moved and seconded. Any further questions? Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being six ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Ken Spear: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

COUNTY HIGHWAY-VACANCY REQUEST RE-VISITED

President Koehler Lindsey: Scot, before you leave.

Scot Wichser: Yes?

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, I'm noticing we have two requests. I'm not sure which one we approved. We had one that was July the 7th for Heavy Equipment Operator.

Scot Wichser: Well, there was a—

President Koehler Lindsey: Then there was a Highway Laborer.

Scot Wichser: There was a change.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Scot Wichser: One of our employees took the job.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Scot Wichser: So, we will be requesting, in September, for an Operator and a Laborer.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, So, we—

Scot Wichser: This is for a Laborer today.

President Koehler Lindsey: Today was the Laborer?

Scot Wichser: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Scot Wichser: We will be requesting, coming back, we have two other openings.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Scot Wichser: We'll have to come back and request for those.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, I just wanted to clarify that, as I was going through my paperwork, I thought, oops.

Scot Wichser: We've got to go through the bidding process on those.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Scot Wichser: Within the shop, then county-wide, and then it goes to the street, before we send it to the street we come in and ask permission to fill it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Yes?

Councilmember Shetler: I was just wondering if we need to redo the motion on that?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah.

Councilmember Shetler: I kind of thought it was the Equipment Operator.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, yeah, would that be prudent, Counselor, to go ahead and redo the motion? To make sure we've got it. Or, can we just state it on the record?

Scot Wichser: I know Teri was probably—

President Koehler Lindsey: Jeff?

Scot Wichser: --driving her crazy.

Jeff Ahlers: I think you need another motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Alright.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll amend the motion. I made the motion to it. I'll rescind the motion, and I'll make a motion to hire that Laborer.

Scot Wichser: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Whatever that number is.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, we'll take that all as one motion, to rescind the previous motion and just to be clear that we are voting today on the Laborer, the Highway Laborer.

Scot Wichser: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Is there a second on that?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. All in favor...oh, question?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Scot, will you just pull this person from the labor hall? Or, do you have somebody in mind?

Scot Wichser: No, we don't use the labor hall with the Teamsters 215. We hire, we let the...first it stays in-house for three days, the bid process at the shop. If nobody takes it there, then it goes county-wide for the union, and at that point if nobody bids it, then it goes to the street, then we hire off the street.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

Scot Wichser: So, at that point, we will not hire off the street until we come out and ask permission to fill the position.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay. Thank you.

Scot Wichser: Yep.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we'll just take a voice vote on this. All in favor of the Highway Laborer position signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the motion carries and we're clear now.

(Motion approved 6-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

Scot Wichser: Alright, thanks.

President Koehler Lindsey: Gotta make sure we dot our "i's" and cross our "t's".

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, then moving in to the appropriation ordinance, and I suppose that's going to fall to me. So, we're looking first for the General Fund appropriation request.

SHERIFF & JAIL

President Koehler Lindsey: The Sheriff's Office has a request for Utilities in the amount of \$6,000. Good morning.

Dave Wedding: Hello.

Councilmember Bassemier: Good morning.

Dave Wedding: Sheriff Wedding, Sheriff's Office. We also had two other appropriations, one for Fuel and one for Food.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Alright, what's the best way to do this, Counselor? Do we want to take all of these at the same time? Or ask questions, because one is out of COIT and one is out of the General Fund. Or, two out of COIT and one out of General Fund.

Jeff Ahlers: They need to have separate motions.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so we'll just need separate motions for those. While you're up here, if you want to speak to the Fuel and the Utilities, and then I noticed we've got the Jail on there, that would be fine, but we will do separate motions.

Dave Wedding: Right, there's a Fuel and Utilities, but all three of the requests, they're re-occurring costs to the Sheriff's Office. I met with Joe Gries a week ago, we talked about trimming back some of this money until the fall, and then we would come back and ask for the final appropriation to get us through the year.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Dave Wedding: I agreed to cut back whatever he suggested and a certain dollar amount.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Thank you.

Joe Gries: Yeah, the information we talked about was for the COIT Fund. The Sheriff agreed to reduce these requests. The Fuel request we talked about reducing to \$50,000, and then the request for Food, because there's quite a bit of money still left in there and gets him, I think, pretty close to, you know, through the next couple of months at least, and then come back, maybe look at if there's any money in the General Fund, because this is going to have to come from the General Fund after this, because the COIT money is going to be dwindled to pretty much nothing. So, that one would, I guess, be set in at zero, and then the Fuel, if the Council, you know, would set that in at \$50,000, that would then cover our issues with the COIT Fund there.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Angela?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make a motion to approve 1050-320000, Utilities, for \$6,000.

President Koehler Lindsey: For the Utilities, alright. There's a motion for the Sheriff's Utilities. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being six ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-320000	UTILITIES	6,000	6,000
TOTAL		6,000	6,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Bassemier: I would also like to make a motion to approve 49981050-221000, Fuel, for \$100,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Goebel: May I ask a question here?

Councilmember Terry: Me too?

Councilmember Goebel: Has the Sheriff agreed to \$50,000?

Dave Wedding: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Dave Wedding: Joe and I, we discussed it, we had a plan in place to come and get the remaining funds at the like October meeting.

Councilmember Goebel: So, it's \$50,000 today for Fuel, and you've agreed to zero for Food at this point?

Joe Gries: The Food, because you had, Dave, you had quite a bit of money still in there. I think I showed you the number, it was, I forget exactly what it was, but there was at least a couple two to three months in there.

Dave Wedding: Yeah, we're going to get through until we need to come back for the appropriation.

Joe Gries: Right.

Dave Wedding: Just to save the county until that time.

Joe Gries: The appropriations will have to be done out of the General Fund. So, there's possibly more funds available later this year. If there's any, I don't know if there's any money that you might be able to transfer as well out of some General Fund line items also.

Dave Wedding: Right.

Joe Gries: But, the \$50,000 for the Fuel, and setting in the Food at zero, basically allows us to keep the COIT Fund from going into the red, which we cannot do.

Councilmember Goebel: You're okay with that at this point?

Dave Wedding: Right, and I do want to caution the Councilmembers that we have experienced a fairly significant spike in our inmate population, which causes our food costs to go up. We were sitting right at 600 inmates in jail this past week, which is a pretty hefty number. That comes with a cost. You have to feed the inmates, so, it's a cost that we can't anticipate, it's fluxual, you know, sometimes our inmate population is down, but recently it's been extremely high. I don't see it going down any time soon.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, but, once again, you're satisfied that we can work this out, and you will come back at a future—

Dave Wedding: Right, my conversation with Joe last week, I think we had a pretty good plan in place to help the county and then help my office as well.

Joe Gries: Yeah.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. We greatly appreciate your cooperation on that. I know the Auditor had sent out some information and I had asked him to go ahead and clear it with you. So, I appreciate that.

Councilmember Goebel: We could not fund this out of COIT anyway today, because we don't have the funds. Is that correct?

President Koehler Lindsey: Correct.

Joe Gries: The total amount of available funds within the COIT Fund right now is just over \$175,000. You have requests that total \$295,000. So, no, you could not request, you could not approve all of this, the state would not approve it, and it would come back and cut it if you sent this to the state today as it were. So, the Sheriff is doing the right thing. We worked that out in the conversation that the Council, if they agreed to this, then we should be in okay shape, and then coming forward we'll have to just shore it up later this year.

Councilmember Goebel: Ed, can you amend your—

President Koehler Lindsey: Would you like to amend your motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: That's what I was going to ask, I'll amend my motion to make it to \$50,000.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and do you, while the Sheriff is up here, do you want to go ahead, well, and we'll set the Food in at zero. So, we don't really need a motion for that, right?

Councilmember Bassemier: We don't have a motion on that yet.

President Koehler Lindsey: Or, do we? Okay, do you want to go ahead and include that while the Sheriff is up here?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, I'll read both of them off, the Fuel, 49981050-221000, Fuel, for \$50,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, do you want to go ahead and include the Food line item, ending in 226000?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, on the Jail, 49981320-226000, Food, put in at zero, in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we have a motion and a second to look at the COIT appropriation request for the Sheriff's Office. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being six ayes and zero nays, the motions carry.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
49981050-221000	FUEL	100,000	50,000
TOTAL		100,000	50,000

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
49981320-226000	FOOD	130,000	0
TOTAL		130,000	0

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Again, we do appreciate your cooperation, sir.

Dave Wedding: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

CORONER

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we're going to move back then to General Fund appropriation requests, the Coroner. There are two amounts requested. Good morning, sir.

Steve Lockyear: Good morning. My name is Steve Lockyear. I'm the Chief Deputy of the Coroner's Office.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, do you have any explanations or information?

Steve Lockyear: The Solid Waste, those costs have risen. I think I included a letter with that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Steve Lockyear: Showing a general increase in those costs. Also, we lost our bio-hazard waste collection company. They were bought out by a large conglomerate. So, those costs, and those are going affect both the Health Department and the Sheriff's Department, have gone up.

President Koehler Lindsey: You feel this amount is sufficient to get us through this year?

Steve Lockyear: This should get us through the year.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Steve Lockyear: We hope that it gets us...we really, those amounts vary, because we just don't know what kind of bio-hazard we're going to get in.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and you feel like you do need the \$2,500 on each?

Steve Lockyear: Yes. We're behind already on that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, other discussion/questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion for approval. Is there a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, moved and seconded. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being six ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-319000	SOLID WASTE	2,500	2,500
1070-365100	BODY TRANSPORT	2,500	2,500
TOTAL		5,000	5,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Steve Lockyear: Okay, and we also have a Transport, I believe, request.

President Koehler Lindsey: You have a transfer request? Okay.

Steve Lockyear: Transport.

President Koehler Lindsey: Transport request? Oh, those were both included in there, the Solid Waste and the Transport for a total of \$5,000.

Steve Lockyear: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, so you're good. Thank you for keeping us honest. Alright.

Councilmember Bassemier: See ya, Steve.

COMMISSIONERS

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, Emergency Medical, under Commissioners. Is there anyone here to speak to that? Good morning.

Kristin Comer: Good morning.

President Koehler Lindsey: Good morning. State your name for the record please.

Kristin Comer: Kristin Comer with the Commissioners' Office.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Requesting additional funds to meet contractual obligation on the Emergency Medical account. Do Councilmembers have any questions or discussion?

Councilmember Goebel: Is this par for the course that we approve at this point, or has the contract changed?

Kristin Comer: The contract hasn't changed.

Councilmember Goebel: This is just a quarterly payment?

Kristin Comer: This is to meet the contractual obligation.

Councilmember Terry: Is this the first payment, second payment?

Kristin Comer: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Terry: Is the first payment this year, second payment?

Kristin Comer: This is, this is the first quarter payment for 2015.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Why was this not originally in the budget?

Kristin Comer: That I'm not entirely sure. The contract amount is \$214,315, and we were budgeted \$125,000.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. I believe the Auditor has—

Joe Gries: Yes, this actually was part of the budget, but the information and the invoices that the Commissioners receive from, I believe it's AMR?

Kristin Comer: Yes.

Joe Gries: They're not really timely. They are now just billing us for the first quarter of 2015. The money that was budgeted for this year was in place and paid last year's invoices. There's, for some reason we have not been able to get them to bill us on time. I don't know what kind of reporting they provide to the Commissioners' Office, but that may be another failing that they have as well. As far as their performance, this is something that I planned on talking with Council about during budget time, but, again, as a reminder, the city has gone away from subsidizing the ambulance services within the city limits. This may be something that the Council may have to look at as far as 2016 and going forward.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes? Actually, Councilman Bassemier--

Councilmember Shetler: Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead.

President Koehler Lindsey: And then Councilman Shetler.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, that was the question that I was going to ask about, I didn't think the city was paying for emergency medical. So, that's the question, are they paying, and Joe answered that they're not paying anymore. So, what would that do to us if we decided to cut this, or whatever, do you know? Does anybody know? They do get paid for the runs their self, you know, when they make runs out there.

Joe Gries: I don't know that there's a lot of information that we have on how they're paid. I know what the county does is just a supplement, it's a very small amount. So, I don't know how this would affect them, or affect, you know, individuals who use the service. That question may have to also be asked.

Councilmember Shetler: I got involved in this a couple of years ago. I think it was two budget sessions ago. At the time it was an excessive, I want to save \$250,000-\$275,000, and we got it down into the number it is today. If I, and it has been a couple of years ago, but that contract it's a little bit complicated in that there's a table. They're guaranteed so much per run, as long as they're less than six minutes, ten minutes—

Councilmember Bassemier: I think it's nine minutes.

Councilmember Shetler: -- or something like that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think it's nine or 11. I think it's 11 minutes and counting.

Councilmember Shetler: Then what we did was kind of, and then for every minute or segment that they're late, then we actually get reimbursed on that. So, that's why it's not really a solid number that you can hang your hat on. It does, what happened when we re-negotiated that is that we expanded that grace period out from, I think, six to nine then. That's what gave us an extra \$75,000-\$80,000, presumably. Now, it depends on the number of runs that are made every year. It depends on, you know, there was a certain amount of late, tardy runs that were included in there, which we got reimbursed on then when that happens. So, all of that stuff gets in there, so there's no way of really just saying we're paying \$214,000. It could be \$260,000, it could be \$162,000, depending on how much activity there is, and how well they perform on their side of it. I brought that up because the city, I brought it up with them at the time, because the city actually, I think, discontinued this.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's correct.

Councilmember Shetler: Four or five years ago, and I brought that issue up with them. I also spoke with the people at Scott to see if they might be interested in taking along and stuff, and they were not. Although, they do cover a great deal of that territory right now. They cover Armstrong, Scott, Darmstadt and a little bit of Center Out, they'll do some of that, plus they do cover AMR in some situations. So, I think it's probably time to start looking hard.

President Koehler Lindsey: When does this contract end?

Kristin Comer: At the end of this year. December.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Do we have a choice on this? We have no choice, do we?

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: We probably don't have a choice on this, because this is old, this is past due.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: So, there will be another bill?

President Koehler Lindsey: There will be what, three more bills? You said this was the first quarter.

Kristin Comer: This is the first quarter of 2015.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, do we have something in the contract that says we have notify them at a certain point if we're not going to continue the contract? Can we check into that, if you don't know.

Kristin Comer: I believe that the end date is December 31, 2015. At that point we would obviously—

Joe Gries: I think Kristin is right there, because there's nothing in the contract that continues it unless the county continues it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, so, there's not, like a lot of contracts have, you have to give so many days or months notice to term?

Joe Gries: Right. No.

Jeff Ahlers: We don't have to do that?

Joe Gries: No.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Can we double check on that, just to make sure that that's what that states?

Kristin Comer: Absolutely. I will double check.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, and let us know. Councilman Montrastelle.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Will the three additional requests for payment come out, be requested out of the General Fund? Or, is there a line item for that?

Kristin Comer: I mean, it will come out of—

Councilmember Montrastelle: Joe?

Joe Gries: The line item for this Emergency Medical is within the General Fund. It could be paid out of other funds, you know, wherever we have available funds. Until we receive those invoices, we won't know what those numbers are.

Councilmember Montrastelle: But, you said it was budgeted for.

Joe Gries: It was budgeted for within the General Fund.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Within the General Fund?

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

Joe Gries: Yes, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: You know, I might point out too, that I believe that part of their issue is, on timeliness of actually billing us, that they do try, in every course, to try to bill the insurance companies out there and collect from individuals and that first. Then whatever money is kind of leftover, that's how we might get, so that's why, you can be talking about some real delays in the whole process because of what they have to go through. That's to our benefit that they collect as much as they can up front.

President Koehler Lindsey: Exactly. Alright, do we have a motion on the floor to approve \$132,535 for the Emergency Medical on the Commissioners?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Okay, roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: And we are obligated to pay this this year anyway, so, yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being six ayes and zero nays, the motion approves.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-308000	EMERGENCY MEDICAL	132,535	132,535
TOTAL		132,535	132,535

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much.

Kristin Comer: Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Kristin Comer: I also have a Utilities request for the Superintendent of County Buildings, if you want to do that one as well.

President Koehler Lindsey: Absolutely. Where is that?

Joe Gries: That’s under the COIT as well.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, on the back.

Joe Gries: Kristin, I didn’t have—

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, go ahead, yeah, the \$65,000, go ahead.

Joe Gries: I’m sorry. I didn’t have a chance to talk to you, but I was looking at the numbers as well, and because of where we are with the COIT, I was suggesting to the Council that we reduce this to \$40,000.

Kristin Comer: Okay.

Joe Gries: And, then come back, if need be, maybe try to find transfer or, you know, additional appropriation maybe in the General Fund.

Kristin Comer: Sure.

President Koehler Lindsey: You’re okay with that?

Kristin Comer: I’m okay with that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, awesome. Do we have a motion to approve \$40,000 for the Utilities?

Councilmember Shetler: Quickly—

Councilmember Goebel: Are you okay with less than that?

Kristin Comer: For now.

Councilmember Shetler: We signed a contract a few years back, probably seven, eight, nine years ago, with Energy Systems, I believe.

Kristin Comer: Ten years ago.

Councilmember Shetler: Ten years ago, so, it's up now? This is the last year of it?

Kristin Comer: This is the last year of it.

Councilmember Shetler: Did we, is it possible to go through our bills and find out if we actually did save anything because of that contract?

Kristin Comer: They should have provided that information to us, so we'll be requesting that from them at the conclusion.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great. Alright, do we have a motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Madam President, I'll make a motion we approve 49981310-320000, Utilities, for \$40,000.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being six ayes and zero nays, that motion carries.

SUPERINTENDENT OF BLDGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
49981310-320000	UTILITIES	65,000	40,000
TOTAL		65,000	40,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Is there anything else?

Kristin Comer: That's it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you for pointing that out. We might as well get them all done while you're here.

Kristin Comer: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, have a great day.

Councilmember Goebel: President Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Goebel: I was going to ask the Auditor, right now, then, we stand almost at zero with the COIT Funds, and about \$175,000 is what we have in the General Funds for the rest of the year, as of today?

Joe Gries: The General Fund number is correct. You're not at zero in the COIT budget, but again, the COIT Funds are finite. The General Fund, miscellaneous revenue comes in at different rates, and so there's a lot of different miscellaneous revenue that maybe can help us by the end of the year. The COIT is just one, it's just one tax.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand.

Joe Gries: It comes in and they tell us what we get. There's a little bit of an adjustment at the end of the year that we have to make because of homestead credits. So, you're not at zero, but I just don't want to get that close to zero, because if we're in the red at the end of the year, we're in trouble.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, and the General Fund, as of today, is down to about \$175,000?

Joe Gries: That is correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Which is not much to run the entire county on.

Joe Gries: No.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, and thank you, Mr. Auditor, for keeping us where we need to be.

COUNTY ENGINEER-CUM BRIDGE

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, it looks like we are ready for the final appropriation requests, the County Engineer. Good morning, sir. If you could go ahead and state your name for the record, and we'll talk about the St. Joe Bridge and traffic lights.

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer. The request for the St. Joe Bridge is to cover the replacement of a twin pipe bridge that's failing right now. We had hoped that we could postpone replacement of it even longer, but last month the Highway Department had to go out and put some temporary patches in because sink holes were forming over the top of the structure. Basically, the bridge is two roughly ten foot by six foot corrugated metal pipes, the pipes have rusted through, so, now it's starting to fail. This is on St. Joe Avenue, just a little bit north of Mohr Road.

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Are you moving for both items, the St. Joe Bridge and the traffic lights?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, maybe he wants to talk about the lights.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we'll look at St. Joe Bridge then. I have a motion and a second to approve the request at \$225,000. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being six ayes and zero nays, we approve the request. We certainly want our citizens to be safe.

COUNTY ENGINEER - CUM BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1135-475600	ST JOE AVE BRIDGE #1923	225,000	225,000
TOTAL		225,000	225,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY ENGINEER- LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Koehler Lindsey: Traffic lights.

John Stoll: Traffic lights is just I underestimated the amount of money needed whenever I put together the 2015 budget. So, this just helps cover the monthly electric bills for the traffic lights. Anything that would be left over after the end of 2015, we'll just encumber it and carry it forward to 2016's bills.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I move for approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being six ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

COUNTY ENGINEER - L R & S		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1169-320100	TRAFFIC LIGHTS	1,200	1,200
TOTAL		1,200	1,200

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

Councilmember Bassemier: John?

Councilmember Goebel: Keep up the great work operating with zero budget, John.

Councilmember Bassemier: John, I heard on the radio, you know, the first traffic light was discovered over 100 years ago, and they were surprised it wasn't discovered in Evansville. What can I say?

John Stoll: I was going to say luckily we only have about ten of them, so, in the county.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, but, the Lloyd Expressway helps there at the loop there.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, awesome. Thanks again, sir.

TRANSFERS

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we're going to go ahead and I will entertain a motion for all transfers that are listed. There is no additional funds requested, this is transferring from one line item to the other, which is exactly what we've asked our department heads to do. So, I would entertain a motion to approve all transfer requests.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being six ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION REQUESTED APPROVED

From:			
1240-312000	POSTAGE	1,000	1,000
To:			
1240-221000	FUEL	1,000	1,000

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTED APPROVED

From:			
1300-300000	INSURANCE	300,000	300,000
To:			
1300-353000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	300,000	300,000

SUPERIOR COURT REQUESTED APPROVED

From:			
1370-341000	PRINTING	1,000	1,000
1370-390300	PETIT JURORS	1,000	1,000
To:			
1370-363000	EQUIPMENT LEASE & RENTAL	2,000	2,000

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEF REQUESTED APPROVED

From:			
1380-312000	POSTAGE	300	300
To:			
1380-363000	EQUIPMENT LEASE & RENTAL	300	300

COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTED APPROVED

From:			
1480-337000	DATA MANGEMENT	4,900	4,900
To:			
1480-363000	EQUIPMENT LEASE & RENTAL	1,400	1,400
1380-353000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	3,500	3,500

COMMISSIONERS/CCD REQUESTED APPROVED

From:			
1138-423600	MOTOR VEHICLES - SURVEYOR	6,500	6,500
To:			

1138-353000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	6,500	6,500
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HEALTH DEPT.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1159-115952	NURSE/HCP/PT	1,817	1,817
1159-115954	NURSE/HCP/PT	1,816	16
To:			
1159-115936	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPEC	3,633	3,633

SUPERIOR COURT - ADULT PROBATION SUPP.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
2102-331000	EDUCATION & TRAINING	5,568	5,568
To:			
2102-210227	PROBATION OFFICER	4,684	4,684
2102-190000	FICA	359	359
2102-191000	PERF	525	525

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: So that concludes the finance ordinance for today. We have no old business.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

CLERK (3)	ASSESSOR	HEALTH DEPT. (3)
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President Koehler Lindsey: Under new business we have travel requests. It looks like we have three from the Clerk, one from the Assessor, and three from the Health Department. Any questions on those requests? If not, I would entertain a motion to approve all travel as requested.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: The motion carries.

(Motion approved 6-0)

<p>TAX PHASE-IN CONFIRMING RESOLUTION FOR FLANDERS SC, LLC ARRO, LLC AND ALL JOE INVESTMENT, LLC</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: That moves us into the tax phase-in resolution. Good morning, could you please state your name for the record?

Chris Kinnett: Chris Kinnett, Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, and is there any explanation that you have for us?

Chris Kinnett: I think the attorney had a request with regards to the preliminary resolution to discuss section 4. That particular resolution, the intent, which may not have been covered, the intent on that is there's always been confusion as to when the start date would be for the company. When they started bringing either equipment in, or maybe started construction. The intent was to bring that date on to the preliminary resolution specific that it is carried over to the SB-1, but the intent is to say, hey, this is when it's going to start, as part of the resolution, because the confusion always became did it start when they filed the application with the Growth Alliance, or was it when they did the filing with the Clerk's Office for the County Council to make a recommendation on the preliminary, or was it after it was approved? So, this was a way to try to bring that out into the open.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, the thing of it is, is in section 4 it doesn't say that the designation shall "commence" on June 1, it says it shall be "in effect" until June 1.

Chris Kinnett: Up to and including June 1, with the intent, if we need to clarify that we can bring that to the Council next month.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I mean, if you're wanting it to commence that may be...I think the issue is—

Chris Kinnett: Maybe where we need to...either that or just—

Jeff Ahlers: -- in speaking with the Auditor, is that it needs to be, the date should be December 31, 2016, right? Is that right, Mr. Gries?

Chris Kinnett: No, that's when it would end.

Joe Gries: That, in the preliminary resolution, just to kind of clarify, the Assessor and the Auditor's Office uses that to determine the time frame of when the business has to do the work that they're doing; to buy the new equipment, install it, improve their structures, you know, whatever they are doing.

Chris Kinnett: Right.

Joe Gries: Maybe just a time period, a beginning and end, in that section would be more clear to show exactly what, because the Assessor has assessment dates that they go by, and if the equipment is in place at that time, then they have to assess it and it gets taxed, and then we put the abatement on, if it's after the fact, then it becomes an issue.

Chris Kinnett: We had that with PTI, with the City Council, where we had to go back and make an amendment—

Joe Gries: Okay.

Chris Kinnett: -- to clarify that. The intent with section 4 was to try to avoid that—

Joe Gries: Okay.

Chris Kinnett: --so that there was clarity on both sides as to this is when it starts, and maybe we need to put the word "commence" in there.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, that's what I was going to say, what we could do, I guess, to cover both bases, if we want to, we could amend it to say, "the designation of this economic revitalization area shall commence on June 1, 2015 and be in effect up to and including December 31, 2016".

Chris Kinnett: Keep in mind the SB-1 does clarify that.

Jeff Ahlers: Would that be correct, Joe?

Chris Kinnett: The intent here was to clarify for the company, as well as the Council, when they were actually intended to start on that particular project, understanding that if they started before it was approved, they were taking the risk.

Jeff Ahlers: Do you want both dates?

Joe Gries: I would suggest both dates, because then it specifies a clear time frame, that the Council is approving, even if it's before their approval date, if there's a date before that, then the Council still knows what they are approving and it started necessarily before maybe they got all of the paperwork, which I don't necessarily think is wrong.

Jeff Ahlers: Could we then, if someone on Council would make a motion to amend the preliminary resolution, section 4, to say, "the designation of this economic revitalization are shall commence on June 1, 2015 and shall be in effect up to and including December 31, 2016."

President Koehler Lindsey: The Chair would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I was going to say, can that recommendation be put into the record?

Jeff Ahlers: We need somebody to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, and then vote on that.

President Koehler Lindsey: All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries.

(Motion approved 6-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: And you will get that correct language for us?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, he'll just need to refurnish that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you, sir.

Jeff Ahlers: Then, I think, what we need to do is amend section 2 of the confirming resolution to say, "the preliminary tax phase-in resolution adopted by the Vanderburgh County Council on the 1st day of July is hereby confirmed," and then add, "with the exception of amending the dates in section 4 of the preliminary tax phase-in resolution to state that the designation shall commence on June 1, 2015 and be in effect to and including December 31, 2016".

President Koehler Lindsey: The Chair would entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Goebel: I so move the legal jargon that our Counselor just gave to us.

Chris Kinnett: As amended.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you and it's been seconded. Alright, all in favor...now, Counselor, we're going to—

Jeff Ahlers: You will make a motion to pass the confirming resolution, as just amended on the floor.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: Then, they'll furnish, I guess, a new preliminary and confirming—

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: -- resolution in writing.

President Koehler Lindsey: But, first we need to vote on this amendment.

Jeff Ahlers: That's fine.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, all in favor of the amendment that was just proposed with the legal jargon signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so we go the legal jargon in there.

(Motion approved 6-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Now, we need another motion to approve the whole thing and get you guys going.

Jeff Ahlers: The confirming resolution as amended.

Chris Kinnett: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: We need a motion to approve the confirming resolution as amended.

Councilmember Goebel: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: I have a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

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

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 6-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: I think we have all of our legal jargon in place and we're very happy to do this.

Councilmember Goebel: I do have a question.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Goebel: Would you introduce the gentleman with you today?

Chris Kinnett: I have Eric with Flanders in here today, he was here at the last meeting to discuss the project. I don't know if you want him to speak of the project.

Councilmember Goebel: No, I'm sorry, I was just curious. I think that's one that I did not make it. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great, any other questions or comments from Councilmembers regarding this issue? Alright, we appreciate your patience, and Counselor Ahlers we appreciate your making sure that we are getting the right things done so that we can go forward.

Chris Kinnett: Very good, and we'll get that amended stuff—

Jeff Ahlers: That's fine. Yeah, and if you want, I think I've got your e-mail, but I'm not sure, if you want me to e-mail that language to you, or whether you want to get it from the minutes and put it in there, however you want to do it.

Chris Kinnett: It might be better—

Jeff Ahlers: Okay.

Chris Kinnett: -- I want to make sure we communicate back and forth—

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, alright, thank you.

Chris Kinnett: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, great.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, so now we are looking at amendments to the salary ordinance. Did those just get placed on our desks? I must have covered them up.

Councilmember Shetler: Motion to approve the salary ordinance.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. As amended?

Councilmember Terry: Submitted.

Councilmember Shetler: As submitted and amended.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Any questions or comments? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All those opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

(Motion approved 6-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, I think we might finally be to the end of this. This moves us down to is there any public comment at this time from anyone in the audience? We appreciate having an audience.

REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME

President Koehler Lindsey: If there's no public comment, please note we had to do some switching around on our budget hearing schedule. So, budget hearings will begin August 13th at 8:30, and then resume on August 14th at 8:30. The joint City-County

budget hearing is August 19th at 3:30. We will have our August Personnel & Finance meeting at 8:00 on the 26th, and then September 2nd we'll have a regular Council meeting, budget cuts and Trustee budget review, beginning at 8:00 that morning. September 30th, also beginning at 8:00 will be Personnel & Finance, the budget adoption and the Civil Unit budget review. So, budget season is upon us, and we look forward to beginning next week. Anything else to come before the Council?

ADJOURNMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: If not, then a motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we are adjourned. Thank you so much.

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

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Angela Koehler Lindsey

Vice President John Montrastelle

Tom Shetler

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 13, 2015

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 13th day of August, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: Good morning. We’re going to go ahead and call to order the Vanderburgh County Council 2016 budget hearings. We would like to do the roll call please.

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

President Koehler Lindsey: There being all seven members present, thank you so much, and zero members absent, that constitutes a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: We would like to ask this morning, Councilman Bassemier, if you would please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much.

OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT & AUDITOR

President Koehler Lindsey: Just a few brief comments before we get started with our budget hearings. First of all, I want to thank very much Teri Lukeman and Sarah Nunn, Joe Gries and his staff in the Auditor’s Office for the countless hours they have put in thus far on the budget, and there are many more to come. That being said, the preliminary estimates this year have shown that this is going to be yet another challenging budget year. We could probably just roll back the tape from the last couple years and play Councilman Shetler’s comments, because we are still in the same boat that we’ve been in the last few years. What’s happened is that we’re continuing to face the property tax caps, and we’re looking at a possible 13 percent increase in the Insurance line item. Now, we won’t have that final number until sometime later this week, but those are just a couple of things that affect how we budget here in the county. The requests that have been submitted by the officeholders are actually about \$5.5 million more than what we’re going to be able to budget. So, that being said, we did send an e-mail last week to all the department heads and just ask you all and we just appreciate you looking through your budgets again and seeing where can we move this money, where can we move that money? Is there something that is requested that maybe we just don’t need? I do appreciate and know that you are putting in a bare bones budget, but, unfortunately, we’ve got to go a little bit further. So, we’re looking to cut about \$3.2 million in the General Fund, and about \$2.1 million in the COIT. So, we’re just going to need your assistance to tell us where we can cut. I know I’ve met with my department heads that I’m a liaison for, and I’m sure that other members of Council have done the same thing. So, to department heads, if you haven’t met with your liaison, get with them, let them know where you think you could make adjustments, and places where you say, you know what, please don’t cut this, because I really need

it. You all know your budgets better than we do. So, we are going to count on you. If we don't have that communication, then we'll just kind of go where we think it should be, and sometimes that's not the best thing for your department. So, we really want to work together and make sure that we can get this budget crafted the best way that we can. Also, any departments that have Supplemental Funds, if you could please use those to help us relieve the General Fund, that's going to get us to the number that we need. We have to just use all of the available funds that we have so that we can best meet the requirements here for the county. We really do appreciate your assistance and all the Councilmembers assistance in trying to just create and craft the best fiscally responsible budget that we can. With that being said, I want to point out a couple of things that are on your desk and then I'm going to turn it over to the Auditor for a couple of minutes. One thing is that you'll notice we did get the joint department hearings scheduled, that's going to be next Wednesday at 3:30, so look that over Councilmembers. Then, thank you so much, Mrs. Lukeman, for this awesome overview of Vanderburgh County funds for 2016. I'm an old City Council person, maybe I shouldn't say old, I always tell people I started when I was two, but I spent 14 years looking at City Council budgets, and so coming into County Council I'm always kind of trying to track where's the revenue so I can compare what's coming in to what we need to have going out? This overview is awesome. She has put together for each Councilmember a, just brief description of the funds, and then a look at some of the projected revenues that we had for last year. Obviously, we don't know, is it about February that we kind of get what we're going to have? So, we're crafting this budget in August, and we're not really going to know final numbers until February. So, it is a process, and we're trying to go through that, but thank you, Teri, for putting this together, and hopefully this will help Councilmembers. At this point, I've asked our Auditor, Joe Gries, to give us a few comments, and then we'll get started with your budgets.

Joe Gries: Thank you. President Koehler Lindsey asked me to put together some information about the tax caps and circuit breakers. We have that on your desks. It's basically a five or six year history showing what we can't bill, what we cannot collect due to circuit breaker. Within the header on each page you'll see the total throughout the county. This year, for 2015, we're up over \$21 million that we cannot bill, we cannot collect, and then that gets divided between all of the different taxing units. That's what the pie chart is there. It's a breakdown of who doesn't receive what, basically. The School Corporation, the City of Evansville, the Townships, and, of course, the County as well. If you'll look back throughout the last three years, we're losing over four to five million dollars each year that, during budget time, we cannot take into account. The State does not allow us to factor in circuit breaker during budget time. It's something that comes on the back end when we get our tax rates next year and we calculate tax bills, then we will know what we can't collect for 20, next year it will be 2016. So, that's kind of just an overview, a picture of some history here. One thing I'll point out, if you'll go back to 2012 when the county lost only around \$10 million, those tax rates, within the city limits, were below three percent, and the tax rates in the county were below two percent. If we can get back to those numbers, you'll see less circuit breaker, and those numbers are drastically different. How do you get back to those types of tax rates? You increase the assessed value or you decrease levy. It's not just our levy, it's everybody's levy. So, the county has done a pretty good over the years cutting budgets, but we do increase our levy each year because of the way the State has set up our system of budgeting here, and if you don't, you lose that ability for all time going forward. So, it's just something that has to be done, but increase assessed values, economic development, better prices on all property, as far as assessed values will help this equation, but until that happens, we're going to continue to see similar numbers, in my mind, as we have the last two or three years.

<p style="text-align: center;">TREASURER TREASURER/ELECTED OFFICIALS & TRAINING TREASURER/COIT</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you very much. We appreciate that information. So, at this time Finance Chairman, Councilman Raben, we're going to turn it over to you and let you take us through the pages.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, great. Thank you and good morning. President Lindsey, I would like to echo your comments. That was very well said, and we hope that everybody understand the position we're in moving through the next few days. First on the agenda is page six, County Treasurer. I would call the Treasurer forward. Good morning.

Susie Kirk: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: I can start by, there's a few that come to question. There is two salary lines that relate to almost a ten percent increase, and then the Contractual Service line. So, maybe you can just brief us on what those are all about.

Susie Kirk: Well, pay increases would be step increases, of which is just part of, that just happens when they get so many years they get step increases. So, that's what that is. The Contractual Services is, as I asked you last year, if we could move our tax printing process to The Masters Touch. We're having more and more difficulty with this equipment, and the time is going to come to where we won't be able to print the tax bills. It's not like you just, you know, call somebody and say, hey, can you do this? It doesn't work that way. We, obviously, need that tax money. As I stated last year, and I want to reiterate to all of you, that by using this company, the price of this will go down, because we will have the benefits of e-mail. E-mail the bills, instead of printing the bill, paying the postage, paying for the envelope. Warrick County did it, and before they even advertised it, she said they like about 800 people that switched over to e-mail. It just, it's going to be cheaper in the long run for us, plus we have so much returned mail. People move and they don't, it doesn't occur to them, gee, you know, I need to change my e-mail, or my address with the Treasurer's Office so that I can get the tax bills. So, then, of course, we pay to send it back out again. This should help...e-mail, normally we pretty well keep the same e-mail addresses, and, like I said, before, I'm a taxpayer, I want to save money, and this is the way to save. It's up to you.

Councilmember Raben: What do you think the savings is that the county would realize?

Susie Kirk: It's going to be rather slow, because the first year we won't see the savings because that's when we put out, okay, you get to do e-mail and so forth and so on, I'll get with the news media. In the second year we should start seeing it go down. Now, I'm not talking it's going to go down, you know, down to \$5,000 or anything, but we are going to see that go down over the years. Probably after maybe about four years it should level off for those that want their bills e-mailed. That should pretty well cover about who wants to do that by then.

Councilmember Raben: How do we reach out to get those e-mails?

Susie Kirk: Well, we're going to work with the company. I will get with the news media and try to get the word out the best that I can. Then, word of mouth helps quite a bit. Then, it's going to be printed on the tax bills. They're actually going to put, we have an option, we can put an extra little, because a lot of people, I can't say that I actually read all mine either, but they don't really read it all, so a little separate thing that says you can have your bills e-mailed to you, so that they will see it. So, like I said, after that first year that we, if we use The Masters Touch, or this company, that we should see some pretty good little changes in there.

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, do you have an idea of what percentage of people, I think we talked about this last year as well, would actually get involved with e-mail?

Susie Kirk: I really don't know exactly. I should have checked with Warrick, because they started theirs a couple of years ago, but, like I said, even before they advertised they had like, she said like 800 or 900 people. Which, in Warrick County, that's pretty good. That's what he said, wasn't it, Joe?

Joe Gries: I think that was around two percent for Warrick County.

Susie Kirk: Yeah.

Joe Gries: With 900 people, and it's probably grown since then.

Susie Kirk: So, and that's before they advertised. So, I don't know what it is right now, but that's just technology nowadays, I mean, this is the way it's going to be. One of these days that's the only way you will be able to receive it, or pay it.

Councilmember Terry: You can pay the bill online now, correct?

Susie Kirk: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: So, in that, I would assume that it would make sense, in that system you could also then add an e-mail address at the time of paying your bill?

Susie Kirk: We, yeah, we tried to request that on there, but sometimes we get it and sometimes we don't, and sometimes it's not correct. This company has done this long enough and they're the ones that get, you know, most all of this set up, and so far, in the counties, the 24 counties that use it, they're very pleased with it.

Councilmember Terry: Okay. What percent is paying online right now? Do you know?

Susie Kirk: Not right off the top of my head.

Councilmember Terry: Because that almost, in my mind, I think that would give us kind of a basis of really how many that would immediately roll over.

Susie Kirk: I think there's going to be, a lot of those people that pay online now, that when they do, they pay an extra fee, which it amazes me that they actually do that, they're going to switch to e-mail, you can bet your boots on that, because there's no charge for that. Whereas, there is when you use your credit card. So, anyway, we'll just have to see how it goes. I would like to say that I could give you exact what Vanderburgh County will do, but I can't give you the exact numbers yet.

Councilmember Goebel: But, you're proposing that this will be basically a wash, from printing in house to hiring this company for year one?

Susie Kirk: Yes, the first year it should just be a wash.

Councilmember Goebel: And then we'll save money in the future?

Susie Kirk: And then, hopefully, we'll be able to save some as we go along, see it go down some.

Councilmember Goebel: The printer that we have in your office, what will we do with that?

Susie Kirk: Well, there is a company that will take it and advertise it online. Of course, I would have to go before the Commissioners, you know, surplus stuff, right?

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: I mean, is it used by any other department, the printing?

Susie Kirk: I don't know that anybody would really want it, because it would probably cost them more to print whatever they needed, because nobody's got the volume that the Treasurer's Office does. They're more than welcome to use it, but we have nothing in our budget to pay for—

Councilmember Goebel: But no one is using it now other than the Treasurer, or do other offices come in?

Susie Kirk: The Assessor uses it, we help them once a year, but Joe and I had discussed this yesterday, and it's really not that much, and we can certainly help and go back and do it the way we used to do. I mean, we sit and fold every year, tax bills, stuff and fold them because the machine is not working. We can help do that, or if the Assessor wants to pay for the toners and the ink and the contract, if we don't have a contract then, obviously, when they come they're going to have to pay extra for that. So, it's, the equipment has pretty well had it. It's pretty well had it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Question?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Susie, when you say it's a wash, is that \$14,800 a one-time fee, or is this going to occur the following year and so on?

Susie Kirk: Well, we contract with them, the thing of it is this \$14,000 is, it includes stamps, envelopes, the paper, okay, all of that. Hopefully, that part of the \$14,800 is going to start to go down after the first year. We should see that go down. This includes the contract and, like I said, the labor of printing all of that. To do an e-mail bill it's ten cents, rather than, you know, paper, envelope, stamps.

Councilmember Goebel: Would that possibly allow for reduction in your office, if you no longer have to print and stuff in-house?

Susie Kirk: A reduction with what?

Councilmember Goebel: Work force.

Susie Kirk: Possibly.

Councilmember Goebel: Through attrition.

Susie Kirk: Possibly, I thought about that too. If we have somebody retire, maybe look at that. It's going to save us money in the long run, believe me.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, that, I think, would be a big plus. We don't want to let anyone go, but if someone would retire and not have to replace. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move—

President Koehler Lindsey: One more question, Susie. Did you say how much of that was the contract itself?

Susie Kirk: Well, we have, what they're going to do—

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Susie Kirk: --I'm pretty good at getting some things done. When we first started this, I think they were going to charge so much for set up fees, and then I said the only way they'll do it is if you don't charge us for it. He said, well, okay. So, really, for this amount of money here, pretty well it's, the envelopes is \$1,764—

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Susie Kirk: -- we can go on down; laser fold insert pre-sorts, \$8,300. So, this is pretty well, they just, this is how they make their money.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Great. Another thought that I had, I know that the Mayor's Office does a lot with their, I think they have a Facebook page and with their communications on social media. Since we are benefitting the city as well with this, perhaps a contact to the Mayor to see if they would be willing to help advertise and promote, and perhaps the news media that's here, if we can get the word out that people are going to be able to pay their taxes by e-mail and that information will come out.

Susie Kirk: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: They should be looking for that. That's going to be a big deal.

Susie Kirk: Yes, I'm going to look at every conceivable way to get the word out. I know Brad Byrd has, whatever that thing is—

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah.

Susie Kirk: -- with him at night and different things, because I was going to do that, I'm going to do that anyway.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great.

Susie Kirk: Whether you guys decide to do this or not, just to try to remind people to change your address.

President Koehler Lindsey: Change your address.

Susie Kirk: Golly gee, we get loads of mail back. I mean, we're paying—

President Koehler Lindsey: Change your address and pay online. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Let's take one last question and then we're going to move on. Tom?

Susie Kirk: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: Speaking of the employees, do you have any that are nearing retirement?

Susie Kirk: Well, we've got several that have been there long enough that they could retire, but that's, I mean, I'm not even going to go there and say one's too old or one's too, I'm not even going to go there.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I didn't know if you had heard some word that some people may be anticipating in the near future or whatever.

Susie Kirk: Not at this point. Not at this point.

Councilmember Shetler: You know, one of the things that we've talked about over the years is the seasonality of your particular office. You know, it's heavily concentrated in May and November when you get so many people coming in and all of the bills, the people paying their tax bills and stuff. So, I don't know if there's been any talk between your office and the Assessor's or the Auditor's or two or three different offices, and I have preached this for the last six or seven years now, of ways that we might be able to consolidate our efforts a little bit there to reduce staffing so that we could better serve the public in those busy times, and at the same time be a little leaner during the off season, so that we're not carrying such a burden on our payroll right now, and just ways of looking at it. Has there been any conversations or anything going on between a couple different offices to see what might be done in there?

Susie Kirk: Well, we, you know, we also have tax sales and things like that. So, it's not like we only have something to do twice a year. I know that the Auditor's Office and we work together on different things now to get them accomplished. I'm sure we would work together regardless of what it is. When the time comes, if I do have someone that retires, like I said, I'm already kind of looking into it, and I have a pretty good feeling that I think that we could make it. Maybe if we could switch off, maybe get a part time. Once we see how this goes, this is going to help us quite a bit, and I feel pretty certain that if we have someone retire that we probably would not fill, we may fill that position, but maybe get rid of another one that's in there, depending on who would.

Councilmember Shetler: You know, you brought up the idea of part time, and I think one, and this is kind of maybe preaching to the Council here a little bit more so than it is to officeholders, but I think may be something that we should look at very hard, and that is perhaps, you know, we've always tried to keep the part time on a very low scale, and it really hasn't been attractive to be able to get the top, quality type people that might be willing to work during school hours and stuff while the kids are in school and be home at 3:30 and the like. So, they may not be looking for full time employment, but they're well qualified to work, you know, for part time. I think, perhaps, we on Council ought to rethink that whole idea and look at particularly qualified positions that we pay a good, a fair amount that could be attractive to the people out there.

Susie Kirk: It is, and it would be good if, I know when I had the Election Office, it was great that I had the same people come back. The problem with some part time help is when you're busy, now you have someone new come in. Okay, now you not only have your job to do, but now you've got to teach somebody. So, it really, if you can make it good enough to where you could have the same part time person come back to where you don't have to continually train someone new, that would behoove us. Like I said,

when you have new people coming in every time, like I said, you're busy, now you have to stop and train, and you're not really gaining any ground there. So, anyway.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: We'll glance over page 96, that's Travel and Mileage for \$2,000, probably no questions there.

Susie Kirk: You can actually cut that down, because I only go to one thing a year.

Councilmember Raben: And page 111. Is there any questions on page 111? None? Okay, thank you, we'll move on.

Susie Kirk: Thank you very much.

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Let's go to Coroner, page 16.

Annie Groves: Annie Groves, Coroner.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning, Annie.

Annie Groves: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Annie, as we look through your budget, I guess, some of the items that would stick out is the Supplies, the Utilities, Autopsies, Body Transport, the things we talk about year after year that year after year seems to, they just don't go away.

Annie Groves: No, they don't.

Councilmember Raben: I don't know if you want to address those in any particular order, that's fine, but help us to understand again, briefly.

Annie Groves: It's a numbers game is what it is. I can't sit here and make any guarantees about anything to do with the budget. We hope, unfortunately, our numbers have really climbed this year. Our case load is way up. I have no control over that. What I do want you all to know though is we autopsy such a low percentage, I think there's perceived that we autopsy every case. We're already into case 1,000 this year, and we have only autopsied probably a fourth of them, because we've been able to get doctors to sign. We do, with our courtesy calls and our hospice calls, we do over 3,000 cases a year. So, and we average about 180 autopsies. So, I think our numbers don't reflect what all we really do.

Councilmember Goebel: Annie, is there any push to get you to do more autopsies? Or has that kind of slowed down now? Have you been able to get doctors to sign off and the State's allowing that?

Annie Groves: Well, that's getting to be a little complicated, because several years ago the State went to an online death certificate system. A number of our doctors do not want to get online and do it. So, they're declining to sign cases out. What we have been doing is working very closely with the Health Department, who is, Dr. Spear is very nicely calling these people saying it's law you're going to have to get on or I'm going to have to report you to the Licensing Board. You know, then they're making up excuses on why this is a Coroner's case. It doesn't mean we're going to autopsy that person, but we're going to have to do a lot of paperwork on it.

Councilmember Goebel: About a year wasn't there a movement to make you autopsy every one? Or sign off on every one?

Annie Groves: That was a State law, that was someone wanting to put that in legislation.

Councilmember Goebel: But, that's been dropped, right, defeated?

Annie Groves: Right now, yeah. I don't know if it's going to go back in. What it was, it wasn't to do every autopsy, it was every one that died had to be a Coroner's case. So, and that would have, we don't have the manpower for that.

Councilmember Goebel: The Coroner's Association is fighting that, correct?

Annie Groves: Absolutely.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: One line that does stand out that we've not had in the last several years, Communications.

Annie Groves: That really stands out to me too, because I didn't ask for that. If you will notice, I wanted to talk to you about that. I think what happened is when I got this back from the Auditor's Office, they zeroed out my Solid Waste, but they put \$4,000, I think it just got moved to a different line. It's supposed to be \$4,000 in Solid Waste and zero in Communications.

President Koehler Lindsey: Is that correct? Do you think that's probably what happened maybe, just kind of switched?

Joe Gries: We would have to go look, go check.

President Koehler Lindsey: Just double check on that.

Joe Gries: If that's what Ms. Groves says.

President Koehler Lindsey: Because if that's what your records indicate.

Annie Groves: The budget I submitted, I did not have Communications in it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Annie Groves: But, I did have \$4,000 for Solid Waste, and if you look at the printout—

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Annie Groves: -- they're one right in front of the other.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, yeah, I see that. That would be something that could happen.

Councilmember Raben: Annie, on Solid Waste it looks like it's been running, well, this year, I see this year expended is \$2,500, and 2014 was about \$2,500. Is there a big increase in your fees you're paying?

Annie Groves: Yes, unfortunately, there is only one company now in town, so, we're at their mercy. I have talked to the Sheriff's Department and the Health Department about trying to consolidate this, State law will not allow us to take our solid waste out of the office, because of the contamination and stuff like that. So, the Sheriff's Department is stuck with their solid waste, the Health Department is stuck with theirs and we're stuck with ours. So, you know, we had looked into it, but the law does not permit it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, is \$4,000 the actual number?

Annie Groves: Yeah, and this year we've already come back. Everything goes with our case load. The case load goes up, you know.

Councilmember Raben: Sure. Okay. Any other questions? None?

Annie Groves: Now, will you all change that Communications? Or, I need to put something?

Councilmember Raben: No, we'll make the change.

Annie Groves: Okay. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: No other questions? Okay, we'll move on. Thank you.

Annie Groves: Thank you.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Councilmember Raben: Next is Weights and Measures, page 31. Is there any questions of page 31 or 32? Good morning, Loretta.

Loretta Townsend: Morning.

Councilmember Raben: None? Man, I don't think you've ever gotten out of here this easy.

Loretta Townsend: I haven't got the money yet either. Which, if you will notice, you was talking about what five million or something increase in the budgets. Look what I asked for, four hundred lousy dollars, spread out amongst four line items.

Councilmember Goebel: Where can you cut on that \$400?

Loretta Townsend: Well, I don't know. See, our problem, well, let me real quick tell you. In 1980 I was working down there with Curt John in the Auditor's Office and they came down and asked me if I wanted that department. I hadn't never heard of that department. They told me it was up in the Board of Works. I went up into the Board of Works, and there sat a guy behind a desk, and I asked if that's what it was, and he said, yeah, and I said I think done applied for your job. You know, I mean, it couldn't be any better than that. Well, come to find out, he didn't even have a list of where to go, because he wasn't going anyway. All the equipment had been condemned by the State of Indiana, so, he had nothing to work with, but that didn't bother him any, because he wasn't going to use it. So, from that point on, he had one truck and then somehow they had a conference or something up in northern Indiana, he took the truck and he totaled it up there somewhere. So, we ended up with a Pinto from somebody, we ended up in the lunch room of the old City Garage out there, had no phone for a long time. We were given a vehicle, a Pinto from somebody, one of them little Pinto bug things, you know, and we went from there. Let's see, the Levee Department gave us one of their vans, we got it out there and it didn't have a floor board in the front of it. Then the City Engineer's gave us one of their vans, but they forgot to tell us it didn't have any brakes. Well, I got the guys at the City Garage to put brakes on it for us. Then they wanted their van back. I said, okay come and get it. Well, when they come to get it, it seemed like something had happened to the front seat and they didn't have a front seat. So, I figured, hey, you know, you don't really take much from another county department that they want to give you. We've learned that a long time ago. There's a reason they want to get rid of it.

Councilmember Bassemier: The Airport was nice to you, Loretta. I thought the Airport was nice to you.

Loretta Townsend: Yes, between you and Shetler, from the one at the Airport, we have still got that one.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, it was a good one. That was a good car.

Loretta Townsend: I mean, you know, we've got two vehicles, two trucks, both of them are at, one of them is over 20 years old. The other one is touching 20, real close. Like I said, we didn't have a phone, we used the phone, back and forth from the old City Garage. The one they had out there, and you ought to try to get on that and use it, because most of the Police Department was running in and out of there using that phone too. I came back one day, and there was a telephone truck sitting out front. I asked the guy what he was doing. He was up on a ladder in the top of the City Garage, and he says I'm putting in an extension. Now, they might as well just forget it, you know, just don't even plug it in for over there. I said, no, uh-huh, that's not going to work. Well, that's what I'm told to do, and I said, come on down, you know. He wouldn't come down. So, he ended up leaving, and Walt Lowe called me up and he said, what did you run that guy off for? I thought, I didn't run that man off. He said, yeah, he went back to the phone company and he ain't coming back out there. Now, he said, what did you run him

off for? I said, well, if he didn't mind me shaking that ladder he could still be up there. I mean, you know, this is, we've had a fight like this for everything we've had. All the way up, we have no used, new furniture, we have never, since 1980 bought one piece of new furniture for that office, but we've all got desks, we've all got chairs, we've got everything we need. We also have anything that we want to make it little personalized, you know, like we put curtains on the windows and that kind of stuff. Every pay day, there's only five of us in there, myself and **Annalisa** and then the three inspectors, every day, every weekend rather, I'm sorry, that we have a pay day, we all put in two bucks. That's in our own little fund, and you don't want to know what we call that, but it has something to do with a donkey and tight fund. So, I mean, we don't take, you know, any extra things out of our budget to make it better, we just do it ourselves.

Councilmember Goebel: Madam President, I was, Loretta, for the record, I was kind of teasing about the \$400. So, we're not going to try to cut that.

Loretta Townsend: But, you know, on that, the reason for that, on Supplies, I asked for an extra hundred, because at one time we had two Supplies, Office Supplies and Other Supplies. Well, now it's all combined into one, and we have to buy everything, I mean, from anything that goes in there. We have the office out there, Tornatta found the office for us, gave it to us, which is good, we still have to take care of it. I mean, you know, they cut the grass and that's it. Anything else, we've got to take care of the furnace, we've had to take care of, well, filters, we've had to take care of the overhead door which wouldn't go up or down. That kind of stuff, which we take out of our, like our Maintenance and our Equipment. Really, when we run out on the rest of them, or run down pretty close, then we'll start taking some things out of Equipment, but we've not come in here and asked for extra money during the year. Whenever I had one guy retire, they are in the union, because I want them protected, and whenever one guy, Roy Paschal, retired, they put out bids for someone, and not one of them in that union would bid on them jobs in there, because they made more money than what my guys do, and my guys do the manual stuff, they're around gasoline, they're around chemicals, they climb on stuff, I mean, and all this and not one of them would bid in because they wasn't going to make the money they make, and they don't do the work that my three guys do.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, Loretta, thanks for the history and the updates in regards to that. I guess, I do question the person that put you in the Pinto twice, wasn't that the car that exploded when it was ran into the back?

Loretta Townsend: I think it was.

Councilmember Raben: I think they were, yeah, I think they were doing something more than just giving you a car there.

Loretta Townsend: I had one of them to tell me, that did the maintenance on gas pumps and everything, that they had gone to a gas service station, some kind of conference or something where they were all there, and they said, and I think it was Gene Hahn, they said that if you don't get rid of her in six months, you ain't never going to get rid of her. I'm afraid that's what's happened.

President Koehler Lindsey: We appreciate you, and we know that you don't ask for anything that you don't need.

Loretta Townsend: We're not, I mean, you know, we go home, we've got what we want. We can buy them out of our paychecks, you know.

Councilmember Raben: One question, then we'll move on.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Loretta, in light of what Mr. Shetler said earlier, do you anticipate anyone perhaps retiring this year?

Loretta Townsend: Uh-uh.

Councilmember Montrastelle: If so, could a part time person fill that position?

Loretta Townsend: A part time person? John, it's, they have to know the laws, they have to know all the types of things. They've got to know how many cubic inches and all

this, how much we can give, and it all goes by the national and state laws. So, to have a part time person in there, it just, it would not work at all, really, you know, If they wanted to carry the gasoline, yeah, I mean, because they've got to carry these five gallons, two at a time, you know. So, it wouldn't work at all. Right now we're fine, because these guys work. They get along. We're like a family. We do get along in there. There's no problems, you know, and if there is, we straighten it out real quick, you know.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, great. Thank you.

Loretta Townsend: Do you want to give me my money? Take it out of your pocket, Raben.

Councilmember Raben: We'll move on.

Loretta Townsend: \$400.

President Koehler Lindsey: We got that on the record.

Loretta Townsend: Good.

Councilmember Raben: We'll move on. Thank you.

Loretta Townsend: I didn't get his answer on the record.

<p style="text-align: center;">SURVEYOR SURVEYOR'S MAP FUND SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUAL FUND SURVEYOR/ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING</p>

Councilmember Raben: Surveyor, page 15.

Jeff Mueller: Good morning. Jeff Mueller, County Surveyor. I was in the on deck circle for a long time there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I doubt that there's any questions. All these supplies and other services remain the same as they were for 2015. Does anyone have any questions on page 15?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah, Jeffrey, you've expended zero in Fuel right now through six months. You had \$3,000 budgeted, you want \$3,000 again.

Jeff Mueller: What happened there was in 19, or 19, boy, in 2013 our Fuel always came out of our General Fund. In 2014 it was moved to our Corner Perpetuation Fund, and in 2015 we moved it back because our Perpetuation Fund was essentially going to run out if we kept doing that. The line item accidentally got kept in our Perpetuation Fund also. So, for the first part of the year we were taking Fuel out of the Perpetuation Fund, but we wanted to take that out of the Perpetuation Fund back in to the General Fund as it always had historically been. Did that answer your question, or confuse it?

Councilmember Montrastelle: It did. Thank you.

Jeff Mueller: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Jeff, can you talk just a little bit about your Perpetuation Fund?

Jeff Mueller: Yeah.

President Koehler Lindsey: I know we had a discussion about that in your office.

Jeff Mueller: I have a little, yeah, the Corner Perpetuation Fund, in the last five years has averaged \$34,293 income on a cash basis. It's ranged from \$30,470 in 2011 to \$40,038 in 2013. Last year it averaged, or it gained \$33,840, but of that \$33,840 I kind of say that we have a fixed expense of about \$32,000. Included in that \$32,000 is salaries, half of the salary of one of the employees, fees for one of our part time deputies, and all of our software comes out of there. So, we, it's not like we're creating

this big slush fund with that money. We are spending it. We have eight positions, and half of one of those positions is funded out of this money. So, in the past, when we have had money, we've used it for things like, we bought a brand new, our scanner was shot, so the city and us we shared that money to buy a new scanner. We're going to have to get a new copier. Our copier is shot. That money will come out of the Perpetuation Fund. So, I'm not out, going out looking for ways to spend that money. If we have any left over, we do have some work that we need to do in our office on some of our files and stuff, but that will come only if we have any extra money to do that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Jeff, the only question, and it still relates to Fuel is it looks like in the past we've been budgeting, or last year you budgeted \$1,500. Is that a more realistic number than the \$3,000?

Jeff Mueller: Jim, I'll be honest with you, I don't know how much we use on fuel, and with the prices changing around, I mean, you know, could we get by on less? I mean, we will use whatever fuel we use, and could we get by with a little less, I don't know. You know, we'll do what we can.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Jeff Mueller: I don't have a good history on fuel usage. I apologize on that.

Councilmember Raben: Alright. Are there any questions on page 15, 73 or 92? Jeff did do a very good job explaining most of the Perpetuation Fund.

Jeff Mueller: I guess, in summary, you know, when you take all four of our funds, the only increase over the total of the four funds is mainly the increase, the step increases for salaries. You know, we're not asking for anything else.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, great. Jeff, thank you. We'll move on.

Jeff Mueller: Alright, thank you all. Have a good day.

<p>COUNTY CLERK COUNTY CLERK/IV-D CLERK/ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING CLERK/COIT ELECTION OFFICE</p>

Councilmember Raben: County Clerk, page one.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning. Debbie Stucki, County Clerk.

Councilmember Raben: Debbie, the one line that stands out is the Contractual Services has up, well, I say it's gone up, but at \$19,000, I know at one time that was, what, in COIT?

Debbie Stucki: The Contractual Services for the Xerox machines in 1210? No?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, because it shows that you've not expended anything.

Councilmember Terry: It's the Xerox machines.

President Koehler Lindsey: It's where, Stephanie?

Councilmember Terry: It's the Xerox in (Inaudible).

President Koehler Lindsey: Xerox?

Debbie Stucki: Those three line items I put on the rationale sheet were zeroed out last year by the Council, for us to pay out of the Clerk's Perpetuation. Just looking at those items again, these three, I wondered how we could really tie that into the Clerk's Perpetuation Fees. So, that's why I asked for those back again, but, if—

President Koehler Lindsey: So, all three of those were paid last year from Perpetuation?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: The Printing, the Xerox and the Dues and Subscriptions?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, and those are things I didn't see how they directly tied to preservation of records, which is what the Clerk's Fund is for, but, you know, if Council advises that they can be.

Councilmember Goebel: They're copier machines, correct?

Debbie Stucki: Yes, the Xerox machines, and line item 260000, and that was for printing certified mailers, and then the Dues and Subscriptions.

Councilmember Raben: I'm having a difficult time putting my finger on Contractual Services from last year.

Debbie Stucki: Yeah, it was zeroed last year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: I was just asking, and we'll kind of review again.

Debbie Stucki: To see if those can be changed.

President Koehler Lindsey: To see if those can be.

Debbie Stucki: Sure.

President Koehler Lindsey: Because I feel like, we did this last year, and it was acceptable, and we had some explanations as to how that works and how we can use that. I mean, certainly, we want to make sure that we're not doing anything we're not supposed to do.

Debbie Stucki: Sure.

President Koehler Lindsey: If we can use these funds out of the Perpetuation Fund, those are the kind of things that we're looking for.

Debbie Stucki: Sure.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, we'll have, I'll just ask Councilman, or Counselor Ahlers if he can perhaps pull that information out again, and we can go back through that.

Debbie Stucki: Okay. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, those three were all out of the Perpetuation last year?

Debbie Stucki: Yeah, so, besides those three items, my budget is down for salaries for this year.

President Koehler Lindsey: You didn't have any step increases in your office this year.

Debbie Stucki: I did, but there's a lot of new employees that bring that salary down. It's about \$40,000 less than last year in salaries.

Councilmember Goebel: Debbie, a couple of them went up substantially. Is that a transfer in with someone who's had longevity into your office?

Debbie Stucki: It was longevity, just moving to a different position in the office and the longevity. So, it makes one a little higher, but the other one less money, because it's a new hire.

Councilmember Goebel: I mean, if go from \$23,000 to \$33,000, that's quite a jump, but I don't know if that's a different employee from a different office.

Debbie Stucki: Which line item are you...what's the line item?

Councilmember Goebel: 1011165, on page two.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you. 165, I don't show that changed. Oh, I'm sorry, from 2015. Yes, that was another employee, inter-office, that move with more longevity. I have some transfers for September, you know, for some of these changes, which the 2016 reflects the changes for the transfers. We didn't have to ask for any money for all those moves that were made. So, like I say, our budget, our salaries are down \$43,000 from last year, even though that one line item may have gone up, our salaries are down.

Councilmember Goebel: On Juvenile Court Clerk as well, but Tim will look at all these, right, and verify? Okay, we don't need—

Councilmember Raben: Tim and Teri will go through them line by line.

President Koehler Lindsey: On the certified mailers, Debbie, the \$20,000—

Debbie Stucki: Yes?

President Koehler Lindsey: -- are we paying someone outside to print that for us?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Why is that...okay, is that a contract we've had ongoing, or what's the history on that?

Debbie Stucki: As far back as I can see, since I've been here and the past Clerk, Susie Kirk, used them also. There's not a whole lot of companies that do those certified mailers with tracking.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so that amount, that \$20,000—

Debbie Stucki: Is just for the mailers.

President Koehler Lindsey: Just to print the certified mailers for that company?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. So, we'll review that. Then, the Dues and Subscriptions, that's not very much. Okay, thanks.

Debbie Stucki: They did go up this year, but, yeah, it's not a whole lot.

President Koehler Lindsey: But, Dues and Subscriptions were in the Perpetuation Fund last year?

Debbie Stucki: Last year, yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Debbie Stucki: But, prior to that they were in the Clerk's, 1010.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. We can glance at page 48 and 94 and 110. Forty eight is consistent with what was budgeted last year. Page 94 is the, I believe, the travel account, or training account, at \$2,400. Page 110 is your COIT account, and it's actually down from 2014 at \$50,000. Are there any questions of any of those accounts? None? Okay, Debbie, we'll move...oh, one?

Councilmember Shetler: I was going to move to Elections. I have a question there.

Debbie Stucki: Election? Those are the fun ones.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: In the Election Office—

Councilmember Raben: That would be page 22.

Councilmember Shetler: Didn't mean to jump ahead there too much there.

Councilmember Raben: We'll move to page 22.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, Debbie, just, something that happened to me this year during the primary. I walked in at quarter till six, and at the voting location I went to, a loud cheer and screaming and hollering all went in, and people clapping, and I thought, what did I do? It was, oh, you're number 100. Well, there were, I don't know, 12-15 people there working. At a quarter till six there was about two people that followed me. So, 102 people, you know, that came all day long in a 12 hour period of time, and had about 10-12 people working. I mean, that really was maybe one person saw an hour or something or less. So, you know, they weren't very busy. I know that next year is a Presidential election, and that's the busiest time any of us are ever going to have during an election process. I understand that and I appreciate it. The same token, early voting and all the other things that have come about have still reduced the number of people that go to the polls. Are we looking real hard at, one, do we need the number of voting places that we have, which is what, 27, 28?

Debbie Stucki: Twenty two.

Councilmember Shetler: Twenty two?

Debbie Stucki: For the county.

Councilmember Shetler: You know, that for one, and then are we making sure that we are keeping those pretty consistent as far as all of them about 2,000 people voting or whatever the number you might be targeting, and that you don't have some that are real lightweight and some of them that are real heavy, you know, that we're getting good, uniform attendance or work load on each one of those. Then, the second point that concerns me, is that, you know, we are starting to see some fall off there, maybe the number of locations don't need to be reduced, but perhaps the number of people working there need to be reduces somewhat. Because when we were told about getting into this, I think all of us thought about it from a financial standpoint as much as we did anything else. Frankly, I'm not seeing that. Now, I don't, you're not the one that convinced us, or talked to us about doing that in the early stages of that, and I appreciate that and understand it, but I really think we need to do a real good analysis on what our needs are and servicing those needs, particularly next year being a Presidential election year. Then, in the primary particularly, you know, no matter what election cycle it is, the primaries are—

Debbie Stucki: Smaller.

Councilmember Shetler: -pathetically poor anymore. I mean, they really, I don't know, what was it in the city election, 4,000?

Councilmember Goebel: Six percent of eligible voters in Vanderburgh County, or the city was last, second last in the entire state.

Debbie Stucki: In the state.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I mean, so in the Presidential years, not that much better, it is, I mean, at least on one side there may be 17 candidates, so that alone if they have family members in town that, you know, will boost up the attendance there in a primary, but other than that, we, the primaries are very poorly attended. At least that we should look at real hard, the number of people who are working at those voting sites. I mean, I think we may be able to save, I don't know tens of thousands of dollars right there alone.

Debbie Stucki: Well, the first year she went to vote centers, I have a paper that said she saved \$81,000, and in 2012 the election was \$424,947. So, we're not far off from that with things that have increased, but we have looked and tried to adjust the amount of people that work at a place that's busier. The Vanderburgh County 4-H Center and the mall are very busy, so we have more people staffed there than we do, say, at Zion Church, who doesn't have as many voters. So, we do try to analyze that information after the election and try to make it better for the next. The vote centers themselves, it only cost \$100 for the vote centers. So, you're right in saying that the cost is the amount of people really that you have at the vote centers.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, so, you do have a committee that's working on that and you're going to be—

Debbie Stucki: We do look at those numbers and try to adjust things. We've found that 24 percent of the voters in Vanderburgh County vote early. So, I'm shifting some things, so, that people don't have to wait in such long lines.

Councilmember Shetler: Then, do we analyze between primary and the general? Because, again, I can't remember what the numbers were, but it seems to me like it might have been like 12,000 voted in the primary, 10,000 to 12,000, in the Presidential four years ago, or three years ago. You know, then in the general election you end up with about 50,000 or 60,000. So, when you're dealing with, you know, 20 percent, I would think that your work, the number of workers out there ought to be reduced by, you know, 60 or 70 percent or something. So, anyway.

Councilmember Goebel: When you factor the cost savings, like the \$81,000, do you factor in also the computers we had to buy?

Debbie Stucki: Those were, just some figures I found from the previous Clerk for 2012—

Councilmember Goebel: I think there were some pretty heavy expenses in the beginning, that, I would assume, would have to be part of the total cost that were given to us.

Debbie Stucki: I know some equipment was purchased, I think, in 2011, because they actually started vote centers in the general election for 2011. So, 2012 might not have been that equipment, it might have just been the precincts savings, but, you know, without looking.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, I concur with Mr. Shetler, when it comes to primaries, I think we need to pull back a little bit, because so few people do vote in primaries, compared to general. I think we have to keep the doors wide open on the general election. Thank you.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: I would just question too, you mentioned early voting, did you say it was 24 percent on early voting?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, hopefully, as you're looking at numbers and looking at data, it seems to me that the percentage of people that vote early ought to also have an effect on how many vote centers that we need to have open on Election Day. If we have, you know, 24 percent voting early, then that's that much less that we have to cover on the actual Election Day. So, you know, there's always a question of how should early voting work, how long should we have it, how much does that cost us? So, us if we can look at those kind of numbers when we're re-evaluating these centers, because we want to make them work and do what they were intended to do, which is to save funds.

Debbie Stucki: Yeah, and just spread out a little, you know, I think there was one vote center per 10,000? Per 10,000 voters.

President Koehler Lindsey: Did you say, do you keep records at the vote centers, so you know how many voters were actually at that center. Then if we have some that are completely underutilized, we can either eliminate those, or we can move them. Do we do that?

Debbie Stucki: The Election Board, I believe, would have to eliminate a vote center. So, that is something I could discuss. I know in the past they have not been open to moving from the number we have now, because people are used to going to those places.

President Koehler Lindsey: Sure, but I do think that we need to look at the locations and how many voters are in each one. If that's something that could be brought up to

the Election Board to see if you could move it from location to another that might be better utilized. We've got to get our best bang for our buck.

Debbie Stucki: Yeah, well, like I said, the vote center itself just costs \$100. It's the people.

Councilmember Terry: The people, right.

President Koehler Lindsey: And we have that cost regardless of where it is. So, if it could be moved to a location that's maybe—

Debbie Stucki: Busier.

President Koehler Lindsey: -- going to be utilized better, then we could get our numbers up.

Debbie Stucki: That's what we try to look at and shift people where there are more voters.

Councilmember Raben: Debbie, as I look at this, the comparable year would have been 2012.

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: As I look at it, it looks like we're spending about 25 percent more in '16 than we did in '12. To Tom's point on the judges and clerks, unless I'm not seeing something, we're spending double. So, that would appear to me as if we're—

Councilmember Shetler: It's because of that raise increase.

President Koehler Lindsey: It's because we gave them that increase.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, that's true. I forgot about that.

Councilmember Shetler: So, that's why it's ever more important that we really look at the numbers out there.

Debbie Stucki: And there are other services that have gone up as well over the four years. You know, the company that runs the election, the people that move the equipment, computer services who helps us on Election Day, I mean, everything has gone up. Then there's the e-poll books that we have. It used to be the county used Quest, that was a state run system where all the information, all the election information numbers were input, you know, sent up to Quest, and that was at little to no cost to the counties. But, those counties that have e-poll books, like we do, they have to go through a certification, and you have to pay a vendor to send that information now up to the state. That is \$29,000. So, there are some services that have gone up, some things we have that weren't in 2012.

Councilmember Goebel: But, we're not seeing the great savings. In fact, it's costing us 25 percent more than when this idea was sold originally. Hopefully we can work on it. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, why do we have to use the vendors now instead of the Quest? Is that something that we have to do?

Debbie Stucki: Well, when the state ordered all e-poll book companies to go through certification, Quest did not go through that certification process. So, they could not be used. So, we had to go with another vendor.

President Koehler Lindsey: I remember that now. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Well, we're going to move on. Debbie, thank you. We've got several big offices to go through yet today and we're not getting very far down this agenda. So, let's move on. Thank you.

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;">SHERIFF (STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 399100) SHERIFF/COIT JAIL JAIL/COIT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER/HOUSING</p>

Councilmember Raben: We will now turn to the Sheriff, page nine. Good morning.

Dave Wedding: Hello.

Councilmember Raben: I'll open the floor up to any questions.

Councilmember Goebel: I have one. Sheriff Wedding?

Dave Wedding: Just one?

Councilmember Goebel: Good morning. With the contract in force, I think, obviously, the costs have gone up for the Sheriff's Department for the Vanderburgh County taxpayer, but on the bottom of page 12, line 130000, Overtime, will that, do you see a reduction in Overtime with... I think you were filling the positions pretty quickly now, and the hope, I think was, by this body, that Overtime would be reduced accordingly.

Dave Wedding: Yeah, we're working very diligently to trim all of our fat and all of the extra spending within the office. Some of the overtime is not in our control, it's based on the calls for service. Our jail, I just checked our jail population this morning, we have nearly 600 inmates in custody, and 72 over at Community Corrections. What happens often times, that large jail population, we have inmates that get ill, they suffer heart conditions or they're on dialysis, or have surgeries, and we have to schedule Deputies to work in hospitals around the clock and guard these. It takes our manpower off our standard shifts, and that creates tremendous overtime. It's something that's totally out of our control. Now, I have minimized some of the overtime by reworking the hours at our Sheriff's Command Post. We used to have Deputies working there throughout the weekend and often times we had to have Deputies paid overtime to cover the motor patrol while they were sitting there manning the Command Post. I have shut the Command Post down on certain evenings and weekends, which allows us to keep those Deputies on the patrol function, which minimizes our overtime costs. It minimizes it greatly.

Councilmember Raben: Keep minimizing.

Dave Wedding: I'm trying. Trust me.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, As we look at this budget, some of these lines, I guess, I'm directing this to the Auditor, lines like Garage and Motor, Supplies, some of those, these we need to consider moving in CCD?

Joe Gries: Yeah, I think we can look at the statutes of how CCD can be used, and we can be, you know, widen that, the use of capital funds there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Councilman Bassemier, do you have a question?

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, on your clothing allowance, just for information purposes. Do they get a clothing allowance? I know when I was on the Sheriff's Department, you know, you would have to go to your Deputy Chief, or whatever, and he would say, yeah, you need clothes. You would have to show him the holes or whatever. Do you—

Dave Wedding: Yes, the employees do receive a clothing allowance, both Deputies, Confinement Officers and the Civilians.

Councilmember Bassemier: And how much do they get per year?

Dave Wedding: The Deputies, I believe is \$1,250 a year for clothing.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's pretty tight with the uniforms as expensive as they are.

Dave Wedding: Yeah, well, you know, what I'm wearing now is probably over \$1,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah.

Dave Wedding: They're expensive if you buy the badge, the leather magazines, shoes, vests, things like that. They're expensive. Although, we, excuse me, I'm misquoting, we pay for vests.

Councilmember Bassemier: And your firearms, that comes out of?

Dave Wedding: Out of our Firearms Fund.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we will move—

Councilmember Montrastelle: Sheriff? On the Detective Incentive you show a 71 percent increase, was that part of the new contract?

Dave Wedding: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's go to page 112.

President Koehler Lindsey: Real quick, sorry, I was just, a thought was going through my mind and I'm sure you've already done this, but are there any types of grants, I was looking at particularly like the K-9, do you all have grants that maybe could be pursued for some of those avenues as far as some of those things.

Dave Wedding: Well, we were fortunate, a year ago we had a woman, instead of a grant, donated \$8,000 to my K-9, and we do get donations that help purchased our latest dual trained K-9. A dual trained K-9 costs us about \$15,000 just for the purchase. I'm working with a guy now who's wanting to possibly sponsor our next K-9. They're a very valuable tool, but, you know, to equip them, vet bills, food, equipment for the K-9, it's pretty expensive, but they're a pretty valuable resource for our office.

President Koehler Lindsey: Absolutely. So, appreciate that. Thank you.

Dave Wedding: I might add, we have taken steps, you know, we understand the Council's need to cut funds, and we've worked very hard to initiative a savings to the community. You know, we've cut our drug screening practice from monthly to quarterly, that's saving the county about \$6,000. A very significant savings, we re-negotiated our Aramark contract, knowing that our inmate population was going to get extremely high, we have a four year savings of about \$330,000 in food costs to the county. I think that's pretty notable. The partnership with the Community Corrections through the Circuit and Superior Court will save us many, many dollars. We had an unfunded mandate for capital improvement at the Community Corrections, which was going to cost nearly \$100,000 to the county, we had that taken care of through the courts and their program. So, it cost us nothing, and it was something that had to be done. Had I not partnered with the judges, I would have been seeking this money from my County Council. So, we're glad we did that. We've started a jail officers training course in Vanderburgh County, which was approved by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. All of our new jailers, and we hire plenty, are required to attend a 40 hour training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for jailers training. It's pretty expensive. We now host that, train them here, plus we have spots for other law enforcement to send their jailers, and they give us a small stipend, which helps us recoup training costs there. We continue to seek out and obtain funding for traffic grants, where we do sobriety check points, seat belt enforcement, aggressive driving, DUI enforcement, and probably one of the most effective things we do, we are a child safety seat inspection and installation facility. I actually started that program years ago, where we supply child safety seats to people who can't afford them themselves, and not only do we supply the seats, but we give them education on how to install them and keep their children safe, which reduces the risk of injuries or deaths in our community. I don't think you can put a number on that. All of this is paid through federal and state grants, so it costs us nothing. It gives us a great thing to offer to our citizens of our community. We just built a new classroom, we'll

be hosting a class in a couple of weeks, we're training about 80 percent of our Deputies, and the cost was about \$2,200. We offered spaces to outside agencies, they're paying about 90 percent of that cost. So, I'm training a large percentage of our people with very minimal cost to the office and to the county itself. We also, we're always looking for ways to save money. We bought 44 lightly used, portable and mobile radios from Noblesville Police Department. These are compatible with the current system that we have. We bought these for \$2,500. If we was to go out and buy these new, it would cost us \$150,000. We will be able to use these for our vehicles and for our Deputies, so, that's a substantial savings to the county itself. We're working on changing our computer systems where we're using desktops versus a traditional computer and we're saving about 50 percent for every computer that we have at our office. We did a camera upgrade, you know, in the Sheriff's Office and the Jail, you have to have lots of cameras, we're recording everything in our Jail, we probably have over a hundred and something cameras. Over a ten year period they degrade, and you have to upgrade these. We had an outside vendor quote us price of about \$38,000 to make the upgrade to these cameras and equipment. We did it in-house for \$15,000. So, it saved us about 60 something percent. So, we're always looking to cut costs. I'm looking at some of our, you know, based on Councilman Shetler talking about do we have any positions that we might be able to change into part time, and I think we do. We're going to explore that. You know, it's taken me a while and going through certain things, I'm going piece by piece through everything that we spend in order to trim that budget so that I can come to you and say, we are being good stewards with our money. In 2016 we look to broaden our savings by being more efficient and offering better service. One dilemma we do face, the jail is now a pseudo prison. I mean, we have been tasked by the state to house people that we once took to the Department of Corrections. In the 80's we sent our misdemeanants to the Indiana State Farm. You would have your town drunk and the people that got in fights and the suspended drivers that would get 90 and 180 day sentences, they were transported to the Indiana State Farm and they served their sentence with the Department of Correction. That went away years ago and they told the Sheriff to house these people in our custody. That was a cost to us. Well, they gave us a misdemeanor grant to help offset the costs. Now, I don't whether it actually covers, in today's dollars, the exact cost. Now, with House Bill 1006, we are required to house inmates that have 366 days to serve in our community. The Sheriff has that responsibility, and that's part of the reason we went to the Superior and Circuit Court judges to create this partnership, because we have to think fast of how we're going to keep these people housed in our community, because it could really have tremendous impact on our financial status. So, we're working very diligently. I just met with Judge Kiely and Judge Trockman two days ago to keep a plan in place to offset the tremendous costs that we could incur.

Councilmember Goebel: And this is an unfunded mandate, correct?

Dave Wedding: It certainly is. Back to the Training, you have certified trainers that put on your seminars here and conduct your training?

Dave Wedding: We do both. We have our trainers that do a lot of in-service the state mandated and national, or federal, OSHA style training, and then we also have instructors come in and do training, you know, from outside that we contract with.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, it's very good you're bringing them here. It saves a lot of money we would spend in travel.

Dave Wedding: Oh, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, you kind of jumped ahead. We'll move into Jail, page 36, then we'll have Jail/COIT on 117. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Now, Sheriff, are we mandated by federal or state laws and regulations and stuff to have like medical staff on board 24/7?

Dave Wedding: Oh, yes. Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: And is it by population, I mean, do we have to have so many people per hundred or whatever?

Dave Wedding: Well, you just have, we have a very small medical staff at the Vanderburgh County Jail based on our inmate population. So, our numbers, they are extremely low for what we have to serve that number of inmates.

Councilmember Shetler: But, are we, is there some kind of ratio that they require us to meet on that?

Dave Wedding: Well, I don't know if the Department of Corrections actually—

Councilmember Shetler: One for 200 or—

Dave Wedding: -- I don't think they actually have a ratio that says you'll have a nurse, EMT, Paramedic per every inmate, but the most important element is you will provide health care, 100 percent, to an inmate.

Councilmember Shetler: So, it's kind of a general statement that you need to provide, and you could either do that by transporting them to the hospital or whatever, or have on staff?

Dave Wedding: Right, when a person is placed under arrest, often times they're highly intoxicated, they're on drugs, you know, they've been injured out on the street in a fight, or through a canine bite, or a car collision, and they have to go through a pretty rigid medical screening evaluation before they're admitted to the Vanderburgh County confinement center. Often times, one of our nurses or EMT's has to be a part of that assessment to determine whether they're suitable to be in our facility. Because the last thing we want to do is accept an inmate into our jail that has a health problem and then they die in the Vanderburgh County confinement center.

Councilmember Shetler: My, you know, having employees that we're doing it, are we, you know, then in a situation where we could be held liable if there's a malpractice in there somehow and they didn't treat somebody properly?

Dave Wedding: Well, we have a jail doctor, a certified physician.

Councilmember Shetler: Is he contracted?

Dave Wedding: Yes, he is.

Councilmember Shetler: So, that responsibility would fall on him?

Dave Wedding: Yeah, he comes in once per week and examines the inmates, and then when we have a medical question, then we can call him 24 hours a day. But, we also, we have to make decisions sometimes based on maybe somebody's medical history or signs and symptoms at the time, and when we have somebody that seems to be acutely ill, we go ahead and transport them to the emergency room to be examined by a physician there in the off hours.

Councilmember Shetler: Am I reading this correctly that, in the jail, that we have basically eight employees that are either EMT's, nurses?

Dave Wedding: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay. Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: One thing to remember, back in the old days, before the new jail, we would have two Deputies, because you couldn't transport anybody to Deaconess or St. Mary's with just one Deputy. Is that not correct?

Dave Wedding: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: So, we had two Deputies that could be tied up in an emergency room for these basic checks and fixes, you know, throughout the course of every day. I think there has been a substantial savings being able to treat most situations in-house.

Dave Wedding: And, we try, yes.

Councilmember Raben: I know the Sheriff mentioned all the good that he's done with Aramark in regards to food services and what not, and I know he's not ready to talk about it, but this is an area that he's looking at today, even trying to find ways to save on the medical end of it.

President Koehler Lindsey: A couple questions, number one, when we're talking about the medical, is there any chance that there's any partnership with the Health Department possibly? I know that Dr. Spear has been realigning and re-evaluating that. I didn't know, and in that he's talking about the new IU Med Center that's going to be here. Do you anticipate there might be a chance there? Or is that a total different situation?

Dave Wedding: Well, we would always be receptive to any help from another provider to help or assist us in our evaluations, but probably our number one nemesis is the people in our jail suffering with mental illness. That's something we have to really get on top of. We're working with the judges presently and a few other health care providers, because if you follow the news nationally that's a tremendous impact on local government. We tend to have as many people as mental health facilities in our community. I mean, they're lodged in our confinement center, and I'm talking about for long periods of time. So, we are trying to develop a strategy to treat and find resources available to get these people in the proper facilities, because a jail is not the proper place to treat a mentally ill individual. Where we're strapped, we talked to our judges, it's the only alternative right now, because if not, they're on the street possibly hurting themselves or someone else.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Can we, real quick, ask about the Civilian Overtime that is a significant change? It's line item 130100, the first line.

Councilmember Raben: Which budget are you back in?

President Koehler Lindsey: I am in the county Jail, on page 36.

Councilmember Raben: The first line.

Dave Wedding: Now, what's the question?

President Koehler Lindsey: The question is, it's a pretty significant increase. So, can you give some explanation as to what is the rationale?

Dave Wedding: Well, some of it is, obviously, the Confinement Officers received a salary increase with the new contract, so, the Overtime will go up. Also, and I'm sure everyone here knows, we have nine unfunded Confinement Officer positions that we have not filled for years and years and years. So, I think the Overtime versus hiring nine Confinement Officers is pretty minimal.

President Koehler Lindsey: The increase was probably mostly due to the contract?

Dave Wedding: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: The new contract, right. I had forgotten about that. Thank you.

Dave Wedding: We are, I think, we're trying our best to minimize some of that Overtime by hiring at a faster rate when a person leaves the office. So, we're hoping, and we're watching, we're watching as much as we can. We've even, through the contract, we worked with Rick Voyles on this, where we are not allowing certain periods where people can take off, and we have mandated training with would cause more overtime, and he worked with us very well on that. We appreciate what they did to help our office and the county government.

President Koehler Lindsey: You said there was nine positions that are not filled and haven't been for—

Dave Wedding: A long time.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, and you're not anticipating filling those?

Dave Wedding: Well, once again, what I hope to do with this new Community Corrections partnership is we will lobby diligently with the Department of Corrections to see if they can't fund at least some of those positions. Now, they are who they are, and they don't like to give money out to the county government, but we're going to work very hard to see if we can't get some money from them.

Councilmember Shetler: So, Sheriff, have you put a pencil to that? If you had the nine positions filled, how much would that reduce our Overtime?

Dave Wedding: Well, with the salary and benefits associated with hiring the nine—

Councilmember Shetler: That's \$360,000 roughly.

Dave Wedding: -- it's going to cost some money, yeah.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, it would actually be more than that, it would be about four counting health insurance and all of that business. Yeah, \$450,000, because we're spending basically about a half million dollars on Overtime now.

Dave Wedding: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: So, it won't—

Dave Wedding: And then even these people are going to receive some Overtime, because I have county holidays and things like that. There's always Overtime built in just through the natural scheduling process. You know, I don't know if we can work together some time in the future where we can try to hire a few more, not fill all the positions, but hire a few that might offset some of that cost and equal it out a little bit. We would probably have to sit and work on it. I would welcome anybody out there. I think I've spoken to many of you Councilmembers in my office or out somewhere else, but anytime somebody wants to come out and go through our schedules and how we work, I would let you see exactly what we do and how many has to be off and how many has to be there, as minimum staffing levels.

Councilmember Shetler: You know, I would be interested though in that, the base number on the Overtime, that no matter what you do, you're going to have it because of holiday and etcetera.

Dave Wedding: Right.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: Because that kind of gives us a little bit of a baseline there.

Dave Wedding: Sure, yeah, I would be more than happy to work with anyone. If you want to come out, we can work on that.

President Koehler Lindsey: I was thinking too, if you could break that out with that number, and then how much of this increase in the line item is due to the contract, so that we can kind of get an idea of what we need to do. If you could get that for us, that would be great.

Dave Wedding: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Sheriff, you mentioned earlier the big savings on the food. In your budget, I guess this is out of the County Jail/COIT. Your budget is flat, \$650,000, but where is that savings?

Dave Wedding: Well, I mean, the savings is going from paying \$1.23 a meal, to like \$1.10 a meal. You serve 1,800 meals per day, I mean, our inmate population, this was based on smaller numbers. We're anticipating much greater numbers in jail, like I said, we feed the Community Corrections people as well. So, we're feeding over 660 meals,

three times per day. So, if you're just saying ten cents per meal, that's a significant savings weekly, monthly, yearly. We brought those costs down tremendously.

Councilmember Raben: One thing, because I know every year we talk about the staffing model. I just want to remind everybody I think we are still working with the original staffing model from 2001.

Dave Wedding: Right, and we never met the number that was suggested was never attained, and then the number that was attained has now been reduced. So, it was actually cut twice from what they had called for.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we're going to move on. The Sheriff knows there will be some adjustments that will be discussed sometime in the coming weeks.

Dave Wedding: Oh, yeah, we're ready to work with you to get this done.

Councilmember Raben: We'll move on. Any other questions before we go to 911 Emergency Fund? None? Thank you.

Dave Wedding: Thank you.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE FUND

Councilmember Raben: Page 75.

Rodney Buchanan: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning.

Rodney Buchanan: Rodney Buchanan, Central Dispatch.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you for coming out. I know we don't usually drag you down here, but you had some things going on this year that we thought it would be good for us to hear about.

Rodney Buchanan: Right, I think each of you received in your packets, what most of you were interested in is our project, our radio upgrade. So, which is going, the county is going to encumber a percentage of that for 2016. I will entertain any questions on that project.

President Koehler Lindsey: That information is included in our rationale. It's kind of toward the back. I'm still trying to figure out this rationale, the way it's organized.

Joe Gries: Rodney, just a quick question, the total amount that you projected for the county's portion for the project next year is right around \$400,000, I think?

Rodney Buchanan: Yeah, I believe it's, yeah, the county's portion is \$424,000.

Joe Gries: \$424,000?

Rodney Buchanan: Right.

Joe Gries: So, just to provide some information to the Council, we do, we have started to look at some funding sources. We'll provide that information to Council through this budget process. We're trying to put all of that together. So, our portion next year, I think, we're going to be able to find the funds available. Then, in 2016, as we look to the second year, the number goes up quite a bit for the county.

Rodney Buchanan: Yeah.

Joe Gries: I think around \$1.1 million?

Rodney Buchanan: That's correct.

Joe Gries: So, in time we'll have to look again at some funding sources and some other—

Rodney Buchanan: And that, 2017 projected budget, you know, that's probably high ball a little bit.

Joe Gries: Okay.

Rodney Buchanan: Simply because we're going to have to do a little more accurate audit on the certain mobile and portable devices that each of the agencies have on them. We haven't done a real current audit. I think it's about a year old, but we need to do one. It could be with some of the radios that you might have to purchase new that we can do upgrades on that we won't have to do, which will be at no charge as far as the upgrades to the new system.

President Koehler Lindsey: I don't remember, I'm thinking that I made a note somewhere that this is not an upgrade that happens like every two years.

Rodney Buchanan: No, this, our present system, like I said, is 15-20 years old. The new system, I mean, we're end of life, as of support at the end of 2017, and that system will be, you know, guaranteed for 15-20 additional years.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, we'll have this year's and next year's budget, and then we're set for—

Rodney Buchanan: Yeah, we should meet our goal at the end of 2017, without any interruption to service, as far as public safety in the community or what have you, the way we're planning on doing the migration throughout the two years.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great. Thank you. We appreciate you coming in. Tom?

Councilmember Shetler: Rodney, do you guys track the number of calls and the workload that you have, county versus city?

Rodney Buchanan: Yes, we do.

Councilmember Shetler: Do you have any idea what that might be?

Rodney Buchanan: The last projection, I believe it was about 77/22 percent.

Councilmember Shetler: Twenty two percent county?

Rodney Buchanan: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

Rodney Buchanan: And that was just done very recently.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, and that's all activities that you guys—

Rodney Buchanan: That's all what we call CAD produced activities from telephone calls, 911 calls.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

Rodney Buchanan: It's kind of, the 911, you know, all 911 calls don't produce a run or a CAD activity simply because you get the children playing on the phone, you get the butt dials, you get things of that nature. So, like I said, that's kind of misleading, but, yeah, we did look and did a report on that within the past year.

Councilmember Shetler: Thank you. Councilmembers, we might, that's another thing we may make mental note of because the split is 67/33 presently. So, I mean, it's just one more department here that we ought to keep on our radar.

President Koehler Lindsey: We're looking at all of those. Councilman Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Rodney, you have a line item here, Central Dispatch, of a million dollars even. Can you just kind of explain what that captures?

Rodney Buchanan: Yeah, absolutely. The million dollars come from the county, because, like I said, we're a joint funded agency. We're city controlled, 67/33 right now.

The million dollars comes from the county, and I think it's, Joe can correct me if I'm wrong, but it's earmarked for salaries. That's part of that interlocal agreement, as far as the 67/33 percent goes.

Joe Gries: If I could, on page four of the joint department budget that was handed out by City Controller, Russ Lloyd, this morning, you'll see on page, I'm sorry, page three, near the bottom, it has the Central Dispatch breakdown, the estimated budget. The 2016 estimated budget is what has been requested by Rodney for his department. Then you'll see the breakdown. The actual breakdown for the county is just over \$1.2 million, but that's again as requested. If that budget gets cut, then that would change, but the million dollars in the budget book that has been created for the county, that number may also need to be changed.

Rodney Buchanan: I think that number has been consistent throughout the past several years, if I'm not mistaken. The million dollars.

Joe Gries: Yeah, the number, the million dollars really doesn't change. Then, if we need to reimburse the city any more, we do that without really making too many changes there.

Councilmember Bassemier: Rodney, at the last meeting Councilman Shetler brought up a response time. What's the required response time for the ambulance out in the county? If they don't make that response time, can you tell us, do you remember what the penalty would be?

Rodney Buchanan: No, I do not.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Rodney Buchanan: As far as response times?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Rodney Buchanan: I mean, we can do a report on response times if, you know, if anyone would like one. So, as far as EMS, or fire, or law, or what have you. What we worry about at Dispatch is our response times as far as answering the phone. You know, once we dispatch a unit, that's kind of out of our control.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Rodney Buchanan: But, I think we can run reports for something like that if that's something.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I was kind of thinking it was 11 minutes. I remember at one time it was nine minutes they responded, and I think they changed it to 11 minutes. I'm just throwing that out there. I'm not too sure on the response time.

Rodney Buchanan: I'm not sure either. I mean, we try, I mean our response time to those calling 911, we try, you know, within, we're averaging two rings. For the 700-800 calls that we receive every day, I think that's a pretty dang good response.

Councilmember Shetler: To Councilman Bassemier's point though, in other words, you may be able to verify for us other contractor's response times, is that what you're saying that that may be possible?

Rodney Buchanan: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Rodney Buchanan: Because fire, when they try to allocate like fire, police, sheriff, whatever they're trying to allocate, their manpower for their districts, you know, whether they need more on the south sector or west sector, or what have you, you know, the Chief or some of their personnel will ask us, what kind of response times have we had there. Well, we can look at the run cards and what have you and we can see that, you know, a unit was dispatched here, but there's so many variables involved as far as run priorities. You know, like a priority one run, you know, accident with injury, well, you're going to have a less response time for that than a mailbox vandalism that, you know,

can be held for 20 minutes or so. So, it's kind of misleading as far as response times go. You would have to break it down into priorities, you know, one through four to the priorities that we designate for each run that we get from 911 calls. So, it's, I mean, to get an overall response time is very misleading. You kind of have to look at, okay, accident with injuries, what is the response time for there? Domestic violence in progress, what is that? Train wreck, serious bodily injury, what is the time for that? So, there's so many different variables in that, that it's hard to actually put a number on a response time.

Councilmember Raben: I think they're probably referring more towards ambulance runs.

Councilmember Bassemier: Ambulance and 911 calls for ambulance.

Rodney Buchanan: Yeah, because see we do not, we don't dispatch ambulances. A big misconception that folks have, you know, we do an automatic connect to AMR. However, Scott and county, yeah, we do do those. If it's something, if somebody gives me a call, I can see what we can do as far as looking at that. If you want to give me a certain township, or what have you, to look at, I would be more than happy to do that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Rodney, thank you.

Rodney Buchanan: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, it might be time for a pause for a good cause.

President Koehler Lindsey: I was actually thinking the same thing. What, about five minutes?

Councilmember Raben: Five minutes.

President Koehler Lindsey: In five minutes we'll reconvene.

(Meeting was recessed for a five minute break)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we're going to reconvene.

VOTERS REGISTRATION

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Raben? Oh, look, she's ready.

Connie Carrier: I'm ready.

Councilmember Raben: Voters Registration. None?

Councilmember Shetler: You know, I know last year that was a tough move and everything like that, but I do appreciate, you know, you guys' efforts and everybody cooperating and working together, because that did save the county a hunk of money.

Connie Carrier: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: So, I mean, I think all of us in Council here appreciate that. So, thanks, Connie.

Connie Carrier: Thank you. Is that it?

Councilmember Raben: That's it. Thank you.

Connie Carrier: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Run.

Councilmember Shetler: We'll sharpen up the axe for the cutting later.

<p>SUPERIOR COURT (SUPERIOR COURT DRUG COURT 399200) SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION SUPERIOR COURT/COIT COURT TECHNOLOGY (COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET)</p>

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move on to Superior Court, page 43.

Robert Pigman: Good morning.

Councilmember Shetler: Good morning, Judge.

Robert Pigman: It's nice to be back among friends.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you for being here.

Robert Pigman: It's a little bit of a sad note that I'm here. Those of you who have been on the Council for a while know that Judge Dietsch was our liaison for many, many years, and sadly he passed away about two weeks ago. It's a little bit of a sad note on that. I think he did a wonderful job. He even established, I think, it's fair to say really nice relationships with most of you, and certainly, I know Jim would feel this way, with our liaison person. It worked for a long time, in many ways, to benefit Superior Court, but it was just one of them. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Not just the court, but the entire county.

Robert Pigman: Yes, yes. A gentlemen and an exemplary public servant.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, absolutely.

Robert Pigman: It was a loss.

President Koehler Lindsey: And we certainly are keeping his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Robert Pigman: Okay, any, we have minor changes, I would think. The good news I have to report, I don't have, in terms of what costs you all money, we don't have any capital cases on my docket. So, in Superior Court, so that's...and there's nothing pending right now in my court that would reach that level. So, we have a few minor changes in the budget. There are some titles, I think, in our Juvenile Division, that we would like, or Judge Niemeier would like to change. 137131, 141 and 161 are being changed. He would to change the title from Bailiff/Transportation Officer to Case Manager/School Liaison Officer and Police Liaison Officer, but I don't think he's changed any funding requests there. Most of the other changes are minimal, with the exception of he has greatly reduced the, let's see where it's at, the Inmate Care, I think is down significantly. Line item, it's on the bottom of page 45. He's only requesting \$92,000 this year, which is significantly less than we've asked for and needed in the past. I'm willing to answer any questions you might have.

Councilmember Raben: Most importantly, we need to call attention that your budget is actually down from last year.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah.

Robert Pigman: Sometimes it goes up, and sometimes it goes down. It's a lot easier time, I guess, when it goes down.

President Koehler Lindsey: We appreciate the going down. So, if you could keep that trend, we're glad to see that.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Absolutely, however, on Law Books, you're asking for 33 percent more.

Robert Pigman: Yes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Can you just explain that?

Robert Pigman: Well, most of those are set by contract. About eight to 10 years ago we discovered our costs for that were going up at about, between 17 and 20 percent a year. So, I signed a contract with West that capped that at five percent a year, but it is an automatic five percent each year that that goes up. We did, the amount we requested last year was insufficient to meet the actual cost for those. So, we thought we'd better ask for the amount up front. We typically hold the bills from late November and December and pay those in January. So, by doing that we—

Councilmember Montrastelle: Are these actual books?

Robert Pigman: Yes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Or additional licenses to, because you do a lot of research online, right?

Robert Pigman: Yes, well, the West contract required us to sign an agreement to pay for Westlaw, but by doing that they cut the cost of the books in half. So, it was a balance, we broke even on that, and they agreed to cap the increase to five percent, which had been running at 17 percent. So, we saved between 12 and 15 percent increases a year by doing that. We've had that contract for about eight years now, eight to 10 years.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Do you share these books with any (Inaudible)?

Robert Pigman: Well, each judge has one set. The magistrates don't have any, but, we have five magistrates, they don't have any books, but each judge has one set.

Councilmember Raben: Plus the library.

Councilmember Goebel: Judge Pigman, thanks for coming in with a lower amount, but I was wondering your thoughts or sense on the new law by the State of Indiana, starting in July, and the Sheriff already discussed how the inmates is going to go up. What's your sense on that, as far as—

Robert Pigman: Well, the law says that unless an inmate has more than 366 actual days to serve, and these are for Level 6 felonies, so, you get a day for day credit on Level 6 still, but that means, as a practical matter, the maximum sentence on a Level 6 is two and a half years. 366 days would be doubled, because it's actual, they're talking about the actual days you have to be...so, as a practical matter, a defendant would have to plead guilty within, you know, I did the math once, I mean, commit the crime today, be arrested today, you know, it would be four or five days before the formal charge would be filed by the Prosecutor. So, I mean, he would have to plead guilty within a very short period of time to even qualify to be sent to the Department of Corrections now. So, as a practical matter, Dave's going to get all of the Level 6 felons in the Vanderburgh County Jail. The only exception, the only saving grace is, that if someone fails a Community Corrections program, we can still send that person to the Department of Corrections, even if it's a Level 6, and even if they have less than 366 days to go. So, a person who, for instance, might be on house arrest or work release or whatever, and has failed that program by committing a new crime or just not following through, we can still send them to the Department of Corrections, even if they've got less than 366 days. But, if it's somebody there on a new charge, I would say, the overwhelming majority of those people get two years or less. So, he's going to get a whole host of new inmates.

Councilmember Goebel: Can the judges try to shoot for 367 days? That's not a joking matter, so.

Robert Pigman: Well, we can, but, again, the problem is, it's measured as of the date of sentencing. You may have, even if you got the maximum sentence, counting the pre-trial detention period, the 50-60 days you might be in trial, I mean, that comes off the top. So, as of the date of your sentence you have to have more than 366 days. Very few cases where a person is looking at a maximum sentence are going to be resolved within 30 or 40 days under those circumstances. So, yeah, I mean, it's a difficult thing. It is an unfunded mandate, as you said or identified, but there's not a whole lot we can do about

that, or that I can do about that. Or for the short term that Dave's going to be able to do about that really.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: With regards to IT, what the state implemented, was that called Odyssey?

Robert Pigman: Odyssey, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, was that just in this past year, or was that last year?

Robert Pigman: No, that started in September of last year.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Robert Pigman: We're in our first full year of Odyssey.

Councilmember Shetler: Are we beginning to see some benefits from that?

Robert Pigman: I think you all are. I think it's a lot cheaper. We don't pay those licensing fees to Maximus anymore that cost us close to a quarter of a million dollars.

Councilmember Raben: If you have any issues or problems, do they pretty well operate or help you out of that up there in Indianapolis, like help desks and things like that, that they have?

Robert Pigman: Yes and no. They do help some, they, I would say some, yes. Odyssey has, I mean, it's been an adjustment. Ultimately, with the things the Supreme Court are doing, I think we'll be in for some, I think down the road you'll see some additional savings too. They want to go to an e-filing system, they want to do some other things that will tie all of these different networks together and make it more efficient. So, I think, long term it's going to be remarkably efficient system that will save us some more money.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move into the Probation account, page 104.

Robert Pigman: Alright, we have two of our Probation Officers that need additional supplements to reach the state mandated median, minimum, excuse me, those are Rebecca Helm and **Marcia Coomes**. It's 200211 and 201218. They're projected salaries for next year would not meet the state minimum.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions of this budget? Judge, the COIT budget has the YCC contract. That looks like that's consistent with last year. I don't think we'll move to that, but maybe while you're here, in our budget is where we host the Court Technology budget.

Robert Pigman: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Do you want to skip and go to page 59, and review the Court Technology budget?

Robert Pigman: I have our Court Technology person here. He would probably be more helpful to you than I would, but go ahead.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Good morning, Tim.

Tim VanCleave: Good morning. My name is Timothy VanCleave and I handle the judiciary's court information technology. It services not only Superior Court, but Circuit Court, the Prosecutor, Clerk of Court and Public Defender. Our costs for next year are estimated to go down about four percent. Not quite as much of a decrease as we had from 2014 to 2015 with the move to Odyssey.

Councilmember Raben: Tim, of the \$305,000 requested, just kind of give us a breakdown on what that is.

Tim VanCleave: Most of the expenses, roughly a third, is capital for the desktop environment. We went with a lease to cover a five year period for the desktop computing capabilities. Another percentage that I've actually been talking with Teri Lukeman about is the printer maintenance costs, if we could better handle that. Right now the costs per year are less than replacing the fleet of printers of about 130 that across those five offices. We have utilized the multi-functional devices where it made sense, but because of the different locations and functionalities of many of the environments, such as, we don't necessarily want judges going to other judges offices to obtain their prints. So, based on location and receipts being printed by cashiers, versus going out to a Xerox to get that for somebody, we do still have a significant number of printers for functionality purposes. Replacing that entire fleet would be significantly greater than the current repair costs that we are going through. Fortunately it looks like the twenty, we had budgeted \$25,000, it looks like, for 2015, it looks like we are going to come under that amount, but it's, the fleet is getting a year older. So, I did leave the amount at the same, because I would rather not have to come back for additional funds for repairs, anticipating that that number will go up.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so, you say there's 100 printers within the—

Tim VanCleave: Within the five offices, yes.

Councilmember Raben: How many users?

Tim VanCleave: I believe that there are 350 users. So, that is about a 3:1 ratio, a little higher than—

Councilmember Raben: I mean, I think of, I mean, there are probably your typical laser printer that cartridges cost an arm and a leg for, but I can't imagine and understandably I don't expect the judges to go from office to office to pull copies, but, you know, in a single office, Judge, just as your office, you know, it's outside, your staff it's small enough that one centralized printer, you know, should be significant, and we're not buying all those cartridges. I mean, it's probably 30-40 feet from one end to the other. \$305,000 annually, even though it's down a hundred from last year, I think there's an opportunity to save a lot of money, and not just in the hardware itself, but I'm sure in here somewhere is a lot of expense for supplies to maintain a hundred copiers. So, you know, I hate year after year going back to what we spend in technology, but we spend an awful lot of money throughout this whole complex. I don't know that we actually get better every year at what we do. We spend a lot of money on technology that, you know, it needs to be looked at hard. You know, we need to reduce the number of items that are in place. This would be a good start.

Tim VanCleave: I can certainly work with the officeholders and try to identify those types of devices that we can reduce. The savings, unfortunately, with technology for the judiciary, isn't seen as easily. In comparison to the caseloads that were handled before the technology was implemented, the technology has allowed the judiciary, specifically the Clerks' and the Judges' offices, to handle more cases per person that is in those three offices. We have done some rough math, and I believe that the annual savings, or the annual labor cost if we would have continued doing business the way we did before technology, would be somewhere in the one and a half million dollar range. Those are just guesstimations based on the case load that was there before technology, versus the caseload that is being covered by fewer people per case in today's caseloads. That is just simple, what was the cases before the technology per year, versus the number of people, and the number of cases of being filed now and the number of staff that's in those three offices. That's not counting facilities that would have been needed or other supplies. That's just roughly a ballpark labor number that is saved by the technology each year.

Councilmember Raben: And what has that cost in the technology then though?

Tim VanCleave: I'm not saying that we're saving \$1.2 million, I'm just saying that we are, or 1.5, we're deferring some of those costs. As you can see here, there is at least \$300,000 here, there is some costs in the joint technology budget that also goes to support the judiciary. So, are we saving \$1.5 million annually? No. I believe that we are saving a significant amount, but not that entire 1.5.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, I guess, my challenge to you is, find out where we can reduce 100 printers down to 50 printers.

Tim VanCleave: That might be a challenge, but we will certainly take it on.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I think, any office complex outside of this facility, that's just common practice. You might have to get up and walk from your chair to retrieve a copy, but there's a lot of expense associated with maintaining those individual copiers. So, come back to us with a plan to make some sort of reduction in that. I think that's probably something we need to talk about, you know, with all offices moving forward.

President Koehler Lindsey: Exactly. Question on that, Tim, when you say there are a hundred printers, are those desk top size laser printers we're talking about, type printers, it's not a big copy machine?

Tim VanCleave: Correct.

President Koehler Lindsey: You're talking a hundred different...okay.

Tim VanCleave: That does include the Election Office. We're still using printers that were provided by the state during the Help America Vote Act. So, we have any, we have printers ranging from what would be considered personal size, up to, our standard is a department level laser jet. We could probably, we should be probably closer to a 4:1 ratio, if not higher.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, I would agree with that. I mean, I know at the School Corporation, we probably don't have a 4:1 ratio, I know we don't. We have more like a 15:1 ratio on printers, and we get a lot of good exercise.

Tim VanCleave: One of the challenges also with the printing is that a lot of the printing occurs at one time. Many of the courts start at roughly the same point in the morning and in the afternoon. So, there is a mass level of production that occurs leading up to that point. So, we do need to distribute that load over multiple printers in order to successfully accomplish preparation for the court sessions. But, then, they do sit mostly idle for the next maybe couple of hours until they start that preparation process for the next court sessions. So, that is another reason why it would be a challenge, but it is something we can certainly take a look at and see what we can do to reduce that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Goebel has a comment.

Councilmember Goebel: Tim, you mentioned a lease a moment ago, or when you first came. Is this for the computers themselves?

Tim VanCleave: Yes, the desktops.

Councilmember Goebel: And it's a five year lease?

Tim VanCleave: It is a five year lease.

Councilmember Goebel: I thought something worth considering with the proposal we might be going through. I think it was brought up four years, with the other county offices, if we go with that, if we go that route. Maybe expand the life of the lease and save money that way. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Tim, going back to the printers and the documents that have to be printed, is there not some amount of stuff that could be done electronically through shared drives, rather than having to actually physically print out documents? I don't know how that works with the courts.

Tim VanCleave: Well, I'll give, I guess, Judge might even be able to answer, actually inside the courtroom, but the paper documents do, at times, make the courtroom more efficient.

Robert Pigman: Some, the answer is some. Yes, I use a computer on my bench now. So, my staff prints as little as is absolutely necessary, because I take my laptop, I hook

it up, it's ready to go when we start. So, I don't use it as much as some others, but we're conscious of that—

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Robert Pigman: -- and I'm constantly looking, in the areas of the court I directly supervise to encourage use of technology over trees.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, I just think it's something that we have to look at, and I know there are probably legal issues with some things that have to be printed, but, like I said, as an educator and in this day in age of, we've gone to online textbooks, we're not purchasing books anymore because there's so much more that can be accomplished with a shared drive, or with online, or with a web service. So, you know, I would just encourage you to continue to look into areas where, if you don't have to print, don't print. Let's go more paperless.

Tim VanCleave: Along those lines—

Robert Pigman: I agree.

Tim VanCleave: -- the points he already brought up, the state has this e-filing initiative, and we hope to tie that into maybe better utilizing digital formats inside the courtrooms. We also are hoping to take a look at the storage costs of the paper, as this Council is very much aware of the costs that are associated with that. We're hoping that along these programs that we can also start tackling some of that warehousing and retrieval costs. No promises that we're going to make any significant dents in that, because there's over, there's nearly 120 million documents out there of pages that have to be dealt with. We need to start at some point. We're hoping that the e-filing initiative is a good starting point, and then start working towards using technology to reduce not only current printing costs, but maybe looking at reducing retrieval costs for the e-court records.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, great. Thank you. Well, we're going to move on. Judge, thank you. Tim, thank you.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Page 47, Drug and Alcohol Deferral Services.

Robert Pigman: That's mine also.

Councilmember Raben: You're off the hook. Thank you.

Robert Pigman: Do what?

Councilmember Shetler: No.

Robert Pigman: I'm here for the Drug and Alcohol program.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, yeah.

Robert Pigman: There's very little change there, with one exception. There's one employee, and I've talked to Councilman Bassemier about this, I've been here before, as you know, I'm searching for a way to combine this with our Misdemeanor Probation Department, because I think if we do, we can save a lot of money, probably an additional \$25,000-\$30,000 a year, but I can't find a place to put them. I've met with Dave Rector, we've spent hours going through this building. I even offered to give up my office. I said, see if you can change this into a Probation Department, but it's just not quite big enough. So, that hunt continues. If I can find a place where we can combine those two, I think we're going to save some money there for you. Specifically with the budget that's been submitted, there's an employee there, a clerical employee that's been there for 30 years. She had a relatively short break in service, due to a family tragedy, and she has really stepped up and taken a huge portion of the load that's come about. We've not filled the Director's position, which I'm going to have to do shortly, because we're going through a re-certification process, but she's even done, although

she's not, shall we say technically qualified under the state law to do some of the things she's done, she has helped with that. She's assumed the burden of the other clerical position, which I've not yet filled because my hope was we could combine the two offices and not fill that position. She's done all of those duties here for the last year or so, and so I'm asking, I've submitted a proposal to have her salary set in where it would be had she not had the break in service. That's the only real change in that budget. I think that's it.

Councilmember Shetler: Are they at the Court Building? I mean, the old, not the Old Courthouse, but the Court Building?

Robert Pigman: They're at an office across from the Old Courthouse.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, in the Court, is that called the Court Building?

Robert Pigman: Right next to, it's next to the Court Building.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

Robert Pigman: Yeah, I mean, it's not ADA accessible.

Councilmember Shetler: Have we looked at the Old Courthouse for a room there?

Robert Pigman: Well—

Councilmember Shetler: Because, at least it's money going back in to our pockets.

Robert Pigman: -- here's problem, here's the problem, I don't want to move our Probation Officers out of security environment.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

Robert Pigman: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright.

Robert Pigman: Even in a misdemeanor court they're dealing with some folks who are not stable. So, I don't think, I don't want to...and I talked to Mr. Danks, and David Rector and I did about that building, but that's the same problem. The Sheriff's costs of providing a minimal security over there would exceed any savings we would have.

Councilmember Shetler: Right. Perhaps we ought to—

Robert Pigman: So, it's got to be somewhere inside the umbrella, because I would not expose...and I don't like the fact that our DADS people are outside our security people. Some of those people are not stable either.

Councilmember Shetler: Perhaps we could, you know, maybe there's another entity here that could actually move to the Old Courthouse in that case then, and then we could bring DADS and do what you're trying to do here.

Robert Pigman: Yeah.

Councilmember Shetler: Maybe we need to think about it a little differently here.

Robert Pigman: That's not something (Inaudible).

Councilmember Shetler: The point is the Old Courthouse, that's our money, our revenue anyway. I would rather get something like that going, and there may be something we could work out here.

Robert Pigman: Okay, well I'm, or my discussions with Dave continue, I mean, we're still looking for—

Councilmember Shetler: See if he's checked it from that angle.

Robert Pigman: I'll suggest that. I mean, I, a judge has a lot of authority in the courtroom and no authority outside the courtroom.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I mean—

Robert Pigman: I can't say, you move and you move and you move.

Councilmember Shetler: I'm just, this is off the top of my head, but since Steve's not here right now to say that, but that is, you know, what about, you know, like the Public Defender's Office, for example. I mean, you know, perhaps that might be a fit over there, I don't know.

Robert Pigman: Yeah, I don't know. I don't know whether that's...he's drawn up the plans, he's got some nice plans, done some nice work. I can tell you that, for instance, a regular judge's office, because I had them look at my office, and the jury room, is about 800 square feet short of what we need. So, for a minimal type of set up.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, at the risk of being off the top of your head here, is there a possibility of maybe looking into, if the Surveyor's Office could be move over to the Old Courthouse, and then, you know, we have similar offices over there, would that space be enough? I'm just kind of throwing that out. I haven't talked to the Surveyor or anything.

Robert Pigman: I mean, I can have, I did not, when we talked, I don't think he went through the building office by office and said—

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Robert Pigman: -- you know, we looked at things that maybe could be shuffled around within the judicial part of it. Yeah, I would think we would need our Probation Officers here in the security.

President Koehler Lindsey: Understood, yeah. So, those are some ideas that maybe you can bring up with him.

Robert Pigman: Yeah, I'm open, and I still would like to do it. The court is behind it, I think it's—

President Koehler Lindsey: It sounds like we need to go through office by office though, just to kind of look and see where we can put our offices together. Like Councilman Shetler said, we need our people in our building so we're not paying outside rent.

Robert Pigman: Yeah.

Councilmember Terry: Judge? On the position that you were referencing, how long was that break in service? Currently what is she being paid at?

Robert Pigman: The break in service was about three years, if I remember right. She's currently paid, I don't have that exact number, but it's in the \$25,000 range.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Robert Pigman: It's requested to go, I think, to \$33,000.

Councilmember Terry: So, there has been maybe some change in terms of the responsibilities for that position?

Robert Pigman: Absolutely, by not filling those two positions in the last year I saved you guys \$97,000.

Councilmember Terry: Does that need to come back to Job Study before we can do that?

Robert Pigman: I don't think so, but that's just my opinion.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, I'm kind of wondering too. I thought maybe it was Job Study, but we'll get the Counselor's opinion on that for sure, but it's a break, you said, generally your reason for filling this, or for this change is because she had that three year break in service. So, that's kind of an over and above. Now, if you're talking about changing the actual position and the duties on a permanent basis, then that would need to come back through Job Study.

Robert Pigman: Whether I can do it on a permanent basis depends on whether I can—

President Koehler Lindsey: I understand, so, right now you're just kind of trying to move around in there, and because this person had that break in service and missed a couple of step increases—

Robert Pigman: Right.

President Koehler Lindsey: -- that's mainly why.

Robert Pigman: That's why she's there.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Robert Pigman: And because she has stepped up, we've saved \$97,000.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's awesome. We want to do that. So, we'll have to look at this.

Robert Pigman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Alright.

Robert Pigman: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: Great, thank you.

Robert Pigman: Thank you.

<p>AREA PLAN COMMISSION AREA PLAN/COIT</p>

Councilmember Raben: Alright, we are moving on, page 27, Area Plan.

Ron London: Good afternoon.

President Koehler Lindsey: That means we're late if it's afternoon already.

Ron London: It feels like it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, it does.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, one of the items that probably has caught everyone's attention is Communications has gone up from \$6,000 to \$10,750.

Ron London: That is what we, that is the average of what we spend every year on, basically, WNIN. I mean, continuously we have to come back and try and get more funds to be able to be able to have our Area Plan Commission meetings and our Board of Zone Appeal meetings on WNIN every year. It's \$100 for every 30 minutes that we're on air. It depends on how long our agendas are, but every year it seems like our agenda keeps getting larger and larger, which is a good thing, because that means that there's more development going on in the community. Speaking to that, starting tomorrow we're going to start taking some training on a, it's called Granicus, and it is an online service to where we can stream our meetings online. I think that's for any county agency.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, that's something through Mark's office?

Ron London: Yes, I think there's a 50/50 split between the city and the county to pay for that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Ron London: If we need to, we could use that instead of paying WNIN for services. That would save us about \$8,000 a year.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: As the Council, we made an adjustment, what, a few years ago, where we're only recording the first hour, or did that ever take place?

Ron London: Not with our meetings. That's the average over the last three years. That's how I came up with the \$10,750 was just an average over a three year period, and included in that is also our phone systems, which is \$210 a month, which that's roughly \$3,000 out of that. So, that's something that we pay to the Commissioners every month. So, that's where I'm coming up with the roughly \$8,000 in savings, if we decided to just have it online and have it stream online, instead of having it on WNIN.

President Koehler Lindsey: Which line item is that again? I'm sorry.

Ron London: That's the Communications.

President Koehler Lindsey: Communications? Thank you.

Ron London: Yep.

Councilmember Raben: Then, the last thing, on page 28, Data Management, (Inaudible) \$4,000.

Ron London: Yes, the \$4,000 request is typically out of our Training and Education. We have what is called our GIS licensing fee, which we have to pay every year, which is approximately \$4,000 a year. What I did was I took that out of the Training and Education, which we have never been budgeted enough to pay for our GIS per year, so, what we have to do is at the end of the year we have to figure out what line items we might have to steal from whatever monies we have available to be able to pay for the GIS system for the next year. So, we're kind of a year behind in our payments, but we make it work. So, what I did was I separated that out from, so it's a little more obvious of what we're spending the money on for that yearly fee that we have to pay to keep our GIS licensing in place.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, you moved that from one line item to the other? The overall budget.

Ron London: Out of Training and Education is where it normally came out of—

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Ron London: -- and every year I've asked for enough to be able to cover that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Ron London: We've never received that money. So, at the end of the year, what I'm trying to do is pull from maybe five different funds that we have some money left on to be able to actually pay for it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Ron London: So, every year I've asked for the money to be able to pay for our licensing, but we've really never received it.

Councilmember Goebel: But, you didn't reduce the Training line item though, did you?

Ron London: Training?

Councilmember Goebel: Is it Training and Education?

Ron London: Let me see here. No, I kept that at, because that's typically what we spend. Like I said, the GIS licensing we have to pull from probably four or five different accounts to be able to pay that at the end of the year. We just kind of see where we're at with Fuel and Communications and Attorney's Fees and things like that. We just pull that at the end of the year to try and pay for that. So, that's where that normally comes out of is about three or four different accounts.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, Councilman Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Back to the Communication, I'm not this was a question to you, but is it mandated that we have to streamline these meetings? It's not? Because, you know, as part of the Area Plan Committee now, I'll be sitting here at 4:00 today, I think.

Ron London: Right.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Anyone that has any interest in this is usually out here. The minutes are fantastic. I'm not even sure why we even need to streamline that.

Ron London: I will say that I get a lot of comments from people who say that they watch the meetings. I mean, I'm walking by and they're like, hey, you're that guy, you know, it's, but I think by going to the streaming that's, I mean, that's a cost that, you know, it's going to be much cheaper to do that.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I'm not, I'm sorry, maybe not the streaming, it's the hourly cost. That's what I'm talking about.

Ron London: Yeah, for every 30 minutes we're paying \$100.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah.

Ron London: You know how some of our meetings run. We've had four hour meetings, sometimes we may have an hour. If it runs over by one minute, if we go 31 minutes, we're paying for that full 30 minutes.

Councilmember Raben: Well, a four hour meeting is \$800.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: You know, maybe we need to (Inaudible).

Ron London: So, it's just one solution that maybe everybody, you know, even Council, everybody could go to this system where we may save money on going through the Granicus that we're paying for anyway, that we're going to pay for, and maybe save that money for every board. So, it's just a thought.

Councilmember Raben: It probably deserves at least some contact with WNIN. The county and the city paid for the equipment, if I'm not mistaken.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible) So, before they lose the opportunity to record, they may want us to (Inaudible), as a service (Inaudible). Anybody that wants to take the lead on contacting WNIN (Inaudible).

President Koehler Lindsey: That was going to be my question. Do we have a liaison for WNIN with us? Or is that just—

Councilmember Raben: We need to ask the Commissioners.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, it's kind of a Commissioners thing.

Councilmember Raben: And the Mayor's Office.

Councilmember Shetler: Maybe we ought to meet with them, because there's other...I definitely think elected bodies, Council, Commissioners probably ought to keep it as it is, but other groups out there, maybe we ought to reconsider and find alternative means to do this. You know, as Teri just pointed out to me, we spent \$500 this morning.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, Teri, can you make a note (Inaudible).

Councilmember Shetler: You know, as we sit here going through this recording. So, it is expensive, and if you counted up all of what we're spending through county government, I would say it's a significant amount of money here. So, we definitely have to find some other ways of doing this.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, and it's been pointed out that Rotary doesn't get charged for the WNIN.

Councilmember Shetler: That is correct. So, and we don't want to penalize WNIN, and we've got the equipment here, so, we certainly want to, you know, I remember I was on the City Council when we first put these in, that it was something to help people be able to see the meetings when they're not here. We've kind of moved into a new era of technology, you know, the World Wide Web has been invented, as we talked about yesterday in job study, and we can stream things online now that we didn't used to be able to do when we had this equipment originally. So, perhaps we can negotiate, and we will definitely, I just asked Teri to make a note, and I'll talk to the Commissioners and see what we need to do to make that better. You know, at this point, perhaps you make the decision that you do only record the first hour, and then after that you've just got it streamed online.

Ron London: Well, I think being able to do this online and it being live, you know, they would still be able to see it live—

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Ron London: -- but there will also be on our website—

President Koehler Lindsey: Exactly.

Ron London: -- they will be able to tie into and they'll be able to go, and if there's some specific action within our body that they're wanting to, you know, they'll be able to go to that timeline instead of waiting through the whole meeting.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Ron London: You'll be able to click on that timeline and go straight to what you want to be able to see.

President Koehler Lindsey: Perfect. So, that's a thing we can do.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to move this along. We've got to be out of this room at noon and we've still got quite a bit on our agenda. So, I hate to interrupt, but thank you, we're going to carry on.

Ron London: One note I would like to, just on a happy note, that I would like to let everybody know that the way that we're going, back in 2013 our overall revenue was about \$164,000, this year it looks like we're going to be pulling in roughly around \$400,000 for revenue. So, I think we'll be able to, you know, bring some, hopefully, bring some additional funds to the county with that.

Councilmember Shetler: Just real quickly, and I know we want to move on, but real quickly, that split between city and county, it's 85/15?

Ron London: That is correct.

Councilmember Shetler: Your calculations are that it should be something about?

Ron London: I've got the number right here. From what I sent out to everyone, right now I have, with our office the way that we broke it down, 58 city, 42 county is kind of the split that we've come up with what we do with our department.

Councilmember Shetler: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Councilmember Raben: Page 62, Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Bob Warren: Good afternoon, Bob Warren, Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau. Thank you very much for allowing us to be here.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, questions for Bob? Bob, I'm sure you could give us a quick briefing on the new ballfields and how they're going.

Bob Warren: Absolutely. This is, thanks to this body and our board of commissioners, this project is absolutely and outstanding project for our community. If you have not been out there since we've gotten all the shade structures up and the water features working, you know, the teams that are playing out there are absolutely wanting to come back. Right now we have, I'll just mentioned some acronyms; ASA, NSA, USFA, USSSA, Gameday, these are all tournaments that are calling us, we're not calling them, because they've heard about this new park and the management of the new park and the concessions and all of the features. So, this is a great testament to our community. I certainly encourage each of you to get out there now that it's within two or three weeks of being totally complete, you know, and we'll be taking the keys over 100 percent and going into our warranty period. So, we're just about to close up the project, but it absolutely looks wonderful. Thank you again, because it couldn't have happened without this body.

President Koehler Lindsey: You're welcome, and congratulations, because it is certainly an asset to our community.

Bob Warren: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: You're updating the scoreboards, you say. When will that be done, Bob?

Bob Warren: I'm going to tell you one very quick story. I was out at a 63 team tournament a couple of weeks ago, and I shouldn't probably say this, but anyway, we have a golf cart that picks up people that need assistance to get to the fields, and I happened to be driving the golf cart when a guy behind me, he and his wife said, I sure would like to meet that idiot that put up those scoreboards. I turned around and say, hi, my name is Bob Warren. So, anyway, the scoreboards we are putting new scoreboards up. It was determined by a group of about 15 professionals in the industry that we would be better served by having new scoreboards. They have been ordered. As soon as they come in we will get them installed, and we think we have an alternate use for the other scoreboards.

Councilmember Bassemier: So, it wasn't a total loss on the other scoreboards?

Bob Warren: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Bassemier: It was not a total loss for the other scoreboards?

Bob Warren: No, it wasn't a total loss. I would just like to confirm that the scoreboards that we purchased originally were designed for softball play. The park was built for softball play. So, there was nothing critically wrong with the ones that we had, but the fact that we do play baseball, with 12U and under on this field, it was determined that it would be appropriate to have balls, strikes and outs. So, we've made that adjustment, and we're confident that, what we're hearing, we've got one of the best facilities in the tri-state area that this county should be proud of.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

Councilmember Terry: Bob, what's the increase in Contractual Services?

Bob Warren: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Terry: The Contractual Services?

Bob Warren: Yes, I will. Thank you very much, Ms. Terry. Contractual Services went up because we have formed a new not-for-profit organization to manage our new ballfields. As a component of that we have determined, through our board of commissioners that we wanted to ensure that there was ample funding in terms of seed money to get this ball park up and operating. So, that increase is a reflection of \$200,000 that we've set aside as a stipend to support the ball park operations for the first year. We'll see what that looks like next year, but ball park operations, different organization budget for that will be somewhere in the \$800,000 a year range. We need to make certain that we have ample funds in place, so we've taken it out of our promotional account.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Bob, how's the concessions going? Are you getting more money in than you thought you might get? Can you talk about that?

Bob Warren: Actually, we are. It's been a fine tuning. We now have a, as of Monday of this week, we have a new manager on site. This person came to us from Bloomington, managing the park system there. We're very pleased to have him aboard. Concessions are doing well. We are overstaffing at this point. The last tournament we had out there we had 26 people on the ground between concessions and grounds keeping. You have to realize that you're opening the concessions at 7:30 in the morning and you're closing them at 10:30-11:00 at night. So, there's quite a number of people that are needed to rotate those shifts. The first weekend, or the big weekend that we had out there, we did about \$16,000 in concessions, plus our field rentals. Right now, the forecast is looking good for future use. Again, people are calling us, they're hearing about the fields, and they want to come play the fields.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Bob, thank you very much. We will, we're going to move on.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I've got one quick question.

Bob Warren: (Inaudible), I'm sorry?

Councilmember Bassemier: Bob, on security out there, what kind of security do you have out there? You're dealing with \$16,000 with concessions and stuff, what, is there an off-duty police officer or any security out there at all?

Bob Warren: We have security. Just so that everybody is confident, there is security in place. We have everything from camera systems to a very upgraded security system through Sonitrol.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, that's good to know.

Bob Warren: Thank you.

Councilmember Terry: Page 85?

Councilmember Goebel: Hi, Bob. Just a reminder that, I guess, county-wide we're going zero right now on any type of pay increase, unless this is a step increase. So, you may want to look at that. Thank you.

Bob Warren: Our board recommended a two percent increase that is prepared in our budget. If that changes, with county direction, then certainly we will adjust accordingly.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Alright. We can go to the Capital account, which is page 85. New hotel, or eventually coming hotel for \$200,000 and the sports complex and debt service.

Bob Warren: That's correct. That's the two items.

Councilmember Raben: No questions there. We're going to move on.

Bob Warren: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Raben: Bob, thank you very much.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Page 59 is Vanderburgh County Council. I will attempt to walk us through this. If there is any questions, Teri's here to back us up. Insurance, as you'll see, is about 13 percent, it represents a 13 percent increase. That's not set in concrete. That's just a number that, a preliminary number that was set. The hope will be that number is going to go down significantly. It should. With the county health clinic, you know, it was explained to us that we should see this number, after year one, continue to decline. So, we'll know a little more in weeks to come on the insurance side of it. We covered Court Technology. There is one line, yeah, here you'll see the Health Care Clinic, you know, as of today, I think they, Teri, is this correct, that they have spent the \$250,000 for 2015? This number will be reduced when we finalize this budget. So, we'll be back to you on that number as well. But, again, the fact that we've already spent a quarter of a million dollars through the first of August, we'd better see that Insurance line come down.

Teri Lukeman: It's my understanding that the Insurance information should be available at the end of next week.

Joe Gries: That's the information that the Commissioners have provided to me. Their contract with Torian Hofmann, Tony Flittner has asked Anthem to have firm numbers by that date. Just to give you an example of what was requested in that Insurance line item, and if Anthem would come back with a decrease in the premium of around five percent, you would be able to reduce the requested line item by \$1,250,000. So, even a five percent decrease would be a big number as far as reducing what was requested within the budget. I have no idea, that's just a guess, I'm not saying it's going to be five percent, I'm just saying if it would be.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have any idea if the number could possibly go up? I hate to even say that, but—

Joe Gries: I think it's possible, but I would be shocked if it would.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, you feel pretty confident that 13 percent would be the most that we would be dealing with, and very hopeful that we're going to be looking at less?

Joe Gries: If it comes higher, then the Council's job just got a lot harder.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's always the driver of the budget, the Insurance. I know I've had some conversations with Commissioner Kiefer and will continue to have some dialogues on what is it we can go about reducing this cost. We want our employees to have great benefits, but we have to manage the budget as well.

Councilmember Terry: Jim, the Health Care Clinic line, that's just for general operation, right, of the clinic?

Councilmember Raben: As far as I know, that's just general operation.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Joe Gries: Yes, that's our portion of the invoice that is paid monthly. We pay that back to the city. The city actually pays the entire invoice, and then we reimburse them.

Councilmember Terry: It's been, what, a year, how long has the clinic been open over here?

Joe Gries: It started in 2014, February 1.

Councilmember Terry: Okay, so at least a complete year when we will know what the true operational budget would be?

Joe Gries: Correct.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Joe Gries: Correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: What's our percentage of that? You say we pay a portion.

Joe Gries: Well, we pay based on the number of employees that we have who are eligible to use the clinic, and then the costs for the actual use. So, if an employee takes advantage of the clinic, sees a Nurse Practitioner, and receives some type of possible pharmaceuticals, then we're just charged for the actual cost of those pharmaceuticals and that visit. Then, the actual cost per employee, I believe, is around \$1.25 per month. So, it's not very much.

Councilmember Shetler: So, that part of it is proportioned out, the overhead expense?

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Is proportioned out between city and county?

Joe Gries: Based on use, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Then, otherwise we pay on direct usage?

Joe Gries: Exactly.

Councilmember Raben: Then, Joe, on this Insurance line, maybe it's in the COIT, there's more to this than meets the eye.

Joe Gries: There is, there is.

Councilmember Raben: The \$7.8 requested is—

Joe Gries: Right, the, it's a proportion—

Councilmember Raben: --on page 120.

Joe Gries: Right.

Councilmember Raben: It makes up the balance.

Joe Gries: We had to move some of that into the COIT fund last year because the General Fund could not handle the entire amount.

Councilmember Raben: So, that line is a significant amount of our budget.

Joe Gries: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

Councilmember Raben: We will move on to page 72, Local Drug Free Community. Any questions on page 72?

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move to page 74, Local Emergency Planning. A very small budget. Good morning.

Derrick Ohning: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Are there any questions of page 74? None?

President Koehler Lindsey: Can you state your name for the record please.

Derrick Ohning: Yes, I'm Derrick Ohning. Formerly this would have been handled by Dwayne Caldwell, who is the Chairman of this committee. He's move on, and I'm an interim Chair now.

President Koehler Lindsey: Interim Chair of this committee. Awesome. Alright, thank you for being here today.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I have a question. Just, and I'm new up here, what is it you do here?

Derrick Ohning: The Planning Committee is a state, by nature, a state agency actually. So, we work with the EMA, Emergency Management, and we do planning, table top exercises and things like that. We receive the data from industry who report emissions and releases and things like that, and catalogue that basically so we can prepare. Like I said, we work very closely with Emergency Management.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

<p align="center">CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICE CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICE/COIT</p>

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 25, Co-Op Extension Services. This budget appears to be flat, with the exception of Contractual Services, and that's probably something in an agreement. It looks like that's up one and a half percent. Outside of that, this budget is flat. Is there any questions on page 25?

President Koehler Lindsey: Can you state your name for the record please, Ma'am?

Susan Plassemier: Yes, Susan Plassemier, with the Vanderburgh County Extension Service.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, and the Contractual Services, that's due to a Purdue request, is that correct?

Susan Plassemier: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Susan Plassemier: I would like to remind you that Purdue does pay all of the benefits for the County Extension Educators; insurance, FICA. Insurance being a big one, FICA and PERF as well.

President Koehler Lindsey: We love that. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 113 is their Rent account, which is flat and has been for a number of years. Susan, if no one has any other questions, I think we're good to go.

Susan Plassemier: Alright, great. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

<p align="center">HEALTH DEPARTMENT</p>

Councilmember Raben: Health Department. Doc, you thought this time would never come, huh?

Ken Spear: Dr. Ken Spear, Vanderburgh County Health Department.

Councilmember Raben: This budget, just to remind everybody, it really is General Fund. I mean, it has a grave effect on our levy, just as any county office does. So, what's this fund raises what annually? Do you remember?

Joe Gries: I think the levy is—

Councilmember Raben: They have revenues of about \$700,000 that they bring in.

Joe Gries: Yeah, and the revenue, the property tax levy, I think, is in the neighborhood, Teri, help me out, two and a half million maybe?

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, the Health Department is supported by property taxes of approximately two and a half million. Miscellaneous revenues of around \$700,000, patient fees and other user fees. Thank you, Mrs. Lukeman, for having this here.

Councilmember Raben: So, Doc, as we look at your budget, it's not a huge increase, but it does represent almost a three percent increase. Some of the lines that come to my attention would be account, Medical account 224. The request is \$20,000 higher than last year.

Ken Spear: That is due to the cost of vaccines. The only private stock of vaccine that we carry is for travel immunizations. It's paid for at the time of the service. I think it was \$51,000 in travel vaccines this past year. All other vaccine stock is either provided by the state or Vax Care, for vaccines for children, which is given to children with no cost, and then Vax Care is a vaccine provider that we check insurance eligibility before we use that. The only private stock of vaccine we carry is for foreign travel. It's a service we provide. We don't make any money on it other than immunization fees, I think they are eight to ten dollars for an immunization fee. We are, probably the cheapest provider in the area, because we charge just the cost of the vaccines. So, it's just a service.

Councilmember Raben: When you said that amounts to about \$50,000 a year of this \$70,000 then that we're getting back through fees?

Ken Spear: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Then, Contractual Services, do you have a contract with someone that has gone up?

Ken Spear: Xerox accounts for a huge chunk of that, about \$10,000, and then our Medicaid billing service, which is around \$4,000. We're trying to trim that. We're getting rid of Teletask, which was a contractual service, and we've avoided a number of costs this year by moving away from, our electronic health record was Nightingale Notes, and they were going to charge us \$27,000 per annum to keep that going. We have moved to, contracted electronic record called iSALUS, and that's going to cost about \$7,000 a year. So, we're reducing that cost by \$20,000 a year. Then we recently moved away from the battery backup, and hooked up to a full time generator, which saved about \$14,000 this past year. We spent about, out of that cost, that was grant funded costing, we were allowed to use Emergency Management funds to do the generator back up, because it increases our ability to continue operations. The electronic health record that we're using right now is a monthly fee, and it can be discontinued at any time, and those are our records. Then, we just really had to expend \$65,000 this past year to upgrade our vital records system, which is key, because that brings in about \$300,000-\$400,000 a year in revenues. The system that we were on was not functional and was, it was not a good system. That was also a grant funded upgrade. So, we've reduced costs by about \$42,000 and we've expended about \$118,000 in grant money for computers, things that we've not had to come to the Council for.

President Koehler Lindsey: You guys are continually looking for grants, correct?

Ken Spear: Yes, we've applied for almost a half million dollars' worth of grants this coming year. We've got people out looking every day for grant money.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great.

Ken Spear: Because, I think, ultimately, if we don't start replacing a lot of this tax money with grant money, we're going to be in real trouble. Obviously, everybody knows one of my goals is to ultimately get a grant writer, whose full time, doing nothing but seeking grants and writing grants.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. John?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Doctor, the Mosquito Control, you've been pretty consistent about, you know, spending \$6,800-\$6,900 a year. You've spent about \$400 through six months. Is that a contract where you're going to be doing a lot of spraying?

Ken Spear: The reason is it's just started now that we're actually able to spray.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

Ken Spear: He's been out doing the mosquito traps and some of them are coming back positive for West Nile. Prior to that he's been out adulticiding, I mean, **nymphociding** with tablets in the drainage ditches and the water. But, now the mosquitos are out, and spraying has been actively started, I think last weekend he was out Friday night and Saturday night. Obviously, the weather really impacts that, whether it's worth even going out if it's raining or that type of stuff, but, I think we'll probably expend those funds. West Nile is showing up all around the state in different pockets. So, it's here. We will spray when necessary.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Doc, thank you.

Councilmember Terry: I just want to make just a comment, because I want you to be mindful. As a Health Board, this budget really could be a little bit more. If you pay attention to the Administrator line, there is plans within the next year to bring back an Administrator. The salary set in is very low based on what we're looking to find in a Health Administrator. So, just keep that in mind, I mean, it's set in right now at this, but I anticipate that will be a lot higher.

Ken Spear: We're really anticipating getting an Administrator with management experience, HR experience and a very strong financial background, because, I think, we need that within the Health Department. We're trying to elevate our game quite a bit. I've tried to be the Health Officer and Administrator for this past year, and it's been a lot of fun, but it's a lot of work. So, I've noticed the lack of an Administrator, and it would be beneficial to get somebody in there with a real good skill set in Management/HR and especially Finance. I don't like finance, I'm very poor at it. So, I agree with Ms. Terry that that might be something that might have to be adjusted, if we can find the appropriate candidate. I do not want to just hire a person, a body. Whoever that is, he or she needs to have a significant skill set that's going to move the department ahead. So, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

<p>PROSECUTOR (PROSECUTOR GRANTS 399500, 399600, 399700) PROSECUTOR IV-D PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION</p>

Councilmember Raben: Alright, Nick? Prosecutor, page 18.

President Koehler Lindsey: You're welcome.

Nick Hermann: First, I want to say thank you for having me here today. I got notice from the state that they want me in Indianapolis tomorrow, two days ago. So, I appreciate you guys being flexible with me.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, I'm throwing it out there. Page 19, there's three requests.

Nick Hermann: You're looking at which line item number?

Councilmember Raben: I'm looking at the first three items; 146, 147 and 148.

Councilmember Bassemier: Your new employees.

Nick Hermann: Okay. I've got them. What these are, are these are requests for three positions. I'll take them each individually. 148 is for a Legal Secretary position. Right now in our office we have a total of three Legal Secretaries that serve 22 attorneys. I understand, if you look at our budget, there's several different things that indicate Legal

Secretaries, but that goes back to these descriptions haven't changed in at least ten or 15 years. We have two Legal Secretaries in this building, we have one Legal Secretary over in our Drug Task Force, and, like I said, they deal with 22 attorneys. They have sick time, they have vacation time, they have family emergencies. A lot of times we may be operating on only one Legal Secretary, and with as much court as we cover, that's simply not something that we're able to continue doing. You mentioned earlier the implementation of Odyssey in lieu of Court View, I never in a million years thought I would stand up here and say something good about Court View, but the implementation of Odyssey has been an unmitigated disaster for our office. Under Court View we were given access to court calendars and things of that nature so that our secretarial staff could prepare for court each day. We have at least four different sets of court appearances, and we deal with up to 40-50 cases that go in each day. When Odyssey went in place, the state determined the Prosecutor's Office didn't need that level of access, and so now we're in a situation where we have to e-mail, every day, for each court session, we have to e-mail and get in contact with court staff, so that they then can e-mail us back a calendar. A lot of times that doesn't deal with last minute additions to the calendar, we're constantly sending, sometimes the only Legal Secretary we have back and forth from our office to court, all throughout court sessions. So, we definitely need some relief there. The other Legal Secretary position, as it would be titled, is needed in Victim's Assistance. Our Victim Assistance unit has two people in it right now, and as Councilman Goebel likes to point out, we have several state imposed mandates that are unfunded. We have several different things that we have to do for each case that has a victim. We have to provide information when charges are filed to the victims. We have to let them know when court dates are coming up. We have to get their contact information. We have to notify them of any potential plea agreements. We have to notify them of sentencing and their availability to be there. We have to give them information on Department of Correction releases when the perpetrators are released from prison. We get requested to go to court appearances with them, to meet face to face, to go to witness conferences, to go to depositions. Again, we have two people that do this, two people that have worked for the county for a long time, have a lot of sick time, a lot of vacation time. Through, looking at our numbers for this year, we're going to have somewhere in the neighborhood of 15,000 to 16,000 personal contacts, just between those two people. What we are required to do by the state, quite frankly, we can't do with just the two people that we have. So, that's where that need comes in. For the Investigator position, we lack someone that's dedicated solely to felony investigations. Obviously, if you watch any source of news, we have a lot of big cases, we have a lot of cases recently that have involved shootings, that we've started to see the rise of gangs and pseudo gangs in our community. So, we thought it was appropriate to ask there. I understand the budget constraints that you guys are under. I know what you guys have to deal with. I just, I feel like I owe a responsibility to my staff to come here and make a pitch. Our office, our **criminal** budget is just over two million a year. Everything that goes through the Sheriff's Department, through the Jail, and everything criminal that goes through Circuit or Superior Court, and everything that goes through Community Corrections, a combined total of over \$20 million budget, comes through our office. Add to that the \$33.5 million budget of the Police Department, between city and county there's over \$50 million of budgeted activity that ultimately has to funnel through our office. So, you know, I'm here on behalf of our staff and the staffs of the other organizations asking for these positions. You know, if there's any efficiency that can be gained, it is to address this bottleneck. If we want to get people moved through the system and get them out of our jail, because Sheriff Williams¹ is right, we're already over capacity and we're going to see a sharp increase with these Level 6's coming in. Our only real chance, other than building and adding on to the jail, is trying to get these people moved through quicker. I think our courts do a great job, I think our law enforcement does a great job, we're just asking for the ability to do a better job and be able to move them through quicker. I understand that the Council isn't likely to fund all three of these, but those are what the three positions that I'm asking for, and that I wanted the Council to be able to consider.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Shetler?

¹ Should be Sheriff Wedding.

Councilmember Shetler: What's the difference between the work that an Investigator does and what we get out of the City Police and the County Sheriff?

Nick Hermann: There is, admittedly, some grey area in between. When the Sheriff or when the Police Department, they're the first responders. They show up at a scene, and they begin an investigation. They make an arrest, and they send a file to our office. I don't want to say at that point, they're done, because we have a lot of good, dedicated detectives, and a lot of staff that will continue to work with us on a case. But, obviously, they're primary focus is to respond to emergencies and to deal with cases as they have them. We have to prepare for trial. We have to get our things in order for trial. We have virtually no administrative staff, as I've kind of covered. So, we can't rely on them to do any more than the basic minimums that they're able to do. You know, I watched the first half of today's hearing from my office, on and off, and then I've been sitting here for a while, we're not going to address a lot of the things you've addressed with those offices. For example, Overtime, fortunately for you, and unfortunately for my staff, they're salaried employees. We have people that regularly work 50 and 60 hours a week. Why? Because when you have a trial coming up, when you have something important, you have a choice, you can either let everyone down, including the victim and the court and the juries that are seated, or you can just work extra, and you can come in, and our people do that. Whenever there's a search warrant written, the other day we had two rape cases in the middle of the night, one at 1:30-2:00 in the morning and one around 4:00 in the morning. One with the Sheriff Department and one with EPD, I had to send staff in to write search warrants, in the middle of the night, come in from home, get them up out of bed, bring them here. They don't get paid overtime. Everybody else in the room does. Everybody else in the room is under contract getting four hours overtime if they're off duty, or they're working on their regular shift. We deal with the Police Department and the Sheriff's Department on a 24/7 basis. We're available 24/7. We don't always have somebody sitting down in an office, but they certainly have our numbers and they certainly can get a hold of us. If they can't get a hold of us, they get a hold of me, and then I get a hold of several people, and express my displeasure for being woken up at 2:00 and 4:00 in the morning. You know, that is a reality in my office. I understand that they don't have collective bargaining. I understand they don't have a contract. I know what my people make, you know what they make, and that's after going through college and going through law school. Then, once a year we put out in the paper what individual officers make, and granted they make their money based on overtime and through hard work and I am by no means trying to demean them, but some of them are making almost twice as much as the attorneys they're working with. I'm not here asking that you give them all 20 percent increases. I'm not here asking for overtime. What I'm asking for is adequate support staff. This, quite frankly, probably doesn't get us there, but I feel obligated, despite the tough times, despite the difficult task you have to cut this budget down, to come here and at least ask.

Councilmember Shetler: I guess, where I was coming from on it, because I recognize that the pay level of these Investigators was much less than what it is for the sworn Deputies and Officers of the City Police Department, but recognizing that a great deal, I'm assuming, and I guess I ought to ask you the question first, and that is, the difference between the work load that the city provides for you versus what the county provides to you? Do you have that broken down? Do you have an idea of that?

Nick Hermann: I don't. I should have, because I was thinking of that earlier, because I know that's one of your favorite questions.

Councilmember Shetler: I'm going to assume that the city is much greater than what the county is?

Nick Hermann: If you were going to put me on the spot right now, I would say 85 to 90 percent of our filings are from the city.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so, I guess, my point is, is that, you know, again, the county is financially supporting the Prosecutor's Office, basically 100 percent. If we can kind of push that back to, if the City Police Officer's completed that work of the investigation, and I don't know what they do in other communities, if this is typical where they did it to a certain point and then it's handed over to an investigator within the office, I don't know, but it just seems that that would help relieve us of some of that expense.

Nick Hermann: They do, I don't want to be perceived as complaining about the job that they do. They do follow through on their investigations and do what they're supposed to do. It's just sometimes what we need is different than the criminal investigation; preparing for trial, doing those types of things. We certainly do lean on Detectives, we ask them to do things, they are great to work with, both within the city and the county. To answer your question, legally there is no difference between and Investigator and another unit of sworn law enforcement. You look at some counties, for example, Tippecanoe, you know, they basically use them as a police force. They have seven or eight investigators they use as a police force. We haven't taken that step here because then you're talking about cars, then you're talking about training, then you're talking about, you know, I don't want to put this, I don't want to come and make a proposal like that and put this Council on the hook for additional capital.

Councilmember Shetler: So, is there job, basically, to take the information that the Officer, the arresting Officer may have received at that time, and they take that plus other things and just kind of pull it together for the attorney to help present the case? As opposed to really footwork of investigation?

Nick Hermann: The majority of our current investigative staff are involved with actually filing the charges. Actually taking what's brought over from the first responders, determining what, if any, charges are available and would be proper, and getting the paperwork prepared for court. That's what the majority of them do at this point.

Councilmember Shetler: So, it's more clerical in nature?

Nick Hermann: Well, in a way. It's almost, arguably the practice of law. It is a very important spot. They have to be the **affiants**, they have to be investigators, only our Investigators can swear on some of these things. But, there is a level of investigation, I know Sheriff Wedding has talked to each of you in the past, of people that we're looking at in the jail, that we're looking at...we now have a situation in this town where these gangs or pseudo gangs, or whatever you want to refer to them, it's organized crime. You have to stay on top of it, you have to get your intelligence, because if you don't know who's working with who, and who's against who, and who's going to retaliate against who, you really can't do your job. So, this Investigator position is an effort to be more proactive in those means and in those regards. Because it's no longer just one person goes and does something to someone, it's a group of people are involved with making sure something happens to someone else. It's really an intelligence gathering operation. It's something that we do, it's something that the Police Department does, it's something that the Sheriff's Department does, and we've been working and we're very fortunate that the three offices work together very well. EPD started their gang unit, I think they have seven officers assigned to that. I know that Sheriff Wedding has some people kind of assigned as liaisons as well. We're really trying to get on top of that. I mean, that's something he pays a lot of attention to in the jail. We communicate back and forth, because, obviously, when you're going into jail, you're going to let someone know all your gang affiliations, so you don't end up in a jail cell with people from a rival gang. So, they're a tremendous source of information for us.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we will move on.

President Koehler Lindsey: Real quick question before that. On the Secretaries you're asking for, are those Legal Secretaries?

Nick Hermann: That's how they're indicated. Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Then, just again, we go over this issue all the time, have you considered or can you consider doing a couple of part time people versus full time people? Then, I know that you're probably continuing looking for grants, but I'll just kind of keep recommending that.

Nick Hermann: We are looking for grants. As I've said before, you know, the grants have gone away from enforcing drugs, which we saw in the 80's and early 90's, and basically all the grants have gone over to the treatment courts, which are great, you know, for the community. Obviously, Judge Trockman's drug court and veterans court and those types of things, it's just because that federal money is going that way, it's no longer coming our way, which makes it difficult.

Councilmember Raben: Page 49, I think we have a couple of other pages.

Nick Hermann: Yes, you're looking now at the IV-D, the Child Support budget. We have talked about this kind of ad nauseum in the past. I just want to update the Council on where we're at right now. Currently, the number of open cases has changed, due to some state laws. Changing, particularly, the upper end of child support enforcement now being 19, as opposed to 21. Currently we sit at, in Vanderburgh County we have 12,846 open cases. We have 24 full time employee equivalents. That gives us a case per employee of 532 per employee. The two counties that are closest to us by comparison are St. Joseph, which has 15,409, so they're the next county larger. They have 36 full time employees, giving them a case per employee of 427. Elkhart is the next smallest county under us, which is 10,542 open cases, they have 28 employees, to our 24, which gives them a case per employee of 371. The state average, across the state, is 428 cases per employee. So, we have gotten better since I first started talking to you about this a few years ago, but we're still not probably where we should be. The intriguing thing, and I know it gets to be difficult because you guys have to stay under your caps, but two thirds of this is state reimbursed, and that's two thirds of the salary, the FICA, the PERF, the insurance, everything. So, you're only actually paying, at the end of the day, for one third of these salaries. So, for example, the Enforcement Officer, while the salary starts at \$31,900, the total cost, including FICA, PERF and insurance is \$22,643. Now, with that person we're able to lower the case load across the entire staff and collect more support. When we collect more support, our incentive money that comes in goes up, your incentive money that comes in goes up, and the incentive money that goes to the Clerk's Office goes up as well. Because incentive money is based on a number of factors, primarily on collection of child support, collection of arrears, attorney establishment and order establishment. So, the same with the Investigator spot, and I'll talk a little bit more in detail about that, with FICA, PERF, insurance with the two thirds reimbursement from the state, that will cost \$24,674. What they're finding, they're using investigators, this started in the northern part of the state over the last year or two, and what they're doing is they're using these people to physically track down individuals who are working and not paying child support. So, the people that habitually we calls on, whether they're bouncing around jobs, whether they have a job where they're not getting a paycheck, if they're self-employed or some type of independent contractor, you know, we do pretty good. If you work for the county, for example, and you get a check every two weeks, we can get that garnished and we can collect support. It's the people that aren't in that situation that make it difficult. What they've started doing up north, and they've seen substantial increases in collection, is they've assigned investigators to track these people down and then be able to bring them in, so that they can face their contempt charges in court. So, that's a way that they have seen a sharp increase, but mainly north of Indianapolis where they've started using these investigators in child support to do this. Again, you get the two thirds reimbursement.

Councilmember Goebel: Excuse me?

Nick Hermann: Yes?

Councilmember Goebel: The Enforcement Officers are actually Investigators, correct, that you're asking for?

Nick Hermann: The, I asked for two spots, one is an Enforcement Officer, those are the people that actually go and collect for the individual cases. Then we're asking for an Investigator for, two fold, one is to find people that we need to find, and then the other is we do file felony non-support cases for people that are habitually behind. So, that would be someone to support that function.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, is that in a different line item somewhere that I missed? You have two requests, 39 and 40.

Nick Hermann: Two requests, yes. The Enforcement Officer is 140039, and the Investigator is 140040.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, well, they're just both listed as Enforcement.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, the 40 is listed as an Enforcement Officer, and that should say Investigator?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Nick, what is the breakdown as far as Incentive Fees? You said some goes to your office, some comes here, do you have any idea?

Nick Hermann: Do you know the percentages?

Regene Newman: Not off the top of my head. (Inaudible).

Nick Hermann: I don't know. I know a portion goes to the General Fund. I can find that out for you and send an e-mail up, but a portion goes to the General Fund, a portion goes to our office, and a portion goes to the Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, Nick, thank you very much. We're going to move on.

COUNTY COUNCIL/COIT

Councilmember Goebel: We're going to back track just a moment. We're going to address the IT Technology. Mark Uhrin, am I pronouncing that correct?

Mark Uhrin: That is correct. Congratulations.

Councilmember Raben: Mark is here to answer any questions that anyone may have.

President Koehler Lindsey: This is in our budget, right?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: What page is that please?

Councilmember Raben: What page is it on? Yeah, it's 120, Contractual Computer. Mark, we've got to keep it somewhat brief. We've got to be out of here in a few minutes, but the request is for \$2,023,426.

Mark Uhrin: That is correct.

Councilmember Raben: Last year we budgeted \$1,760,000. So, it looks like there's about a 14.9 almost 15 percent increase. So, that's what everybody is wanting to talk about.

Mark Uhrin: Last year, what was granted versus what was requested was different. The request from last year was, let's see, \$1.9 was what was requested, and \$1.7 was granted. Typically, what we've done, since the IT budget is 99 percent contracts, what we've done is taken the \$1.7 and then come back toward the end of the year when we have a better idea of what monies we've had to spend and kind of adjusted that. So, again, the request is for just over two million. Contracts haven't changed as far as the percentage, so, there's very little discretionary funds in the IT budget.

Councilmember Raben: You know, Mark, over the years, we've requested information. I don't know that last year, I thought we were on the cusp of getting it, but, you know, some really granular, detailed information on what we're really spending money on, and primarily in terms of license agreements and what have you. I mean, I am still of the opinion that we've got a lot of duplication throughout this building. You know, I think we've got, in situations, I think we've got hardware, or we've got, you know, desktops or laptops, you know, I think we've got a lot of redundancy. I would like to know different, if we don't, but I'm of the opinion that, you know, we've got way more equipment out there than we need, that we're paying license agreements and maybe in a lot of cases maintenance contracts and what have you on. What information can you get us to feel more comfortable that that's not the case?

Mark Uhrin: We have put in place a set of tools that allow us to do a real time assessment of our inventory, for both the city and the county. So, I can provide you with the numbers that we have in terms of the desktops, laptops, the county servers, that sort of information. I can give you the age now of those machines, all of that is now available. We're fine tuning those numbers, so we should have a little more realistic numbers very shortly. I did provide, several weeks ago I did provide some preliminary numbers on those. The indication is that we are not, we don't have a huge number of PC's on the county side that are connected to the network, up and running, that are redundant. In addition, we are meeting, I am meeting with Microsoft on the 20th of this month to review their, the enterprise agreement. The enterprise agreement is the overarching agreement for the county to cover all of the servers, desktops, all of the licensing that we need to operate and be in full compliance with the required licensing. At that time, we may be able to adjust that number, but until we have that meeting I can't say that we can or can't.

Councilmember Goebel: You mentioned before on this floor that you could have, not a tracking system, we don't want a Big Brother necessarily, but some of the computers that might not be in use that we could maybe phase out, instead of, I would much rather have employees than have a lot of money to Microsoft and companies like that.

Mark Uhrin: Agreed, and what we would do, what we are going to do is take that inventory that we have, and we have it, it's not that we will have it, we do have it, it's just not, my confidence level is about 90 percent and it should be 100 percent. We will then go back to Microsoft and adjust that licensing accordingly. That inventory reflects all of the machines that are currently connected to the network, or have connected to the network in a recent past. So, machines that are sitting in closets we would be able to get rid of, in terms of licensing costs. We would not necessarily get rid of the PC's, but those are already purchased, so, that's a sunk cost.

Councilmember Raben: Mark, how many devices is the county responsible for? How many devices are actually in the...somewhere?

Mark Uhrin: As far as non-courts, non-Sheriff's Office, there are about 300, roughly 300-350.

Councilmember Raben: Non-courts, non-Sheriff's Office?

Mark Uhrin: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and I'm going to venture to say there's still approximately, the number always sticks around 650 county employees, is that correct? The number that always comes to mind, county employees is what, like 650? 800? Yeah, that's right, it's about 800, but, you know, I guess, the courts and the Sheriff's Department represent, you know, well over 50 percent of the overall county workforce, but there's a lot of the, you know, just simply looking at it as a body count, okay? You know, we've got laborers, operators out at the County Garage, you know, they're not carrying around laptops or sitting at desktops. You know, we've got that just goes on throughout the whole county. So, to me, you know, I think there's a lot of duplication, I'm back to that, that I think there's people that have desktops, that have laptops, you know, I just want to better understanding of why we're spending what we're spending and who's, you know, who are we spending it on?

Mark Uhrin: And, that, I am able to pull that information, or will be able to pull that information. Part of the information we do get back, as I said, not being Big Brother, but we can see who the computer is assigned to, who has logged on, as I said, the age of the machine, the fact that it's being properly patched, all of that is available to us.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Alright, Tom?

Councilmember Shetler: The, you guys, you handle both issues like software and hardware problems that we have?

Mark Uhrin: Correct.

Councilmember Shetler: If the Sheriff's Office or the court system, if they get into an issue or a problem where they don't have their contractors available to service either one of those issues, are you guys the fall back? Do you guys provide the services then?

Mark Uhrin: We do provide some fall back for the courts, we do not provide that for the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office has their own data center, their own network, their own servers. We do not have access to those, so those are totally separate.

Councilmember Shetler: And, I guess, that's contracted for to supply help then for the court system, back up help?

Mark Uhrin: Not really, but we do it.

Councilmember Shetler: So, right now, there's no cost factor in that, is that what you're suggesting?

Mark Uhrin: No. Right now the contract is fixed.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, thank you.

RECESS OF MEETING

Councilmember Raben: We're going to adjourn the meeting and save \$100, Madam President.

President Koehler Lindsey: We are not adjourning actually, we are recessing the meeting until tomorrow morning at 8:30.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thanks, Mark.

(The meeting was recessed at 12:01 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 14, 2015

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 14th day of August, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was reconvened at 8:37 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: Good morning. We’re going to reconvene our county budget review for 2016. Could we have roll call please.

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

President Koehler Lindsey: There being all seven members present, no members absent, we do have quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: Let’s go ahead and do the Pledge of Allegiance this morning and get us all in the right frame of mind. Oh, you raised your hand, so you’re going to do the Pledge?

Councilmember Shetler: No, I’m here.

President Koehler Lindsey: You’re here? Do the Pledge, please.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, Councilman Shetler.

RECORDER

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Raben, Finance Chair, I’m going to turn it on over to you, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. First on the agenda is County Recorder, page eight. I would ask the County Recorder to step to the podium and state your name for the record.

Z. Tuley: County Recorder, Z. Tuley. I have a fractured fibula.

Councilmember Goebel: Do you have county healthcare?

Z. Tuley: Yeah, but I didn’t go to the ER.

Councilmember Goebel: Good luck.

Z. Tuley: I took the cheaper route and went to the convenient care.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, take care of yourself.

Z. Tuley: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Chairman, I have some questions.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, questions.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, Madam Recorder, in your rationale you have placed one, two, three, four, five, six employees back into the General Fund, stating that there's not enough to pay the salaries. So, could you enlighten us a little bit on the amount that's in that fund and what has happened to that fund?

Z. Tuley: Via the e-mail that all of you received, I have given you the status of where we were at in mid '15, and what we expect to have at the end of '15, and what we start with in '16. So, by the time you get there, there is no money estimated, unless we have a boom in recordings, if the real estate market takes off, something along that line. But, holding everything the same, estimated income from, like this year to next year, it's going to be, there's just not enough money.

President Koehler Lindsey: Why have those estimates changed? Have we had, spent more money out of that account?

Z. Tuley: Well, you guys did.

President Koehler Lindsey: I'm just trying to kind of figure out, and I know we've received the e-mails and we've looked at it, because we're just trying to figure out, you know, exactly where that money has gone and what we can do, because, as you're well aware, we don't have any extra money in the budget. So, we have to figure out what we can do here for those employees.

Z. Tuley: Okay, salaries that have been paid, since you had me doing this in 2014, salaries that were paid is \$581,000. That's what the Recorder's Fund used to pay the salaries, the FICA and the PERF.

President Koehler Lindsey: Say that number again please.

Z. Tuley: \$581,117.65.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Z. Tuley: In addition to the salaries that I did pay, there was three years' worth of my share of the IT that I also paid. So, since I took office in 2009, the Council has not had to endure, from the General Fund, \$866,000. That's where the money went. So, now it's gone, except to keep me afloat with the contractual agreements that we have in place.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, as far as those contractual agreements, talk about those for a minute. I know you've done some preservation of records with, I was trying to look through some of the reports with Phoenix, and is it Fidar, is that the other company?

Z. Tuley: Uh-huh.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, I guess, my question is, what, did we have a mandate to get all of these records done at this time? Or, what was the reasoning on using all of that?

Z. Tuley: That is the job description of the Recorder. It's set by the state.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Z. Tuley: Your fund is there, and as you collect fees, the Recorder gets a share, the General Fund gets a share, the Surveyor gets a share, and then there's a couple of other little entities that get a share. So, the Perpetuation Fund for the Recorder is to be used for the preservation and protection of records. Because you don't want me to lose your deed.

President Koehler Lindsey: Oh, no, no, we don't want that. I'm just trying to understand what the rush was maybe on getting those deeds done? If this was something that we could have extended out over, or if we could at this point extend out over a longer period of time? You know, last year, this is, if I did my figuring right, from last year to this year, as far as the General Fund, and, Mr. Auditor, you might help me on this, it looked like the requested amount this year is \$461,162, and if I figured right from last year's

revised budget of \$220,110, that's a \$241,000 increase to the General Fund, if you're not going to be able to pay your employees out of the Perpetuation Fund. So, what we've got to do is figure out how you're going to pay your employees that \$241,000.

Z. Tuley: I don't have it to pay. It's that simple.

President Koehler Lindsey: I just don't understand why we don't have the money.

Z. Tuley: I showed you in the e-mail.

Councilmember Terry: You did show us, it was very thorough.

Z. Tuley: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: On an annual basis, how much is the Perpetuation Fund, what is being generated?

Z. Tuley: Let's see—

Councilmember Goebel: \$288,000, is that correct?

Z. Tuley: --\$240,000.

Councilmember Terry: \$240,000?

Councilmember Goebel: \$240,000?

Z. Tuley: \$240,000.

Councilmember Raben: What is the amount, Z., of the current contracts that are in place now? What are our annual payments, and what is our total obligation?

Z. Tuley: The Phoenix is a per document rate. So, they are back indexing, because all of the documents that were imaged, if this building burned today, we have no history loss at all. You can't see the records, so to speak, because they haven't been indexed. So, what the Phoenix people are doing is, per document, they are creating a search engine so that you can find those records. So, that's their task. So, it's not per hour, it's per document.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I was leaning more towards what the annual fees are that we're paying for all existing contracts?

Z. Tuley: Well, we have a software agreement with Fidar, and it's an annual amount, due January 1, over \$117,000. That is the recording system, that's the backups, that's the recording method, the cashing method, the input of the scanned documents, and microfilm.

Councilmember Goebel: Z., is Fidar, as you do this now, that's automatically indexing, correct?

Z. Tuley: No, the staff does that as we pull in a document.

Councilmember Goebel: It is indexed into the Fidar system?

Z. Tuley: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: So, we have that contract—

Z. Tuley: And, then Phoenix is working out to be about \$108,000 roughly a year.

Councilmember Raben: And, do we have other contracts?

Z. Tuley: No.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Z. Tuley: Well, we have, I think there's a maintenance something, but we put that under expenses, miscellaneous expenses. It's very minimal.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, the starting date on these contracts and the ending date? What are we obligated to with Phoenix, from when to when?

Z. Tuley: Phoenix, I believe was left slightly open door, because there was, we didn't know how many staff we were going to get from them. We also didn't know how long all of this would take. So, the per document rate is very fair. That contract goes through at least the end of my term, which is the end of 2016.

President Koehler Lindsey: I have a question. Oh, go ahead.

Councilmember Raben: The other contract, when does it terminate?

Z. Tuley: It's an annual agreement. Fidar probably is the best recording company out there.

Councilmember Raben: Who had the question?

President Koehler Lindsey: Are these new expenses, the Phoenix and the Fidar?

Z. Tuley: No.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, we've always had these?

Z. Tuley: Uh-huh, Betty Hermann is the one that hired Fidar. That's how long we've been with them.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so, I guess, that's part of my confusion, because it seems, looking back in the e-mails, that a couple weeks ago, three or four weeks ago that said that we were projected to have a \$110,000 that we could use for salaries. Then, now, we've got some follow up e-mails that said—

Z. Tuley: Not for salaries. Not this year I didn't say that.

President Koehler Lindsey: -- that, that was the e-mail that I got. So, now we don't have any, so, and these are ongoing contracts. So, we paid for them last year.

Z. Tuley: And this year.

President Koehler Lindsey: And this year.

Z. Tuley: And the next year and the year before.

President Koehler Lindsey: As far as the salaries though, we paid for those last year, right?

Z. Tuley: I did.

President Koehler Lindsey: Was that the first year?

Z. Tuley: No.

President Koehler Lindsey: The second year?

Z. Tuley: Uh-huh.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, that we did salaries and the contracts?

Z. Tuley: Uh-huh.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, is our revenue down? Have we spent more out of that fund? That's what we're trying to look at, because it doesn't make sense to me that we had both contracts and the employees.

Z. Tuley: It's been the same, except for the year that I scanned the records.

President Koehler Lindsey: What year was that?

Z. Tuley: Oh, I don't know. I would have to look.

President Koehler Lindsey: That was a few years back?

Z. Tuley: Uh-huh.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, in the last two years when we've had the employees in there and there were adequate funds to pay the employees the last two years—

Z. Tuley: Uh-huh.

President Koehler Lindsey: -- plus the Phoenix and Fidlar and the other things that are ongoing—

Z. Tuley: Right.

President Koehler Lindsey: -- we had enough money.

Z. Tuley: Uh-huh.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, I'm just trying to figure out what changed between last year and this year?

Z. Tuley: You depleted my account. Mike, help me out here. I talked with Mike at length that—

Councilmember Goebel: The Fidlar account of \$117,000 has been paid out of another fund called the Redaction Fund, is that correct?

Z. Tuley: Correct.

Councilmember Goebel: That will be depleted as of 2016 at the end. We'll be out, but we could still fund Fidlar out of that account this year, I mean, for 2016.

President Koehler Lindsey: Now, that's a new account. What is the Redaction Fund? I've not heard of that.

Z. Tuley: It's an account that, it's one of the little pieces that gets a little share every time we collect a fee. So, it is intended to make sure that we redact, that means every document has, if it contained a federal tax i.d. number or a social security number, it gets removed before it's released to the public. Fidlar has the auto built into their system. So, it made it eligible for me to pay Fidlar out of that fund.

President Koehler Lindsey: Are there any other funds that are available, besides the Redaction Fund and the Perpetuation Fund?

Z. Tuley: There are not.

President Koehler Lindsey: Those are the only two that we have?

Z. Tuley: The other ones are just so miniscule.

President Koehler Lindsey: And, so, tell me the numbers again on the Phoenix contract, the amount on that for an annual basis, do we know what that is?

Z. Tuley: On the sheet that I sent you, back indexing is Phoenix. It's a \$108,000, roughly, a year.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and then, Fidlar is how much a year roughly?

Z. Tuley: \$117,000 plus.

Councilmember Montrastelle: \$225,000.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: The figure you had was the one that I shared with Z., and that's still, I guess, in negotiations. We have enough money in the Redaction Fund this year, correct, for Fidlar?

Z. Tuley: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: That you pay January 1?

Z. Tuley: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: 2016, at the end of the year, we have to have a balance of \$117,000 to pay that for 2017, so, her balance must be, in the Perpetuation Fund, \$117,000.

Z. Tuley: At minimum.

Councilmember Goebel: To pay Fidar. That's a pretty steady contract, isn't it?

Z. Tuley: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: And, the Phoenix contract is coming out of the Perpetuation Fund, and last year Z. did send over \$300,000 to fund her employees.

Z. Tuley: I did.

Councilmember Goebel: The Redaction Fund is pretty much gone. It will generate what, \$6,000-\$8,000 a year?

Z. Tuley: Yeah, it's miniscule.

Councilmember Goebel: That's it. So, we're not going to be able, we can pay a little bit on Fidar, but not much.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, for next year you can pay a little bit on Fidar out of the Redaction Fund, you said?

Z. Tuley: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Goebel: For the year '16 we can pay all of Fidar.

President Koehler Lindsey: We can pay all of Fidar out of the Redaction Fund, so, that's \$117,000.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: That doesn't have to come out of the Perpetuation Fund, it could come out of the Redaction Fund?

Z. Tuley: Correct.

President Koehler Lindsey: What about the Phoenix contract? Is there, can we slow that up, or kind of put that on hold maybe?

Z. Tuley: No. I don't think that that's in the contract. I don't think that there's—

President Koehler Lindsey: Can we check on that, just to see if that might be a possibility?

Z. Tuley: We can.

President Koehler Lindsey: If there's things that don't absolutely have to be done, because what's the—

Z. Tuley: It's a waste of a half million dollars to have those records sitting out there and then nobody can retrieve them. The goal is to get it all on the computer, that way when we have the title searchers come in, they're not in and out of the books. They're tearing up the books. So, we preserve the books, and we also speed up the process for the title searchers, because they have to pull an index book, find the name of the property that they're looking for, and then they have to go to another book to actually pull the document itself.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, I understand that, and, I, you know, obviously we don't want things torn up. It's just, I'm trying to think of some ways, maybe out of the box, that we can shift some things around, and if there's things that aren't absolutely mandated that we have to do, perhaps we could slow some of that work, even though,

you know, it's needed, but it's not required, so that we could free up some more funds, because we're just trying to look at every way to be creative. You know, yesterday we were looking, the Auditor said we were nickel and diming, because we were looking at the WNIN and trying to say, well, can you record just one hour instead of two. So, we're just trying to be creative and figure out a way to get all these employees paid, because we, you know, had put that in the Perpetuation Fund.

Councilmember Goebel: Z., would you be willing to sit down and talk again?

Z. Tuley: Sure, I told you if these numbers didn't speak for themselves, you and I could talk again.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Just so I'm clear on one thing though, the \$117,000 commitment that we're looking at, if it's over in 2016—

Z. Tuley: No, no. Fidlar is an ongoing, you have to have a recording system.

Councilmember Goebel: It's annual.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I thought you said it was (Inaudible).

President Koehler Lindsey: Is Phoenix the one that varies?

Z. Tuley: Phoenix is the one that's doing the back indexing.

President Koehler Lindsey: That contract is up when, Z.?

Z. Tuley: At the end of my term, I think.

President Koehler Lindsey: 2016?

Z. Tuley: But, I think it's also left kind of open ended, because if the work isn't done, then that's what the Perpetuation Fund is for is to protect and preserve the records. So, I think, I'll have to look at the contract.

Councilmember Goebel: With Phoenix, how far along are you? You're starting year '15, you're moving back toward the beginning of our county history?

Z. Tuley: I don't know. Actually, I think we were done through somewhere in the 90's, and that's where we picked up and started working backwards.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, you're down to what around 1963 or so now, I think?

Z. Tuley: Okay, I don't remember. I would have to ask Shannon.

Councilmember Goebel: So, you've got a long haul yet.

Z. Tuley: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: How long has Phoenix been doing this work for you?

Z. Tuley: Since I scanned. We got them started immediately after we received the discs from Fidlar.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, and your method of preserving the books is simply to remove them from circulation and storing them? We're not—

Z. Tuley: Oh, well, they just sit in the office, but they wouldn't have to be damaged. You wind up with fingerprints and lotions and Reese's cups.

Councilmember Goebel: But, you're not talking about recovering and, you know, preserving each page of each book or anything like that?

Z. Tuley: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Z., the \$240,000 annual Perpetuation Fund, what do you have that going towards?

Z. Tuley: That's to pay these bills and the miscellaneous stuff, like paper. So, it's for the Fidar contract and for the Phoenix.

Councilmember Montrastelle: It's for the Fidar? The \$117,000 is coming out of the Perpetuation?

Z. Tuley: It could. It has in the past, but that's what that earnings is used for, but now it's been depleted, and, so, because I paid—

Councilmember Montrastelle: But, it's been depleted, but it's going to be replenished, isn't it replenished the next year as well?

Z. Tuley: Right, but it's not enough. They're used to be a substantial—

Councilmember Montrastelle: How does that money come in? Like, how often?

Z. Tuley: Fees, every day.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Every day?

Z. Tuley: Uh-huh. You come in and you record a deed and we charge you a fee, and then the General Fund gets a cut, I get a cut, and so on.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: In addition to the \$117,000 on the Fidar contract, wasn't there another contract that was signed back in '13 that we had them do some extra technology things of preserving some records?

Z. Tuley: We did.

Councilmember Shetler: That amounted to about \$450,000 roughly, round numbers?

Z. Tuley: That was the books, and that was five hundred and some thousand.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

Z. Tuley: The other thing that we had done was the aperture cards, that was the first job that we did.

Councilmember Shetler: Then, the contract that we actually have separate on Phoenix, that's about \$350,000 or \$325,000?

Z. Tuley: It's the, \$108,000 is what—

Councilmember Shetler: Per year, but the total contract was about \$325,000-\$350,000?

Z. Tuley: I don't recall that we put a number on that.

Councilmember Shetler: Then, in addition to that, wasn't there some furniture that was purchased out of that fund as well? About \$30,000?

Z. Tuley: Yes, doctor's orders to get something ergonomically correct. I had this when I was in the Treasurer's Office, and Ted Ziemer will tell you, if your doctor gives you orders to have an ergonomically correct chair, desk, whatever, it's covered under ADA and you have to do it.

Councilmember Shetler: \$30,000 worth?

Z. Tuley: Yes, and I got—

Councilmember Shetler: I think it was because it was for all of the employees.

Z. Tuley: --no, yes, I did get employee chairs, and I also got public seating, because those chairs were falling apart.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, so, I mean, basically, the way I'm looking at this, Council has, I mean, the county receives a finite amount of money. We used to, in the old days, be able to expand that, raise taxes, find other sources and stuff, our hands are tied. We simply cannot raise any additional funds.

Z. Tuley: And neither can I.

Councilmember Shetler: So, we're kind of at this impasse here, a little bit, where it all boils down to choices. Choices that you've made, and the decision is whether or not you're going to pay for employees, or contract that work out to other people. You know, some of these contracts have been fairly large. We haven't been involved in them—

Z. Tuley: It's an unappropriated fund.

Councilmember Shetler: It is a way for, to use, which it's not uncommon, we've done it in the Sheriff's Office, we've done it in the Clerk's Office, we've done it in other offices where fees are being collected and tried to revert those to offset taxpayer expenses out of the General Fund. So, this isn't unique to your office. It's something that we've been establishing for some time, particularly since all of the constraints have come down to us from the state government that, you know, we really have no choice over. We don't have the quarter of a million dollars that it's going to take to pay for these employees.

Z. Tuley: I don't either.

Councilmember Shetler: We simply don't have it.

Z. Tuley: I simply don't have it.

Councilmember Shetler: We could either take it from one of these other offices out there, or we can continue to go with the fee structure, like we've been doing. So, that's kind of the choices. It's a choice that's really, it's your choice. Either, you know, we have to eliminate or cut back on some employees.

Z. Tuley: I don't see it that way.

Councilmember Shetler: Or, we're going to have to cut somebody else's employees along the line, or, you're going to have to make some choices here on these contracts. Because, they're, I mean, we have no other alternative left.

Z. Tuley: You knew that this was coming down the pike. I told you that all you were going to do, by making me pay the salaries for my employees, is to make me every bit as broke as you guys are, and I told you it was coming, and now it's here. Now my leg is killing me and I'm going to get off the floor. I told you. I'm done.

Councilmember Raben: Real quick, Z., before you leave, on fees, can we collect more fees? I mean, can we raise our rates?

Z. Tuley: I wish. That is being discussed. The National Recording/Indexing Association, I think it's called **PRIA**, they all want us to go to public records, I can't remember the acronym, they all want us to go to a flat rate fee, because the dynamics of recording and so on has changed so dramatically, that it makes easier for all title people to have like a flat rate in every state. Michigan has already done it. We are looking at doing that.

Councilmember Goebel: As far as state—

Z. Tuley: This would be state-wide.

Councilmember Goebel: And you cannot raise, Vanderburgh County Recorder cannot raise fees?

Z. Tuley: No, the rate is established by the state.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Shetler: Mr. Chairman, there may be other questions. My suggestion is, we have a blank chair there that has an open mic and that the County Recorder could utilize that in order to relieve herself from any problems or miseries there.

Councilmember Bassemier: Would you like to have a seat?

Z. Tuley: I would like to leave, because I don't have anything else to say. I don't have the money either. I'm sorry that (Inaudible), but they've been told.

Councilmember Terry: Z., but you said you are willing though to have additional conversation with Mike?

Z. Tuley: Oh, absolutely.

Councilmember Terry: I mean, I think we all know where we are, but both of us have to have a willingness to work and partnership to make this work.

Z. Tuley: And please join us.

Councilmember Terry: I don't want to see, I personally don't want to see anybody lose their jobs.

Z. Tuley: I don't either.

Councilmember Terry: So, I hope that we can work in partnership to make that happen.

Z. Tuley: Please join Mike and I. I would love it.

Councilmember Terry: Alright.

Councilmember Bassemier: Z., go ahead and sit down, Z.

Z. Tuley: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: I don't think, we can ask the questions later on.

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Councilmember Raben: Okay, moving on to Public Defender, page 52.

Steve Owens: Good morning. My name is Steve Owens.

Councilmember Shetler: Steve, I don't know if you were listening in to the budget sessions yesterday.

Steve Owens: No, I was not.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, good, but I did point out as a possibility, and I was using it as an example, I think we were looking at combining two different areas, the DADS program and something else in the courts system and they're looking for space in the building, and I threw Public Defenders Office out as a possibility, but I said there's other alternatives. So, I didn't want you to think I was trying to get you moved out of here. Just to clarify that position for you.

Steve Owens: I think we pay a lot of money for rent for the Building Authority.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Steve, as we move down through here, there's one item, actually a couple of items that kind of stand out. The first one is Printing. It looks like \$2,500 in the past, we've managed to get by, you're requesting \$5,000.

Steve Owens: We did. We were informed right before the budget was presented, I think, that the County Commissioners had entered into a new contract with, for copier, fax machine type situation, and we have been paying that out of various different accounts for our current machine. So, we upped that to transfer it to the Printing line item, so that we wouldn't have to ask for increases of some other line item. My understanding is that the cost of that monthly lease with, I think it's Alpha Laser, is going

to be more than \$2,500 for the total year, and that won't cover all of our printing needs. So, that's why we just, we sort of shifted it from someplace else to the Printing line item.

Councilmember Raben: So, it's the lease on fax, copier, multiple devices, is that—

Steve Owens: Pardon?

Councilmember Raben: That incorporates several devices that were—

Steve Owens: No, that only incorporates one device. That's simply the copying machine that has the scanning ability and a fax ability and e-mail ability, but that doesn't include any printers.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Understandably, you said the Commissioners signed this.

Steve Owens: It's my understanding.

Councilmember Raben: I would question why we would sign, I mean, a \$5,000 lease on a copier. It seems like, it's not much of a risk rolling the dice and buying a copier if you're going to spend \$5,000 a year leasing it.

Steve Owens: Jim, that's not, the \$5,000 isn't just the lease for the copier. We also have some other printing requirements. So, that would take care of paying for the lease on the copier, as well as covering all of our other printing costs. But, the \$2,500, I think that we've had in that line item in the past, that \$2,500 will not cover the cost of the copier lease. Does that clear that up a little bit?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, then Pauper Transcripts, the request is \$75,000. Last year we budgeted \$50,000, and it looks like that's going to be pretty close to covering you this year, unless there's something that we're not aware of.

Steve Owens: Well, as you know, we don't control that. The Court Reporters prepare the transcripts for the appeals, we have to pay them whatever the Court Reporters charge. We have historically been underfunded in that, and we've had some issues with the judges, a couple of years ago. We've changed some procedures in our office to try to keep that amount of money down, we're not doing near as many deposition transcripts, for example, as we were doing. If the county is looking to save money in its budgetary process, I wouldn't have any strong objection to it being set in at the \$50,000 that it was last year, and we will attempt to make up the difference wherever we can.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Steve, do you have money that comes from other sources, supplemental money and stuff?

Steve Owens: We have a supplemental fund that comes in from bonds that varies from month to month how much comes in. It's not a real stable cash flow.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, what's the balance of that fund currently?

Steve Owens: Today?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Steve Owens: I don't know.

Councilmember Shetler: I mean, rough figures?

Steve Owens: I don't have them.

Councilmember Shetler: Would you have like an area you could give us, \$50,000, \$100,000?

Steve Owens: I know it's not \$100,000. I think the last time we were looking at it, and this was back in June we had about \$57,000 in that account.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, and restrictions on that money?

Steve Owens: By statute that's what is called a non-reverting fund. That money, by law, cannot revert back to the General Fund, and it is supposed to be used solely to supplement expenses that we have, and not really replace other funding that the county should be providing. Based upon things that the Council has done in past years, we now end up having to take more and more things out of that fund that the Council used to provide. For example, training expenses, we pay that out of that fund, to the extent that we have to send people outside of Vanderburgh County to receive training. All of our lawyers are going to be required to get at least, average about 12 hours CLE a year. We do some in-house, but have to send people outside. Appeals, for example, we pay a flat attorney fee for appeals. That all gets paid out of that account. Record storage, we don't have any place in the building for our closed files. So, we are, have our closed files stored at the same place the Clerk does, that runs us between \$3,500 and \$4,000 a year. We're paying that out of that. Excess copier expenses we've paid out of that account. We pay a number of things out of that account, excess transcripts.

Councilmember Shetler: Those things that you're paying out of that account, when you go to applying for the relief—

Steve Owens: Reimbursement?

Councilmember Shetler: --the reimbursement from the state, do you include those in there?

Steve Owens: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

Steve Owens: We do, and that reimbursement money then goes back to the General Fund.

Councilmember Shetler: So, something like a copy machine or anything like that, those kind of lease agreements may be possible to run through that account?

Steve Owens: Well, we've been paying our copy machine out of, sometimes we pay it out of that account, sometimes we pay out of another account. It depends on where we've got money, but it doesn't really matter what account it gets paid for, we still ask for 40 percent reimbursement.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, but I'm just trying to relieve the General Fund.

Steve Owens: Oh, in terms of my request to go from \$2,500 to \$5,000, if you set us in at \$2,500, we will probably have to try to pay the copying machine lease, whatever that amount is going to end up being, either out of that account, and or supplemental account, and or whatever else we can find.

Councilmember Shetler: I think that's the answer I was looking for. Thank you.

Steve Owens: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: And you said the reimbursement is 40 percent? What's the reimbursement rate that we get, how much do we get back from when you submit things for reimbursement?

Steve Owens: You get 40 percent of everything that is reimbursable, except for, and the only things in our office that are not currently reimbursable is misdemeanor cases. So, any salaries, benefits, anything associated with misdemeanor cases you do not get reimbursement for. We don't currently get reimbursement for CHINS and termination cases or anything associated with those cases, even though we could, but we can't come into compliance with caseload numbers. So, we are not currently getting reimbursement of that. Everything else; rent, utilities, phones, office supplies, copiers, everything else gets 40 percent. So, you, I think our most recent reimbursement request that we just submitted that I think you may have gotten a copy of it, about \$200,000 is what we're looking to recoup from the last quarter.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll go to Councilman Bassemier and then Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Owens, the Secretary in the employees, you're asking for \$15,600, you hadn't spent anything up till now.

Steve Owens: That was a part, that was a full time secretary that the Council basically defunded some time ago when we had another budget crunch.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, sir.

Steve Owens: We agreed to go back to a part time Secretary in that position. We have had people in that position, but it's very difficult to sort of keep them in there. We currently don't have anybody in that position, and if push comes to shove, even though I wouldn't particularly like it, I could probably do without that one.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Shelter?

Councilmember Shetler: We've kind of gone, it seems like back and forth a little bit on the part time attorneys and full time attorneys and the philosophy and the wisdom of which way we should do that. If I recall, what we were doing was kind of shifting things from, as through attrition, as part timers were either retiring or deciding to go somewhere else or do something else, to look at consolidating those into more full time, because I think our reimbursement numbers work out a little better on meeting compliance and stuff. Is that where we, are we still along with that game plan that we had, you had established a couple years, about a year and a half ago.

Steve Owens: Yeah, I've been doing that for more than a couple of years, but I think you get more bang for your buck with a full timer than you do with a part timer.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah.

Steve Owens: The difficulty is, the way the Commission standards are written is you have certain experience levels before a person can do the next highest levels of felonies. Most of my, in fact all of my part timers, can do everything from the lowest level felony up through murder. You don't get that necessarily with someone who's just graduating from law school. They're severely limited. We've been trying to transition, as we've had part time people leave, we've been transitioning to full time positions. We're sort of landlocked at the moment. We don't have a lot of, any extra space to put really any other attorneys at the present time. I will continue to do that as long as the Council allows me to do that.

Councilmember Shetler: Real quickly, the part timers are paid about \$39,000 and change, whatever there, and then full timers start off at about 52-ish, \$53,000?

Steve Owens: Well, part timers are making around \$39,000, plus the benefits. Full timers, a new attorney is going to come in at about \$50,000 or \$52,000, and then there's a six month bump, and I don't recall what that gets them to.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, and then in terms of the number of caseloads that a full time versus a part time can handle, which helps us with that compliance and all of those issues, part time can handle, and I know it depends on how many A, B's or 1, 2, 3's, whatever the categories are—

Steve Owens: You're right.

Councilmember Shetler: -- that you handle, but, generally speaking, I think you kind of have an average, or used to have an average. I'm kind of speaking this for anybody new here.

Steve Owens: We, as you remember, we bumped that to 65 percent last year.

Councilmember Shetler: That's correct. I recall that.

Steve Owens: So, that the, all of the part timers are handling a 65 percent of a full time case load. It depends on what number of cases they're handling. So, if they're handling Level 6 felonies, they may be doing 125 or 130 a year. If they're handling a mixed felony case load, it's going to be probably closer to 90 to 100, depending upon what that mix

is. Full timers, obviously, you know, they're handling the full time case load, whatever, depending on whatever cases are being assigned. I have one lawyer that's probably doing full time D felony cases, I think her maximum is 240.

Councilmember Shetler: So, you know, just using that, it does behoove us financially, I mean, it does make a lot of sense to go to the full times versus the part times and cut back as much as we can on that.

Steve Owens: There's a couple of advantages.

Councilmember Shetler: Because they don't reimburse us on the part times for the health insurance.

Steve Owens: No, they do.

Councilmember Shetler: Oh, I thought they didn't.

Steve Owens: No, they do. They reimburse you 40 percent of everything that the part timers are paid.

Councilmember Goebel: We don't provide—

Steve Owens: FICA, PERF, insurance.

Councilmember Goebel: Do we provide healthcare for the part time?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Steve Owens: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: But, if the thought is that full time can do the same job as two part time, we do save ourselves the benefit of one benefit package for every two part timers.

Steve Owens: Well, the difficulty right now, Jim, would be that two part timers are each handling a 65 percent case load. So, together they're doing, what, 130 percent. If you take two of them and replace them with one full time, that full time lawyer can only handle 100 percent. So, I've lost 30 percent case capacity at that point. So, this two for one really works out well for you all, but not for me.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Another question, Steve, of the non-reimbursable, what do you think that costs the county? I mean, you talked about misdemeanor and what have you, of the work that you do, what percent is not reimbursable?

Steve Owens: I can give you—

Councilmember Raben: Just a ballpark is all.

Steve Owens: In the CHINS termination cases, it's something north of a quarter of a million dollars. The misdemeanor people are making about \$33,000 a year, plus their benefits. So, you're looking at what, \$150,000 maybe. Now, misdemeanors are not currently reimbursable, under any scheme, and probably won't be in the foreseeable future. So, the CHINS terminations you're spending, right now you're spending a quarter of a million dollars a year, and you're not getting any of it back.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Has the Public Defenders Commission moved any direction toward funding the Chief Public Defender of the counties?

Steve Owens: Well, we're still working on that. Obviously, they reimburse us 40 percent, as you know. We have been encouraging them to do 100 percent, and that's still on the table, still being discussed. It was discussed at their, I believe, their June meeting there was some discussion of that. So, it's still in the works. I think it's an ongoing deal, I think eventually they'll get there, but it may take us another year to do it.

Councilmember Goebel: You do see that happening though?

Steve Owens: I think that's going to happen, because, one, we have a bunch of County Councils who don't particularly like being told they have to pay us the same as the Prosecutors. They understand and there are a number of Chiefs who have expressed some displeasure with having to come in and ask for our own pay increase. We don't particularly like having to do that. I think there's also some feeling, at least amongst some of the legislators who are members of the Commission, that since the state funds the Prosecutors and Chief Deputy Prosecutors 100 percent, that the Commission should at least reimburse the counties 100 percent for the Chief Public Defenders. I don't know what the fiscal impact on the PD Commission Fund would be at this point, because there are 62 or 63 counties that are in the reimbursement program. We all have different sorts of set ups. So, not all of those 60 some odd counties have Chief Public Defenders, not all of them even have full time offices.

Councilmember Goebel: One other question, on CHINS, that's been a push for us to incorporate CHINS into your office, correct? That would be reimbursable. Is that going to be mandated, or is it still open for this coming year?

Steve Owens: That's why I was at the Commission meeting in June and asking them for some additional time. Right now they're not going to ding us. I think, as I put in a little cover packet with my budget request—

Councilmember Goebel: You did.

Steve Owens: -- they're looking for us to do something to show our good faith that we want to come into compliance. That situation is fairly fluid. There's a number of counties that are in trouble with that. There are a number of us that are asking for some increase in the case load numbers. Marion County being the 800 pound gorilla in that sort of situation. I don't think that we're in any immediate danger of losing our reimbursement for everything because we're not in compliance with CHINS and termination. I do think at some point it's going to behoove us to make some sort of an effort to attempt to bring that into compliance. Whether that's a phase in by we do, you know, one attorney full time and we keep that person in compliance and we get reimbursement. I don't know the exact way that we have to do that. I believe that, at some point, they're going to want us to show some progress. They've been reimbursing now for two years in that, and we haven't made any effort to come in compliance.

Councilmember Goebel: Are all of the CHINS outsourced right now? Are they outsourced, or do your Public, do your part timers handle them?

Steve Owens: No, I have four part timers who handle virtually of those cases, unless there is some really significant conflict between the parties.

Councilmember Goebel: Have you ever figured if it would be advantageous to the county if we would bring on the CHINS attorneys and get the reimbursement, or leave it as is and pay out \$250,000?

Steve Owens: I presented something to you about a year or maybe two ago—

Councilmember Goebel: You did.

Steve Owens: -- and I didn't bring that with me. My recollection is based upon what we had going at that time, it wouldn't have been about a break even situation. We might have saved a little money, if we had eliminated the four part time people and made those four full time people. Now, that situation may have changed a little bit, because the last numbers I looked at was, a full time CHINS termination attorney can handle, under the current Commission guidelines, 100 CHINS termination cases in a year. The last figure I looked at, I think we had 422. That's not all that those four lawyers are doing. We're also catching paternity cases, which are relatively small in number. They also do some appeals. So, I could take the appeals away from them and that would help their case load come down and it really wouldn't have any fiscal impact, because we're paying those out of the supplemental account in any event, but it would take at least four full time lawyers, right now, to handle the 400 cases. Now, if the Commission increases those numbers, say by 20 percent, we would be able to do it fairly easily with four, at the moment, and have a little excess capacity. Now, I know we've probably seen in the paper that Governor Pence has just directed DCS to hire what 100 additional

case workers, over and above the one or two hundred they've previously hired. I don't see that situation getting any better in the near future. They're adding 200-300 case workers to DCS throughout the state, I suspect what we're going to see is a continued increase in those kinds of cases. So, depending upon when we do this, if we do it, we might need five full time lawyers, I don't know.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, just to close this, if you wouldn't mind, for the general public, explaining what CHINS actually stands for?

Steve Owens: CHINS, is Children In Need of Services and terminations or TPR's are Termination of Parental Rights. What happens is, if for example, the Police go out on a call, they go into a home where there is drugs present, they may report that to the Department of Children's Services, they will file what's called a CHINS petition. Generally speaking everybody that's in the, every adult that is in the apartment or the home gets an attorney, generally a different attorney. So, mom will get an attorney, each of the father's will get an attorney, if there's more than one. Each one of those different adult parties counts as a case. Now, if we have a parent with four children, for example, and mom gets an attorney, even though there are four CHINS cases, because they are filed by the individual child, that only counts as one case for mom. So, basically, they are working with the Department of Children's Services to get the parents to modify their behavior, looking after the best interest of the children. At some point, and there are some time limitations, that may turn into what's called a Termination of Parental Rights, where they're basically attempting to take these kids away from this parent permanently.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we're going to, I'm going to call—

President Koehler Lindsey: We have one more, can we do one more question? Jeff?

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Owens, if you'll recall, about a year ago Mr. Goebel and Mr. Shetler, you and I and Judge Shively we went up to the state Public Defender Commission?

Steve Owens: We did.

Jeff Ahlers: They gave us some relief in terms of case handling guidelines, and they were asking you to do a study or whatever. I was curious as to whether you've had any communication, well, what's going on with your study? And, then whether you'd had any communication as to whether that deadline, I think it was like maybe the end of this year.

Steve Owens: It's actually the end of—

Jeff Ahlers: Or whether that's going to be extended? In terms of whether we'll be able to continue handling, your case handling deadlines, or requirements will be the same as they are now, or whether we've got an issue of reversion that we've got to deal with?

Steve Owens: I will be going to the PD Commission meeting in September. We have been keeping the time records that they asked us to keep. We have reported those to the staff council for the Public Defender Commission. Based upon those time records I don't see that we're going to revert. We are fairly easily handling that number of cases, the increased number of cases. They've given me no indication that there's any issues with the number of cases that those attorneys are handling, and I don't see them reverting that back to the old standard.

Jeff Ahlers: Good. Do you need to do anything to get something written for them to extend it so that we don't get at the end of the year and go, uh-oh? I mean, I didn't know if there was anything that needs to be done to shore that up.

Steve Owens: I guess, what I'll be doing is going to the Commission meeting and saying, you gave us until the end of the year, we've provided you with the numbers, we would like you to allow us to continue this. Hopefully, that will be part of what's in their meeting minutes.

Councilmember Shetler: Not to belabor the point, but I was just going to make a suggestion real quickly here. Just throwing some quick numbers at the whole CHINS issue, I might suggest, I mean, it looks like that we could save maybe \$40,000-\$50,000

a year just on some preliminary numbers I just ran real quickly. Maybe, I think, Mike, you're the liaison, maybe perhaps you and I could meet with Steve in the next few weeks here and go through those and see what all expenses we could get back and just really look at that to see if we could save some money that way.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Good, thank you. Steve, thank you. We're going to continue on.

BURDETTE PARK BURDETTE PARK/COIT

Councilmember Raben: Next, under County Commissioners. I don't see any Commissioners here. They may be watching. We'll move down to Burdette Park. We'll come back to the Commissioners. Page 55. Good morning.

Jacob Murphy: Do you still want to stick with Burdette?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, let's go ahead.

Jacob Murphy: Jacob Murphy, Manager of Burdette Park.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning, Jake.

Jacob Murphy: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 55, Jake, this is your first budget meeting, so, we'll try to walk you through it.

Jacob Murphy: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Under salaries, it doesn't look like anything out of the ordinary. Other employees is up, you know, we know traditionally you spend more than we budget. A lot of that though can have to do with weather and what have you.

Jacob Murphy: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: That number, I'm sure, we will find a number lower than what's been requested.

Jacob Murphy: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Some of the other items are pretty much, look ordinary. This is another budget that there's several lines in here that we'll entertain, or consider moving to CCD before final budget hearing. So, Jake, is there anything that you would like to add to the budget or tell us about?

Jacob Murphy: I guess, you know, the non-reverting account, also known as the Float Stand, is often used to compensate for the other employees differences in there and the COIT account, which is why I requested those increases just based on the past couple of years of the difference, but I also understand that you guys are in a position to relieve the General Fund as well. But, I would just advise that I think that non-reverting account, if we keep, because we also additionally from last year, the \$45,000 in pool maintenance also has to be taken out of there. So, anyway, all of that stuff is adding up, so, eventually we're not going to have enough in there so if something goes wrong, which I think is the whole intent of the non-reverting is to supplement. You know, there's definitely aging infrastructure there at the pool. I just had to deal with a leak with the water company, some of the piping under there that we'll have to pay for, but that will come out of that account as well.

Councilmember Raben: Overall, just a really brief kind of update on the park on how the season is going so far.

Jacob Murphy: Yeah, so, rain hasn't been our friend, but July was a very good month. Nice and warm, lots of people out at the park. Our attendance looks to be normal. No major complaints that I've heard.

Councilmember Raben: Revenues with that?

Jacob Murphy: Revenues seem to be just about normal.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, great. Stephanie?

Councilmember Terry: I just have a quick question.

Jacob Murphy: Yeah.

Councilmember Terry: On Parks Foundation, how much, do you have an annual amount you get from the Parks Foundation to help with special projects?

Jacob Murphy: No, that's completely separate.

Councilmember Terry: It is.

Jacob Murphy: Right.

Councilmember Terry: But, they do, they make funds available to upkeep parks, that's their purpose. So, I just wondered if there was kind of a—

Jacob Murphy: Not an existing relationship that I know of. I have not reached out to them.

Councilmember Raben: Any other questions? None? We'll move on.

Jacob Murphy: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Let's go to your, well, the COIT account, which is on page 119. Jake, what this is is we kind of divide up what buckets we fund your budget out of.

Jacob Murphy: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So, this is one of the other buckets. It's Utilities in the amount of \$215,000. That's up significantly over last year. It looks like you're on track to spend about \$180,000.

Jacob Murphy: Yeah, and, yeah, so that probably could have come down to closer to \$200,000, \$190,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Jacob Murphy: I apologize, I actually, not being familiar with this process, I got this packet three days before I submitted it. So, I did my best to be accurate.

Councilmember Raben: Sure, and that's one of those, if you have a really harsh winter, you know, expenses could be higher.

Jacob Murphy: Right.

Councilmember Raben: If it's mild, that's one that we just, you know, it's guesswork at best.

Jacob Murphy: Certainly, right.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, great, thank you. Hopefully you'll finish out the year really big.

Jacob Murphy: Yeah, definitely.

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Councilmember Raben: Okay, we will move back to the County Commissioners, page 33.

Joe Kiefer: Good morning. I'm Joe Kiefer, County Commissioner, and I have with me Commissioner, Bruce Ungethiem and Kristin Comer here from our office. We are here to entertain questions or comments. See where you wanted to start at.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, we're going to start with the items that stand out, one being Insurance. It looks like we, this reflects about a 15 ½ percent increase. Is this just an estimate?

Joe Kiefer: No, these are still estimates. I mean, we're hoping to get more data in, but I'm assuming that we're not going to be at the 15 percent, but at least from when I talked to some of the insurance people, Bob Dillow and also Tony Flittner yesterday, but, Kristin, you may have some comments.

Councilmember Raben: This is for the P & C coverage, right?

Joe Kiefer: Right. Right. I wish that was the health insurance line item.

Bruce Ungethiem: That one is a little bigger.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, yeah, if you've got some information you want to shed on it.

Kristin Comer: No, that simply just reflects the increase, the estimated increase.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Alright, well, let's continue on. Looking down, Emergency Medical. Last year we budgeted \$125,000, and that number is now \$214,000.

Joe Kiefer: Do you know anything about that?

Kristin Comer: The \$214,000 is the contractual amount. That contract is through the end of this year.

President Koehler Lindsey: The contract is through when?

Kristin Comer: The contract expires at the end of 2015, but since we don't know at this point how we're going to proceed into the next, once that expires, I went ahead and set it in at the current contract amount. Since, next year, what is happening next year is unknown.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so, the \$214,000 is the amount in the contract.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I think Councilman Shetler can probably shed some light on this. Did you not work with this contract a year or two ago?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I did. I think it was last year. I thought the agreement that we had reached was essentially changing the guaranteed response time, and I don't recall exactly if it was eight minutes to 9 ½ minutes, or 9 ½ minutes to 11 minutes, or what it exactly was, but they were changing that, and then reducing, and I thought it was going to be in that \$125,000 range. Now, one of the things that we learned the other day from something, I guess, when you guys had an appropriation request, that many of the bills have actually gotten, well, because of their methodology of having to check back and make sure that, you know, to find out where we have to reimburse and all this kind of stuff, they sometimes are pretty tardy on them, and that process may take four to six months before we actually get a bill. So, someone who was injured or took a

ride on the ambulance back in February, we might be just getting those bills. Sometimes it takes a while for that to circulate through the system. So, because of that, we received a whole lot of bills, I guess, that took place last, late summer, early fall, that fell into the first year, the first part of 2015. So, I think that is why that is a little bit skewed. As far as I know, that annual contract should be in that \$125,000 range, is what we had agreed upon and that they would hold it to that. They were reducing their rates and different things on how they were charging us back.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, we can check on that and verify it?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, so you guys might want to investigate that.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, we will, because we haven't signed anything for 2016.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, and I think, Joe, we probably ought to look real hard, you know, the city did away with that contract entirely, gosh, five or six years ago. You know, today everyone's required to have insurance and all of the other things out there. Back in the days when some didn't have it, maybe there was some reasons for us to supplement that, but I'm not so sure that we need to do that any longer. So, I think we need to look real hard at whether or not we need to keep doing that.

Joe Kiefer: Okay, well we'll look at that. As Kristin said, we don't have a contract yet for 2016.

President Koehler Lindsey: Another question on that as far as the funding of this, do we know how far backed up we are and how long it's going to take them to get the bills? Because that would affect the amount that we need to put in the line item as well. I mean, if we know there's no way they're going to bill us for \$250,000, is there any way to look back and see, or predict.

Joe Kiefer: I don't know, Joe, would you know?

Joe Gries: I believe when we were here a couple of weeks ago, during the regular Council meeting, the transfer request that was put in place paid the end of 2014 invoice, is that right, Kristin? If I remember right.

Kristin Comer: That was first quarter 2015.

Joe Gries: First quarter 2015? So, we're through the first quarter of 2015, as of right now. We still have the rest of '15 that we'll have to address at some point, and then the budget for 2016 can be adjusted based on the Commissioners and Council's wishes.

Councilmember Raben: You know, one thing, Commissioners, just to bring a little clarity to how I think this contract got to be where it was at is, within the city, the response time was always good, out in the county, I think the amount we were paying them contractually was to keep ambulances positioned for a quicker response time. So, they weren't travelling from the center city to Darmstadt or to Armstrong and what have you. So, to me that's still very important that that be part of any new contracts going forward. You know, there is an expense, an additional expense to doing that, but, you know, we need to do whatever we can in our power to keep that response time at a minimum. So, I just wanted to bring a little light on that.

Joe Kiefer: There's probably a standard response time that needs to be that, that the medical community, I mean, if it's a 20 minute response time, well, we might as well not even have them.

Councilmember Raben: Well, and what you'll see, I mean, you might see an ambulance parked in Rural King's parking lot on the west side—

Joe Kiefer: Right.

Councilmember Raben: -- and, I think that was part of what the original contract was is to help fund positioning those units out. Again, we don't want less coverage, we want as good or better than what we've had in the past.

Joe Kiefer: Well, this is, again, obviously, a red flag with the amount of dollars. So, we'll make sure we approach them and look at this and we'll keep you posted on discussions with them.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, just a few other items that kind of stand out, Transportation Services, we budgeted \$255,000 last year, or that might be the actual, no, that's the budgeted. It's \$275,000 this year, although you're on track to spend that much, if not more. Is there a feel for kind of what's going on there? It looks like, in '12 we spent \$151,000, in '13 we spent \$165,000, and then '14 we jump up to \$317,000 in expense. I'm just trying to figure out—

Joe Kiefer: That's the one we've been working on, and we've been keeping a close eye on it. Basically, what we told them this year was that we weren't going to raise the money and that when it ran out it ran out and we couldn't provide the service any longer, but, fortunately, the demand hasn't increased, so they, so far, we think, that we're going to have enough money budgeted this year to make it through the end of the year.

Councilmember Raben: This is what, the METS Mobility?

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, METS Mobility.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Joe Kiefer: So, it actually has worked out better than we anticipated, because we thought we were going to run out of money in August. So, or maybe July, something like that. Yeah, so, we only, we really only figured we had enough money for six months. So, it's worked out better than we thought.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have any kind of federal reimbursement on that, since that's the METS system? I remember back from City Council days that that was kind of all in there.

Joe Kiefer: Well, that was a big dispute with METS that we had on that. Joe Harrison was actively involved in those discussions about federal reimbursement, but apparently we don't, there is some reimbursement funds, but I don't think they come to us. I think it has something to do with individuals, can you recall? I can't recall what the exact issue is.

President Koehler Lindsey: Can you guys double check on that and just shoot me an e-mail and let me know?

Joe Kiefer: Yeah.

President Koehler Lindsey: Just out of curiosity.

Joe Kiefer: I do know that Joe Harrison was very involved in that.

President Koehler Lindsey: See where he is on that.

Joe Kiefer: I do know that we didn't get the direct reimbursement on it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thanks.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Joe, you probably can't give me this answer, but I just kind of am wondering the numbers out in the county that, there's a special insurance that AMR gives, and I think it's around \$60 that they can get ambulance service for the rest of the year, and I was just wondering if we can get that figured to offset this \$214,000?

Joe Kiefer: Okay, so, you said it's an insurance that individuals get?

Councilmember Bassemier: They provide it, I mean, they provide it themselves if you pay this fee. They advertise it all the time, if they pay this fee, they'll get....you might know that being out in the county and all.

Bruce Ungethiem: They're offering it, I guess, it's a pseudo contract, if you pay \$60 you'll get ambulance service.

Councilmember Bassemier: For the year.

Bruce Ungethiem: The issue, again, as Jim was mentioning is the response time.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right.

Bruce Ungethiem: If they're responding from somewhere inside Evansville city limits and they're responding all the way to the northern part of the county, that response time can be a very lengthy response time.

Councilmember Bassemier: And that does make sense, but I'm just saying if you get say \$50,000 on this \$60 fee—

Joe Kiefer: Well, that's a good point. We could ask our provider to show us who has insurance. We don't want to be double dipped where they're getting paid by insurance and paid by us both.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's correct.

Councilmember Shetler: There's a possibility, and Counselor Ahlers brought this up to me a second ago, I think it's a good suggestion to look at, and that is on the, that maybe we could look at diverting that money and putting it towards the townships out in the county, as opposed to being in the General Fund of our budget, be placed into their budgets and stuff, based on their usage in particular areas and stuff.

Councilmember Raben: I think that would fall within the guidelines of the law to let them fund ambulance service.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, because they have fire protection, etcetera, so that would fit right into it. I think that might be an excellent suggestion that we might pursue.

President Koehler Lindsey: Don't, is it Scott that has an ambulance service?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, Scott does, but Perry doesn't, German does not do it.

Bruce Ungethiem: I've actually talked to a couple Township Assessors about that, and I said, we really need to get together and get all the Township Assessors together—

Joe Kiefer: Trustees.

Bruce Ungethiem: Or Trustees, not Assessors anymore, Trustees together and figure out how do we supply the ambulance service, because the Trustees are responsible for fire protection, are they also responsible for ambulance? Well, the Scott Township Trustee has assumed that responsibility, and they now have two ambulances out in Scott Township, and they also provide ambulance service for half of Armstrong. So, the question becomes, is that a better use of funds is to let the Trustees actually manage that and manage where and how they get ambulance service through their township?

Councilmember Raben: Well, at least they could pick up the contractual part.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Like German and Perry, pick up the contractual piece of this, but, you know, you might, as you look into that contract that we have in place, I would be interested in knowing if there still is provisions that units have to be positioned, or, I thought there was a number at one time that there had to be "x" amount on duty.

Bruce Ungethiem: Yeah, I read that contract about a month or so ago, and I'm not sure it was units had to be positioned, but there were response times that were required.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Bruce Ungethiem: That they had to maintain.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Bruce Ungethiem: The problem is how do you, if your information coming in is six months behind the current time, how do you monitor that?

Councilmember Shetler: Well, and they're monitoring themselves, because part of that contract is that they then reimburse us, and it's in segments, for every 15 or 30 seconds, whatever it was, that they'll reimburse us back for late times and stuff. So, but, again, they're policing it and monitoring it themselves.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Bruce, if I'm correct on this, those ambulances that sit at these places like to stop and go out in the county, now, if there's another run somewhere else and they're short of ambulances, they'll pull off and go and make that run. So, instead of sitting at their main station down here on Franklin Street, they would be sitting out there anyway, so, they stay in the ambulance. So, it's not like that, they're still getting paid out there, no matter where they're sitting, whether they're making runs or not. So, anyway, it's not like they're sitting there 24 hours. They're sitting there idle, not doing anything until they make a run, and that can be anywhere, and it can be, and sometimes they pull off and go to the hospitals and take regular discharges. I mean, it's a good system, don't get me wrong, but what we're trying to do is cut this budget, and they doubled it this year.

Councilmember Raben: Enough on ambulance contracts.

President Koehler Lindsey: I've got a question on something else. Can we move back up to EAP and explain what that is?

Joe Kiefer: We'll give you that one.

President Koehler Lindsey: You'll give us that one?

Joe Kiefer: The 415 percent increase there.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah.

Joe Kiefer: That's a typo.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's a typo? So, what should that be?

Kristin Comer: \$4,500.

Joe Kiefer: \$4,500.

President Koehler Lindsey: Well, I like that one much better. Thank you. I'm glad I asked.

Joe Kiefer: See, we're saving you money.

President Koehler Lindsey: But, if I hadn't asked, are you going to let me just sit there?

Joe Kiefer: No.

Councilmember Goebel: \$4,500 might be too high, according to past expenses.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Terry: I just have a quick question on Human Relations, because it is, I am the liaison and it's, the contract is 13 percent, and right now it's set in less than that. So, I just want to make note of that. I don't know if that's one of those things where they'll bill us later or what, but it should be at \$52,997, at 13 percent based on their overall budget, as presented in the joint budget.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 69.

Joe Kiefer: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Which is your CCD budget. The request is for \$600,000. It's good to have the Energy Savings Contract behind us. Joe, we're going to need your help. There's several lines throughout the budget that I would like to move into this budget. We'll have more to come and follow up with you in the coming weeks on that.

Joe Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Page 151¹, this is your COIT, again, this is new, as of last year, Commissioners. You know, before we threw everything in to what was known as the General Fund, now we have to distinguish which bucket you're actually funding items from. So, anyway, this is page 115. So, this is a laundry list of a lot of other things that aren't within your regular budget. One item that really stands out is Rent. I don't really know what's going on there, Joe.

Joe Gries: Yeah, the Building Authority has actually submitted a reduced budget for 2016, and the number that I'm showing, and, Tom, you might be able to help me here too, because—

Councilmember Shetler: It's about \$600,000 less than (Inaudible).

Joe Gries: Yeah, so—

Councilmember Shetler: I can't tell you the exact number.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible) roughly?

Joe Gries: Yeah, \$4.5 million. It's, I think, what Mr. Rector had explained to me was around a three to five percent increase, instead of a 16 percent.

Joe Kiefer: I show, the copy we got from Dave Rector shows \$4.88 million.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Joe Gries: \$4.88?

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, according to this letter sent—

Councilmember Raben: That's still a half million dollar increase.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, here's where I'm mistaken, I'm sorry. Some of that was, there's about \$200,000-\$300,000 in this building, there's some reductions that have been done, further reductions in the jail, and also further reductions, I guess, over here at the Events Plaza. So, all total, they've been able to reduce our Rent by about \$600,000. So, I kind of misspoke a little bit earlier.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and you'll verify that? The jail and those other numbers?

Councilmember Shetler: I've got those numbers somewhere, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Jim, it's still higher than—

Joe Kiefer: I have this, if you want to take a look at it.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that would be great.

Councilmember Goebel: That amount is still higher than year '15, correct?

Councilmember Shetler: It is.

Councilmember Goebel: That's all. Thanks.

Councilmember Shetler: I mean, I didn't dive into the budget, of their budget as such, but we were able to at least get that done on the surface.

¹ Should be 115.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, thanks.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, enough of that. Do you want to move into the Superintendent of County Buildings while we have you—

Councilmember Shetler: Councilman? Just real quickly on that. That Hillcrest, I know you dealt with that one last year or the year before. I thought that was going to eventually go to zero. Maybe I'm mistaken on that.

Councilmember Raben: It was never going to zero.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, I thought it was a two or three year program where it was going to keep getting stepped downward, but was I—

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible) step up.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under your category would be Superintendent of County Buildings, page 35. This, primarily, is the Old Courthouse, is it not?

Joe Kiefer: Yes, mostly.

Councilmember Raben: Mostly?

Joe Kiefer: Completely.

Councilmember Raben: Completely? Okay. Alright, then everything, Joe, the last conversation I had with you is that the rental incomes were increasing. Completely? Okay. Alright, then everything, Joe, the last conversation I had with you is that the rental incomes were increasing.

Joe Kiefer: They're good. I mean, we're like 90 some percent leased out. I mean, I know we're just getting ready to sign another contract for another space. So, we actually need to do some improvements to, there's some vacant space that's unimproved, in order to rent it out we have to do some improvements to it, but, yeah, there's a pretty good demand on the space right now. We feel like that's helping us increase the rents. We have actually increased rents. Anytime we approve a new contract it has rent increases in it, because the demand has been pretty good. Hopefully, we're doing a fundraiser in October for the Old Courthouse to do some additional improvements that we're not even asking money for, like doing some work on the clock tower, and maybe raise some money privately. So, we're also doing that, but this here, because we've had such good success with leasing out the space, that's why we've asked for this part time employee work, because we actually are in need of it, you know, in need of that person working part time in order to keep up with all the tenants and everything that we're doing down there.

Councilmember Raben: You know, grant wise, I've mentioned a few, several times over the last several years about the need to, you know, we've got all these beautiful buildings, the Old Courthouse, the Coliseum—

Joe Kiefer: I'm actually pursuing some grant opportunity with the same people that have done French Lick, Koch, I think it's Koch Industries, or—

Councilmember Raben: Koch family?

Joe Kiefer: --yeah, Koch family, and they've got monies that they give for these type purposes. So, you know, I'm actually pursuing that now. Of course, I haven't gotten anywhere with it yet, but we are looking into that.

Councilmember Raben: You know, just to build off of the success that we've had with the Discovery Lodge, as an example, and the Old Coliseum, I mean, if that were ever brought back up to somewhere close to its original beauty, you know, it's just hard to imagine what, you know, what that could represent in this county as a small events center. So, again, yeah, I'm glad to hear that, you know, I would really like to see a major effort made towards that direction.

Joe Kiefer: Well, I'll keep you posted on that. I think that is an idea that we are pursuing. Then, I think we're going to have some success with our Old Courthouse Foundation fundraiser in October as well.

Councilmember Goebel: Joe? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Question?

Joe Kiefer: I hope you all can be there.

Bruce Ungethiem: We'll check.

Councilmember Goebel: In that regard, the higher capacity of rentals, is that anything to do with the what's coming up with the Med Center and all?

Joe Kiefer: No, I just think it's due to the improvements that we've been doing at the Old Courthouse. If you've been through there lately, you can see that, you know, all the common areas look so much sharper and crisper.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Joe Kiefer: I think that sparked interest. It's doing exactly what we were hoping it would do.

Councilmember Goebel: We might be moving some other offices in that direction as well? Is that correct?

Joe Kiefer: I mean, we're, you know, right now we have, we still have the County Engineer's and we also have Veteran Affairs in there. I think, the courts would like us to refurbish the other court across from the Randall T. **Shephard** Courtroom. They would actually, I had met with Judge Shively and, I'm sorry, Judge Heldt, met with Judge Shively and Judge Heldt, and they said that if we remodeled that one other courtroom, they would actually use it for functioning, purposeful for courts.

Councilmember Raben: I would caution that, we're going to get into an expense with security and what have you.

Joe Kiefer: Well, that was the issue that we said we would have to work through. It could be issues such as civil cases that don't require the security, you know.

Councilmember Goebel: Some do.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I was going to say, some do.

Joe Kiefer: Well, but what I'm saying is, there is some discussion because of, obviously, the court case load in the courts that they said that they would have some interest in doing that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Enough on that, the COIT side of Superintendent of County Buildings is simply where we move the Utilities, a few years ago, into that bucket. I did skip over Riverboat, let's go to page 61. This remains consistent with all the prior years. Again, this is a budget that we don't really want to get the day to day operational side funding ever poured into this bucket, but there might be a few items within this budget are one-time expenses that we may look towards shuffling some monies around in. The other items, Joe, that you guys may want to be a part of, we've got the County Highway, we've got Drainage Board, we've got Cum Bridge, do you want to take those now while you're here?

Joe Kiefer: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Joe Kiefer: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we'll get those knocked out. Drainage Board is page 29, that's just the board member stipends, \$3,200. I'm sure there will be no questions there.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: The County Highway, page 81. We do have the Superintendent in the audience. We might call him up as well.

Joe Kiefer: Well, he would be the man with the answers. Scot?

Councilmember Raben: This budget, I don't really want to spend a lot of time with this budget, because, you know, in the past we've always had to make, as we get a little closer towards our finalization, we'll have to make some adjustments that are needed. So, if there are any questions while we're on page 81 through 83, please ask now. Okay, none.

LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Let's move to Local Roads and Streets, page 79. Are there any questions on Local Roads and Streets? This is the same way, we'll have to make adjustments at some point.

Scot Wichser: Obviously, we know why I increased Materials in Local Roads and Streets is because the roads are in such bad shape. I don't know what we can afford and what we can't afford, but I just put that in there because we do need the monies, if available.

President Koehler Lindsey: Which one was that?

Scot Wichser: That is 1169 2000, Materials.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, you know, you've made some headway this summer.

Scot Wichser: We're trying.

Councilmember Raben: But, you know, we're just putting perfume on a pig. I mean, we're doing the best we can, but it's, we need, we're going to need to really address the funding side of this, for sure, next year, between now and the paving season and repair season. You know, I don't know if we're going to have to look at possibly a bond issue or what have you, but we're going to have to do some major work. I see hands raising up.

Councilmember Terry: Yeah, I just had a question, if you could elaborate on the Covert Avenue project. Is that by the Boeke area?

Scot Wichser: That would be John's.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

John Stoll: The city was proposing a project that would add sidewalks and ADA ramps all through Covert Avenue from, I believe, 41 out to the city-county line. The county starts at roughly the Vectren substation just east of Green River Road. This would be a continuation of that project where the road would be milled, resurfaced, restriped and the sidewalk would be put along the south side of the road.

Councilmember Terry: Alright, that's great. Thank you.

John Stoll: The primary reason why I had requested these funds, Covert is going to need to be repaved some time here in the near future, and pursuing this federal aid project is actually cheaper than having the county fund the repaving project out of, with Road and Street Funds with all local money.

Councilmember Terry: Great. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we're going to start over there. I saw several hands.
Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Scot?

Scot Wichser: Yes?

Councilmember Bassemier: The \$180,000 on Equipment.

Scot Wichser: I was going to get to that next.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Scot Wichser: Not knowing what the revenues, what monies we had available, our fleet is in pretty bad shape. We're having to repair frames, our touch command systems in the trucks are going bad, so we're having to put new hydraulics in 1993 trucks. We're spending a lot of money on old equipment. Last, one snow event last winter we spent \$20,000 to keep the snow plows on the roads, to keep the roads clear. You know, hearing about the money shortages, I understand that, I just put, it would be great to start improving the fleet, but if we can't, we'll just deal with what we've got to deal with.

Councilmember Bassemier: What do you plan on purchasing with that \$180,000? Anything brand new?

Scot Wichser: Purchase one tandem.

Councilmember Bassemier: One tandem? Okay, one last question, the salt? How are we doing on the salt?

Scot Wichser: We're fine. We've got that set out already. We're just waiting to hear from them when it comes in.

Councilmember Bassemier: So, it's already been bid on, or paid for?

Scot Wichser: Yes, we're waiting, they haven't given us the final price yet.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Scot Wichser: They'll do that when they tell us, that's usually in September, and usually we can start hauling and filling our barns like in October. September or October.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Scot. Thank you, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No, I was just wondering, Scot, on the repairs of your equipment, is that all mostly done in house, with your mechanics?

Scot Wichser: The majority of it, probably 80 to 90 percent is all done in house. There's some things we can't handle. We have to send out our, there's things computer-wise that the manufacturer has that we have to send them to check, but I would say about 90 percent of our work is done in house.

Councilmember Goebel: Good. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Angela?

President Koehler Lindsey: This is probably more of a question for Jim and Joe, is there any availability of money in the Riverboat Fund that we can use for the Materials or the Equipment, or, you know, that's a capital item.

Councilmember Raben: Sure.

President Koehler Lindsey: We might want to look into that, if there's anything available.

Councilmember Raben: We've done that in the past.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: You know, that's part of the, yeah, we can make some tradeoffs.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: That's part of the Infrastructure funding.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, to me that would be an appropriate use of Riverboat. Then, Scot, on the equipment, would it be possible for you to get us kind of a projection of what you foresee your capital needs are going to be? Because, you know, did I understand you to say that that's one piece of equipment for \$180,000?

Scot Wichser: Well, we got, earlier in the year we got, we just went out and had some quotes on a truck.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Scot Wichser: The truck itself is around \$150,000 to \$160,000, then you've got to buy the plows and all the other things that go with it for the winter. So, you're going to push, it could be more than that. The last time we bought one it was pushing about \$170,000. So, I put in \$180,000, thinking it might cover it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Sure, I just think that would be helpful, you know, if we're working with 20 year old equipment, eventually you're going to get to the point that it can't be fixed. So, we need to be prepared for what's going to be coming up in the next two, three, four, five years.

Scot Wichser: Well, I wouldn't—

President Koehler Lindsey: At least know what we're looking at.

Scot Wichser: In a perfect world, I would love to say, hey, can we buy one truck every year or every two years or something like that until we get that fleet up. Or two trucks, whatever it may be.

President Koehler Lindsey: Well, give us your perfect world scenario, and then kind of look at what you think the biggest needs are and prioritize that.

Scot Wichser: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: If you could do that, you know, at some point, it doesn't have to be this week or next, but just, I think that would be a good thing for the Council to have, so we have an idea of, you know, hey, this thing is going to break down and then we're going to try to find \$180,000 when we don't have it.

Scot Wichser: Well, it's just a problem that's getting worse and worse for us.

President Koehler Lindsey: I know.

Scot Wichser: A lot of the parts are becoming obsolete. Last winter we had a radiator in one of our 1993 tandems go back. It's a special radiator made with a square in it. The PGO goes through the radiator. They said it was obsolete. They're hard to find. We used to pay around \$1,000 to \$1,200, they charged us \$3,600 for it, just for a radiator. So, that's the kind of things we're running into on the older equipment.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thanks.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: In addition, perhaps maybe an inventory of all of your equipment, what it's kind of used for, and, you know, give us the ages and all that kind of stuff.

Scot Wichser: I will give you pictures, mileage—

Councilmember Shetler: That may fill up my total e-mail space, my box, but that's okay. If we could get some kind of spreadsheet, you know, on all of the equipment and stuff that we have, the purpose, what it's used for, about how often it's used, that kind of

thing. That might be helpful for us, and then, you know, I guess you've explored the possibilities of leasing equipment?

Scot Wichser: We're looking at everything right now. We're even doing some of the work, one of our Gradall hydraulic tanks went bad. Well, Gradall wanted about \$5,500 for it. We had it made locally for about \$1,000. So, we're looking at any kind of ways we can try and save money on these things. So, and it's not just our trucks, we've got front loaders that are getting old. We couldn't find a tank on our 938 front loader and we had to have that fabbed locally.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, some of this, I'm looking at it more that some of this could be an investment coming out of a capital account. That would save us on operating expenses over a period of time here.

Scot Wichser: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: So, we have to look at it, particularly when you start talking about 20 year old equipment. It does become obsolete, and you do have issues there with parts and etcetera.

Scot Wichser: I'll get that information for you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's, oh, I'm sorry, John.

Councilmember Montrastelle: The, can you talk a little bit about the 60 percent increase on the Contractual Services?

Scot Wichser: Okay, that's John's also.

John Stoll: That's—

Councilmember Montrastelle: And, also one other question, you can probably answer it a lot quicker, on the sidewalk from 41 up to 64, is that a standard width sidewalk? Or, is going to be something like a six foot wide, like you have on Heckel?

John Stoll: I believe it's six feet, give or take.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Six foot?

John Stoll: I don't remember the exact dimensions off the top of my head.

Councilmember Montrastelle: And that was on one side of the road only?

John Stoll: Yes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

John Stoll: By going with one side of the road, it reduces the right-of-way needs. When Covert Avenue was built out in the county years ago, there was a significant amount of right-of-way that's available. So, it's not going to require a lot of additional right-of-way, but there is some, but by going on just the one side that helps us out on those costs.

Councilmember Montrastelle: The south side, I think you said?

John Stoll: Yes. I'll send you an e-mail with the width of the sidewalk. I'll just have to go back and look it up.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay, thank you.

John Stoll: The Contractual Services is the same thing, like Scot's Materials account. We only had \$250,000 for contractual work this year. Traditionally we had had \$500,000. Due to the shortfalls this past year we cut it back to \$250,000. If money is available, we're just trying to get it back to \$400,000, just to try and do additional contractual paving work.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Let's move to Cum Bridge.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Excuse me, do you have something else?

John Stoll: I just have one other thing, the spreadsheet that I was working from when I prepared the budget did not have the Legal Services Account on it, so I failed to plug a number in there. We won't have enough money to encumber from '15 to '16 to fund that account, so, I would also need to request \$4,000 for that line item as well. I just failed to notice that that wasn't included on the spreadsheet I was working from.

Councilmember Raben: Page 79, Legal Services.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Did you say a thousand?

John Stoll: Four.

Councilmember Montrastelle: \$4,000?

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's go to page 65, Cum Bridge.

Scot Wichser: The only increase in Cum Bridge that we put in was for Union Overtime. We usually run into a problem every winter with the Bridge Crew on their overtime. It's not a total necessity, but it causes problems sometimes. If we have a really bad January and February, we use all that overtime money trying to get them paid, if that does happen.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Alright, any questions on Cum Bridge? None? Let me make sure that gets you guys. I think that takes care of your group.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I have a question.

President Koehler Lindsey: (Inaudible).

Scot Wichser: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Well, Darren will address that. I guess, the Commissioners may want to stick around for the Events Center.

Scot Wichser: Did, John, did you have—

Councilmember Montrastelle: What do you have in mind on the Training and Education for \$2,000?

Scot Wichser: Training and Education?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah.

Scot Wichser: We do, we're setting up, in the past we've had a training system for the employees, bringing groups in and things like that, and we're going to even, I'm going to make that even larger. I really believe that safety training and things like that are important. So, there may be videos we buy. There's other things we use with it. If we need to send guys out for training on the weeds, on anything like that, herbicides, that type of thing.

President Koehler Lindsey: And, you've got \$2,000 in there. Is that what you want in Training and Education? Or, is that maybe another typo?

Scot Wichser: I think that's what's normally in it, and it has been for the last—

Councilmember Raben: No, last year I think we budgeted \$200. You know, if it's used, if the training is put on correctly and we save an injury or an incident, it's well worth it.

Scot Wichser: Well, that's one of my things is, I want to get these guys as safe as possible. I want to give them as much training and things they need to stay safe on the road.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, it saves the county, and, I mean, most importantly, it might ensure that somebody gets home tomorrow night. So, okay. Scot, that takes care of you.

<p style="text-align: center;">OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND</p>

Scot Wichser: I'm going to call the Old National Bank Events Plaza folks up, page 54.

Darren Stearns: Good morning. Darren Stearns, Old National Events Plaza.

Councilmember Raben: Are there any questions on page 54? Probably not. Let's move to page 105.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, okay, so, we're looking at, I was just curious on, just real briefly on the Old National Events Plaza, if you can give us kind of an update, just real quick on how the year has gone, if we're seeing any uptick yet.

Darren Stearns: Well, we're ahead of budget for this year. So, the signs are finally up. I think we've got the marquee that's supposed to be done by the end of the month. It's supposed to be up and running. So, I think they're actually going to have it all set by the end of today, and then we'll have to get the electrical work done. Right now we're tracking ahead of budget. Doing a lot of local events still, because of the conventions, we're still struggling on the conventions as far as bringing them in, and then, of course, the theater itself is doing very well. We've got about 12 shows left to go for the rest of the year, 12-14 shows in the next three or four months. So, that's helping the numbers quite a bit.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, so, then if we can look on page 105 at the Operating Fund, if there's any questions, Convention Center Operating Fund. I think, I noticed there was a contract that ended with, was it City Church?

Darren Stearns: Yes, City Church. They have actually bought a church, I think it was St. Mark's, if I remember right, downtown.

President Koehler Lindsey: I think I remember seeing that.

Darren Stearns: That will end in December. So, we will be missing the 52 weeks of church services that we've had, plus some Wednesdays.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, it's available for another church to come in and rent, and they would have a nice, big space there.

Darren Stearns: Yes, come on in. They were very good clients, very easy to work with. So, it was a good experience. So, yeah.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great. Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Terry: Darren, can you share the Centre Contractual increase there.

Darren Stearns: Well, the Centre Contractual is based on the, Centre Contractual is based on the numbers, like she just mentioned the City Church, 52 weeks of City Church we won't have anymore. So, that's why that number will go up, as far as the financials for the building itself. Actually, not all of it, but we expect to make a lot of that up.

President Koehler Lindsey: Other questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Concerning Utilities, I think you've been running under the \$450,000 on a pretty regular basis. Is there room for reduction in that line?

Darren Stearns: I believe there is, depending on when it is. I think, the way the utilities are, I think we're billed back month in arrears on each of those, Joe, does that sound right? For the Utilities, we get billed back a month in arrears? But, yeah, I believe that's the number it's been at recently, and I do know like, the energy savings contract, I don't think that's, is that still in effect for us?

Joe Gries: I was actually talking with Kristin about that and she said she was going to check on that.

Councilmember Goebel: It's in the book.

Joe Gries: I thought it was up at the end of this year, but she's going to look into that. So, that's another item we might be able to zero out.

Councilmember Goebel: Good.

Joe Gries: For 2016.

Councilmember Terry: I'm sorry, I have one more question.

President Koehler Lindsey: Go ahead.

Councilmember Terry: I may have missed it, I guess, in previous years, the Unassigned line?

Darren Stearns: Which one?

Councilmember Terry: Never mind.

Councilmember Bassemier: It just says total there, unassigned.

Councilmember Terry: It just says unassigned. Maybe that's—

President Koehler Lindsey: What page is that on?

Councilmember Bassemier: 105.

Councilmember Terry: Under the capital area.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, we have Capital Outlay, Unassigned, what is that supposed to be?

Joe Gries: That's just a total line, I'm not sure what the heading Unassigned is, but the total in purple is what you want to look at. That's the total for this fund, the Convention Centre Operating Fund.

President Koehler Lindsey: It looks like we just got that same line in there twice.

Joe Gries: Yes, it's the same.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions? None? Darren, thank you.

Darren Stearns: Okay.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: Now we will move to Veterans Administration, page 30.

Paul DuPont: Paul DuPont with the County Service Office. Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Paul, one, or three items actually stand out. There is increases in the two salary lines and Extra Help. Are those step increases on the salary lines?

Paul DuPont: Well, the two for myself and for the Assistant, those are step increases. The one for the part time help, that was from where we raised her salary from ten to \$12 two years ago, and you budgeted, they allowed it, and then last year in the budget, they reduced it back to the first years. So, that's why next month I'm coming back and asking

for money to pay her to the end of the year, so we keep her salary in there. It was approved two years ago to raise it, and, I guess, whenever you did the budget, you didn't increase it.

Councilmember Goebel: That was in lieu of hiring a full time secretary, correct?

Paul DuPont: Right, right.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's the information that you provided to us with the rationale here?

Paul DuPont: Uh-huh.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: So, those numbers are correct.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions on Veterans Administration? None? Well, Paul, that was painless. Thank you.

Paul DuPont: Okay, thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Are we taking a break, Mr. Chairman? Or, are we keeping on ahead here?

Councilmember Raben: We can take a break.

President Koehler Lindsey: Can we take a five minute, what was that you called it yesterday?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, pause for a good cause.

President Koehler Lindsey: Pause for a good cause. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, five minute break.

President Koehler Lindsey: That with the perfume on the pig. You're full of it today.

(Meeting was recessed for a five minute break)

<p style="text-align: center;">LEGAL AID LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY</p>

Councilmember Raben: Okay, it looks like everybody is back. We will move to page 57, Legal Aid.

Kevin Gibson: Good morning. I'm Kevin Gibson.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning, Kevin. Page 57. Kevin, it looks like everything is much in order on your budget, with only a 1.7 percent increase, but I do have a question.

Kevin Gibson: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: This relates to an earlier subject in the day.

Kevin Gibson: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Your office, can you represent clients or individuals that are within the court system? Like the misdemeanor piece that the Public Defender was referring to.

Kevin Gibson: We only do the civil cases.

Councilmember Raben: Only civil?

Kevin Gibson: Right, because an individual has the constitutional right to an attorney, if it's a criminal matter, we don't do those. So, we do the civil cases where they don't have the constitutional right, but yet they can't afford an attorney.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Alright, let's move to the United Way budget, which is page 106.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Where is your office at?

Kevin Gibson: We're downstairs in this building, room 105. My 1.7 was the Rent is the only thing that went up. I think, all of the other offices you pay for out of your budget, but it's a line item in my budget. My understanding is because that way you can then bill back the city for their portion. That was the only increase on the city-county side. Everything else was zeroed out.

Councilmember Raben: My memory is not working very well right now. United Way funds your budget 80 percent or 50 percent?

Kevin Gibson: United Way?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Kevin Gibson: Theirs is, it's different each year. We go through a process, depending on how much they receive in donations that year, and we have to apply for the funding each year. So, that's the reason I got a few dollars extra this year from the United Way, and I was able to put that into the Law Books and the Insurance, but it's a year by year amount from the United Way.

Councilmember Raben: It's roughly around 20 percent.

Kevin Gibson: Yeah, that's usually right.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that probably right. Okay, any questions on page 106?

Councilmember Goebel: Kevin, when does United Way meet for your budget?

Kevin Gibson: We usually, they have a panel that meets with us in March, and then usually they let us know about in April, and then it starts in May. So, they're not on a calendar year, they're on, which makes it tricky as well.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Alright.

Councilmember Shetler: Just, real quickly, on your office, it doesn't require any special security type issues or anything like that for your client protections or anything?

Kevin Gibson: No.

Councilmember Shetler: Because you guys have been in other buildings.

Kevin Gibson: We've always been in this building. We used to be upstairs on the second floor where the Public Defender's Office is now. They moved us down to the first floor.

Councilmember Shetler: I was thinking one time about 15 years ago or better, you guys were over at the Court Building.

Kevin Gibson: I've been with Legal Aid for 28 years and it's always been in this building.

Councilmember Shetler: Really? Okay. Alright.

Kevin Gibson: Really, the benefit to that is that we make over 2,000 appearances a year in court.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Kevin Gibson: So, we need the proximity to the court.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: So, you don't want to move?

Kevin Gibson: No, it would be nice to have windows in my office, but, no, I think the location is more important.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;">ASSESSOR ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT PTABOA REASSESSMENT SALES DISCLOSURE FEES</p>

Councilmember Raben: We will move on. Page 20, County Assessor. Bill, we're all warmed up now.

President Koehler Lindsey: We've got our red pens out.

Bill Fluty: That's your job.

President Koehler Lindsey: You won't let me do yours.

Bill Fluty: You always do. Bill Fluty, County Assessor, and with me I have Cindy Vaught, who's my Chief Deputy. She may help me answer some of these questions, if you have anything. My budget is similar to last year's, everything is about the same in the General Fund. Line items have gone up for certain employees, but that's do to stipends, or through step increases, I'm sorry. We'll get to stipends in a minute. I got ahead of myself.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, there's not a whole lot to discuss on page 20. Let's move to page 99. This is the Reassessment budget. This budget is actually down from last year, 21 percent. Any questions of page 99?

Councilmember Terry: I know you were sharing with me the other day that there's some new requirements, is it for Level II?

Bill Fluty: Level III.

Councilmember Terry: Level III? Okay.

Bill Fluty: I'll let Cindy kind of go through why the need and what one's we see, but I'll just tell you how we got to this point. There's always been a \$500 if you obtain your Level II, and that's by statute. Last year, through legislation, they actually have raised that, if you're a Level III, another \$500. We have quite a few Level III's, and we are in the process of getting more Level III's. So, that was an increase. I'm not a fan of stipends, but I have to follow the law. So, those things are in there now, and that's to increase that stipend on that. The dollar amount that I put in was the most that I will ever need. I may never get to spending that amount, but that's most I'll ever need. I'll probably spend less, because it's kind of an ongoing process. You have people taking training, there's different classes you have to take. You have to be successful, pass tests, and, actually, it's required to have this to actually work in certain places in this office.

Councilmember Goebel: Bill, I don't quite understand. Level II is a \$1,000 stipend, or a Level III?

Bill Fluty: Level II is \$500, Level III is \$1,000.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, and what is \$500?

Bill Fluty: Level II. If you obtain your Level III, you'll get the \$500 and the \$1,000.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, I'm just a tad confused on that.

Bill Fluty: We have some people in our office that are Level II's, and they're receiving \$500, they receive \$250 in June and \$250 on the first paycheck in December. Next year, if you are a Level III, you will be getting a \$500 check the first pay in June, and a \$500 check on the first pay of December.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Is that a one-time pay? Or, is this every year, when they are at this level?

Bill Fluty: This is going to be every year, unless legislation changes, and they retro it, you know, say that they're not going to pay that anymore.

Councilmember Goebel: Is there a requirement on how many have to have Level III in your office?

Bill Fluty: I'll let Cindy kind of answer that for us.

Cindy Vaught: Cindy Vaught, Chief Deputy. There's not a requirement as to the number of Level III's you have in the office, but the statute has changed. How the statute reads is that an employee of the Assessor's Office who performs real property assessing duties must have attained the level of certification. An employee of the Assessor who is responsible for placing an assessed value on real property must have attained Level III certification. So, that's anybody that's touching properties and affecting values, which is a large portion of our office. That's what we do.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Alright.

President Koehler Lindsey: Question? Go ahead.

Councilmember Shetler: Can we control that though? I mean, can we put a cap on there that we don't, if you don't need more than ten, for example, at Level III, can you put a cap on there to say, you know, we won't, basically allow only ten people to be Level III's and that's that? We're not going to—

Cindy Vaught: Right, and I think we have a certain number that we know we need, and I think that's what Bill was speaking of, that what he's budgeted for is all he'll ever ask for. We don't plan on raising the number of Level III's, aside from the people we have on that path right now.

Councilmember Shetler: So, we can manage that number?

Cindy Vaught: Yes. Yes, unless, you know, there would be a legislative change that would require some additional work, or, you know, increase the workload. As far as things are right now, we think we know what that manageable number is.

Councilmember Shetler: So, what if someone out, you know, that's working in the office decides well, I think I'm just going to go ahead and get my \$1,000, and you're already at the ten and that would put you to 11. How are you able to manage that?

Cindy Vaught: You mean, if they wanted to do it by their choice?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Cindy Vaught: Well, I think the statute reads that anybody's able to take those examinations and attain that, but I don't think if it were sanctioned by our office that it would fall under the requirement for that stipend.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, good. Thanks.

Cindy Vaught: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: Do you have, you have 22 of your 28 employees have Level III's, is that correct? Or, am I reading this wrong.

Bill Fluty: 15.

Councilmember Goebel: Fifteen have?

Cindy Vaught: Of 37 employees total in the office?

Bill Fluty: Yes.

Cindy Vaught: We have 37 total.

Bill Fluty: And we have 15 that are Level III's currently, and we have others on the path to be Level III's.

Councilmember Goebel: And they will all receive the stipend?

Cindy Vaught: Once they attain the Level III.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't, I still am a little confused. I thought you said you were going to limit that at ten.

Cindy Vaught: I think he said he said the number ten.

Councilmember Goebel: Oh, you used that number?

Councilmember Shetler: I was using an arbitrary number.

Councilmember Goebel: It's easy to confuse me.

President Koehler Lindsey: I guess, my question for you guys is that, these stipends show up where? On the budget on page 20, or is that back in the 99?

Bill Fluty: 99.

President Koehler Lindsey: 99? So, you've got the stipends included in the budget on 99, but yet you managed to decrease the budget by 21 percent. So, that's a great example of how we can manage money when we need to and take care of things. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: That's the entire Reassessment budgets, the 21 percent, just to be clear on that. Okay, page 64.

Councilmember Bassemier: One more question. I've got a question. How many employees do you have in your office? Forty something?

Bill Fluty: 37.

Cindy Vaught: Yeah, 37.

Councilmember Bassemier: And, how many touch properties? You said they have to have this Level III.

Cindy Vaught: Well, we have, how many do we have in the real estate?

Bill Fluty: There's 37 in the whole office, but if we would go to the full amount, it would be a little less, about 26, I think would be touching properties, because they're on the path. You've got to remember though that it takes a while. These classes aren't held all the time. The testing is not held all the time. We have new employees, and we have people retiring and coming in and taking things. So, if somebody, we have a couple that are just beginning that process, it may take two years to three years to attain that. We want to always send somebody to class here locally, because we don't want to pay for the hotel—

Councilmember Bassemier: I can see where you have to have somebody extra all the time.

Bill Fluty: -- so we're waiting for those classes to be held here locally, or we're hosting those classes, rather than send somebody for five nights hotel lodging and being in per diem up in Indianapolis. So, we're going at a slower pace to save that money, rather than do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I see.

Bill Fluty: So, it takes a while, but Level II gets them into a, which is an online testing, and then driving for the test. Level II gets them to a certain point, but doesn't get them the rest of the way. So, we have to hold them off certain work until we get that, but since it's always a process, we have to do what we can.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. Thank you.

Bill Fluty: So, we always have somebody ready with a Level III to do the work.

Councilmember Shetler: Just to be clear about it, you basically will need 26 eventually of the Level III's. You have 15 that are now certified, and you have 11 on the path?

Bill Fluty: It's around that number, yes, but it's a flow. You know, they'll come and go, as people retire, people get hired. The \$27,000—

Councilmember Shetler: But, the \$26,000 is what you need now, is the cap?

Bill Fluty: Pretty close, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: But, you've got 22, correct, according to this sheet?

Cindy Vaught: We have 15 currently with Level III's, and we have some people that have taken some of the testing but have not received certification yet.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, so that \$27,000 out of Reassessment is not totally accurate at this point?

Bill Fluty: We won't spend that much, but I felt it was just to give you the full amount that I would ever come before you asking for now. If that money isn't spent, it's just going to roll back into the Reassessment Fund next year. I didn't want to come up here and ask for \$18,000, come up the next year and go through this again and tell you that I need another \$3,000 because we had to do this. This is the top number we'll ever be asking for, and we're not going to spend that much.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's move on to page, let's see, where are we at now? Did we do PTABOA? 101?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Thanks, Bill, Cindy.

Councilmember Raben: There's nothing—

Bill Fluty: I think PTABOA is just the same as last year.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, same as, actually, I think it's less.

Bill Fluty: A little less.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, it's down about 24 percent. Sales Disclosure, page 64. Are there any questions on 64? None? Okay.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Does your training for your levels, is that what's coming out of the Education and Training here?

Bill Fluty: That's correct.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Is that right?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's move to the County Auditor, page four. Thank you, Bill.

Bill Fluty: Thank you guys.

AUDITOR/REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Are there any questions on page four or five?

Councilmember Montrastelle: These are step increases on the salaries?

Joe Gries: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we will move to page 93. Is there any questions on page 93? This budget is down because of the KRONOS upgrade last year.

Joe Gries: We've completed that upgrade. All departments that are using the timekeeping system have the upgrade in place, and we will not need funds for that next year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: Who is not using the timekeeping system?

Joe Gries: I should have realized this question was going to come. Prosecutor, Courts, Records Office that's about it.

Councilmember Shetler: As far as, you know, managing, you know, our HR records and stuff like that, I mean, do they have something else in play?

Joe Gries: They do, absolutely. They will input their time for payroll into the current payroll system, which is our MUNIS system. They then track their own accruals, and they are required to keep that up to date, based on state statutes. If the state would ever require to view those records, they would have to provide them. The courts actually, each year, at the end of each year, give us a summary for the year for that.

Councilmember Shetler: Does the KRONOS system, does that give us a better accountability?

Joe Gries: In my mind it does.

Councilmember Montrastelle: How so?

Joe Gries: Well, for my office, for instance, everybody has a card that comes in and they swipe their card when they come in to the office, they swipe out for lunch, swipe back in, and then again at the end of the day. You know that they're there. They're performing their duties. If I'm not there or my Chief Deputy's not there, you know, we're in charge of managing our office, we can look at the system and determine if an individual was there that day for however many hours.

Councilmember Shetler: So, there's no oversight by your department, which is kind of somewhat of an HR department we have for the county. So, there's no oversight, and so therefore no real regulatory type of provisions that we can do on those that are not a part of the central system?

Joe Gries: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, I'm unclear as to why, how did it ever get to the point where any other offices, I mean, the courts is a large part of our entire system. I guess, we can bring that up here in a few minutes, but, yeah, I mean, when we're getting into paying accrued times and what have you, I would like to know that the numbers that we're paying out are accurate numbers. I mean, if it's good enough for the rest of the county, why isn't it good enough for these other offices.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's a good question.

Councilmember Raben: I think it's, you know, maybe we need to put our foot down. Maybe it needs to be instructed to you, that, you know, if you're not using KRONOS, you don't get paid.

Joe Gries: When the original system was put in place, the KRONOS system twenty some odd years ago, I believe it was listed an option for office holders, elected officials, and some decided not to. I guess, that's continued, there hasn't been anything from the Commissioners or the Council to mandate it. I don't believe I have the authority to tell anyone that they have to keep their time, I just have to have the records to do payroll. So, they have to tell me how many hours this person has worked in a payroll time frame, so that I can pay them correctly. They're responsible for keeping their records.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, this would be a question for our legal expert here, but I think we would have that authority, you know, as the funding body to enforce that.

Joe Gries: The KRONOS system we have in place is a very good system and can be added on to departments. The clocks that we have are a couple thousand dollars, you know, the software is already in place so we wouldn't really change anything that we would need there. It's through a cloud based system, so it's online. We can provide training.

Councilmember Shetler: So, basically, those departments who are not on it, they're kind of doing something by hand?

Joe Gries: Yeah, spreadsheets, by hand, I'm not sure. Like I said, the courts provide us, at the end of the year, with what we call a 99A, which is an employee record state form, and they provide that to us at the end of each year that shows the summary for that year. So, I think that's in a spreadsheet.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, the examples where it probably doesn't work if you're not reporting to the office.

Joe Gries: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, if you leave your home and you're, I don't know what those examples are within the county, but I'm sure they exist.

Joe Gries: Well, for example, the Sheriff's Department is probably a pretty good example of that, but they use actually the KRONOS system as well, and they work it out through their departments and their supervisors that time that is taken off is reported and so that is all kept track of by the Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. This is probably a topic for later on in the year, but I think it's something we need to look at between now and January 1.

President Koehler Lindsey: I agree. I was just going to say that if we were to decide to go this way, it could be just with the caveat of if there's a valid explanation or reason, or there's something else that we know is an accurate timekeeping measure.

Councilmember Raben: Well, Judge Kiely may shed some light on that in regards to the courts.

Councilmember Goebel: Could you fund that out of this?

Joe Gries: Absolutely. We could pay for any new clocks and training.

Councilmember Goebel: So, there would be no cost to the department?

Joe Gries: Or General Fund.

Councilmember Goebel: Or General Fund, thank you.

Joe Gries: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 98 is the Reassessment budget. It looks like it's the same.

Joe Gries: It's the same as last year, we just switched the numbers on what is what.

Councilmember Raben: Any questions? Anymore questions of the Auditor and the Auditor's requests? None? Joe, on behalf of the whole Council, you already have gone

through a pretty huge exercise getting us to where we're at, and the work's not over yet. So, thanks in advance.

Joe Gries: I enjoy working with you all.

Councilmember Raben: To you and your whole staff.

Joe Gries: Thank you.

JAIL BOND

Councilmember Raben: We will go to page 109, Jail Bond. This is what it is. This is our debt service for the County Jail. You know, what is the, when is this—

Joe Gries: 2031?

Councilmember Raben: Well, good luck, folks, on voting on that.

President Koehler Lindsey: You're not going to be here then?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Councilmember Montrastelle: What was the question?

Councilmember Bassemier: You'll still be here, won't you, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: On the debt service for the Jail.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, it will be, John, that will be for you younger guys and gals up here.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, right, right. You'll be here.

Councilmember Terry: I missed something.

Councilmember Raben: Voting on the last bond payment for retiring that debt service on the jail in 2031.

CIRCUIT COURT CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Judge, you're it, page 41.

David Kiely: Good morning, David Kiely, Circuit Court. 1360, the Circuit Court budget, it's the same budget as last year. There is a \$30,000 increase due to step raises, that's the only change.

Councilmember Goebel: And, the only item that you've added, Judge, is the new Magistrate you were able to work through the state legislature funding?

David Kiely: Yes, and I think that was added this year.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes. Well, I don't know, was it?

David Kiely: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Oh, it was pro-rated, okay.

David Kiely: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: So, it's \$4,000, that's quite a deal for us. Thank you for that work.

Councilmember Raben: Judge, you heard our discussion on KRONOS. I guess, I wasn't aware that, no fault of yours, you're really the new kid on the block.

David Kiely: Well, I say that, I've been here 17 years, so, I don't know about that. Not in this position, but in the courts.

Councilmember Goebel: Will you be here in 2031 when the jail is paid for?

Councilmember Raben: But, in regards to KRONOS, in a staff and in an area as large as the court system, why, I mean, are you okay, are comfortable with going to the KRONOS system?

David Kiely: Well, I'm not familiar, I don't know exactly what it is first of all, but, from what I heard, it sounds like you want to throw money at something where there isn't a problem. I mean, that's what struck me. I mean, we supervise our employees, and we turn in the required paperwork, and there's not a problem. So, why you want to spend additional money, I'm not sure. I think the courts are a little different in that, one, I think we have certain departments that are outside this building, that that may create a problem, not knowing exactly what KRONOS is. We have parts of our Probation in another building. I assume that would cost more to implement and program over there. Then, also, I think the court personnel is a little unique in that we're in and out of the building, for probation, for counseling, for continuing education and those things. So, I mean, that was the first thing that went through my mind.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible) we're having this discussion.

David Kiely: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I'm sure the accountability is good. I mean, I'm not questioning that, but it's more along the lines of the consistency within the entire county. You know, if, I mean, if we've got other departments and office holders utilizing the KRONOS system, you know, why isn't everybody? You know, there's opportunity for lapse, I mean, even though we think we're doing a bang up job, you know, there's always opportunities that, where that doesn't always maybe, you know, happen just like you think it is. I mean, you're relying on a lot of other people that things are being done right, but, in your busy world, it may not, you know—

David Kiely: I'm responsible for my employees, and I make sure they do what they're supposed to. If they're not, I'm the one that takes responsibility for it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Well, that's my piece, and I appreciate that. I respect your opinion on that. Any other questions?

Councilmember Montrastelle: I do. Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Special Reporter?

David Kiely: Yes?

Councilmember Montrastelle: You've got a 31 percent increase there. What do you have in mind there? As far as why is that increasing?

David Kiely: I don't think so. It shouldn't be.

Councilmember Montrastelle: On page 42. Am I on the wrong page? I'm sorry.

Joe Gries: Karen, it's line 3944.

Karen Angermeier: Yeah, you're right, John.

David Kiely: Special Reporter?

Joe Gries: \$12,500. The budget for '15 was \$9,500.

Councilmember Montrastelle: It is \$12,500, but it's a 31 percent increase.

Joe Gries: The budget for '15—

Councilmember Raben: We budgeted \$9,500 last year, the request is \$12,500 this year.

Karen Angermeier: Everything I'm showing it shows \$12,500. (Inaudible) spreadsheets.

Joe Gries: The request for this year, but for 2015 we're showing a budget of \$9,500.

Councilmember Terry: But, they are correct, that it is reflected at \$12,500 what we budgeted and approved.

Joe Gries: It is for '15?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Joe Gries: Okay, so that's just a typo then. That's our mistake.

Councilmember Raben: You're probably, Karen, from looking at prior history, the \$9,500 is probably the correct number? So, we'll make that adjustment. Okay, and lastly, page 102, this is the Supplemental Adult Probation budget.

David Kiely: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: This budget is almost to the penny of last year.

David Kiely: Yes. It's step raises also, but, actually we had, I think we decreased –

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, it looks like you decreased Counseling.

David Kiely: -- three items. Well, Counseling we're requesting \$4,000 less, and then Contractual Services we're requesting \$10,000 less.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, good job on that, because you've got some step increases and some other things that really kind of nip away at this budget without those adjustments in the other lines. So, thank you.

David Kiely: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Any other questions on this budget? Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Not a question about the budget, but just a point, going back to the KRONOS for just one moment. I think, I mean, because, Judge, just hearing this for the first time we really, I don't think any of us were aware of it. In all fairness, perhaps what we ought to do is establish a committee again, for Circuit, Superior and perhaps even the others that are affected by and try to get with the Auditor and let's sit down with Council and maybe a Commissioner –

David Kiely: I agree.

Councilmember Shetler: -- and work out, you know, why. There may have been issues 15-20 years ago that were relevant, and perhaps today they're not. Maybe things have changed enough that it would be easier on you guys.

David Kiely: That would be fine.

Councilmember Shetler: I think the costs are minimal, but by the same time, I think we ought to—

David Kiely: I think the courts would be receptive to that.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Judge, is any of this Travel down to the lake to do some fishing?

David Kiely: No, none of this Travel is down to the lake to go fishing.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay. I'm kidding.

David Kiely: I do that on my off time.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I'm kidding.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any other questions for the Judge? Thank you so much.

David Kiely: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: We appreciate you being here and working with us. Alright are there any other questions or comments to come before the committee at this time? Mr. Auditor?

Joe Gries: I was off by three years. The bonds will actually be paid off in 2028.

President Koehler Lindsey: 2028? So, Stephanie, you might still be around.

Councilmember Shetler: There may be a couple around then.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. If there is nothing further to come before us. We're still recessing correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: We are recessing this hearing until, I believe it takes back up after our next Council meeting on the 26th. Is that right, Teri?

Teri Lukeman: Yes. September 2nd.

President Koehler Lindsey: September 2nd? Okay, on the 26th we don't have any budgets, so we will recess until September the 2nd. Thank you all so much. Have a wonderful weekend.

(The meeting was recessed at 11:06 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Tom Shetler

James Raben

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of September, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: Good morning. We're going to call to order the September 2nd meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance please.

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

President Koehler Lindsey: There being all seven members present, zero members absent, we do have a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

President Koehler Lindsey: I would like to ask this morning for Councilman Goebel to please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Councilman Shetler.

(The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were given.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much, gentlemen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we move now to approval of minutes from the August 5th meeting. Do I have a motion for approval?

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: We're going to move to Personnel Requests now. The first one is for Superior Court. We have a request to fill vacancies for the Bailiff Transport Officer and Supervisor of Intake & Dispositional Staff.

Bernie Faraone: Good morning.

President Koehler Lindsey: Could everyone as you come forward please state your name for the record.

Bernie Faraone: Sure. Bernie Faraone, and I'm with the Juvenile Division of the Superior Court.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Bernie Faraone: Actually we have, just to clarify, a request for approval for two replacements. The first position that you identified as Bailiff, part-time Bailiff Transport, was approved for a change name at the last meeting. So, it's the same line item, no additional funds, but it's identified as a Case Manager at this time.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Great.

Bernie Faraone: And, it was approved. Then, the second position is actually just a line Probation Officer. We have the right the line number identified, but that position was vacated based on the person that was in that line item was promoted to a Supervisor Probation Officer that retired last week.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. So we have two items?

Bernie Faraone: And then part three of that would be, is if you approve the hire of the second one, the full-time line Probation Officer, by us doing the promotion, the person that vacated that was promoted into the Supervisor position, is we needed additional, we needed approval for identified funding to be transferred, and that would be part three.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright is that on this second August 10th item? So we have that in the records?

Bernie Faraone: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Bernie Faraone: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, are there questions from Council at this time?

Councilmember Shetler: Motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion to approve? Is there a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Bernie Faraone: Thank you very much.

COUNTY CLERK-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, moving on into the Clerk. We have a request to fill two vacancies. I'm not going to read all of that off, I'll let you explain that.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning. Debbie Stucki, County Clerk.

President Koehler Lindsey: Good morning.

Debbie Stucki: It's actually for three full time vacancies and the one part time. If I could just remind Council, when I took office in 2013 there were three vacancies the latter part of the year, and I didn't fill those right away and waited and evaluated those, and I cut two of those positions for 2014, and Council cut a third line item.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Debbie Stucki: So, you know, my two and half years in office we've cut three employees from our roster, so to speak.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and you're finding ways to get maybe more done with less people, or as much done with fewer people?

Debbie Stucki: If we could keep what we have would be great. In August they just hired a new magistrate, you know, because of the increased work load. The Prosecutor has asked for five new people to help with the work load.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Debbie Stucki: I'm not asking for more people, I'm just asking to keep what I have.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Debbie Stucki: Because all of that paperwork funnels through our office. So, I think what we have now is a good number to keep.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any questions from members of Council?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, you may keep those positions.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Debbie Stucki: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

SHERIFF-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Next is the Sheriff's Office request to fill vacancies. We should have all of the paperwork for that. Good morning, sir.

Dave Wedding: Hello, Sheriff Dave Wedding.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, it looks like we have a Court Screener, Civilian Clerk, Nurse and Confinement Officer. Any further information?

Dave Wedding: This Court Screener, that's the one we're changing from the Civilian to Deputy Sheriff that we'd discussed previously, and we're making that change.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Does that, is that something that we're doing as those positions become vacant? So, we'll see some others in the future that will be switched from Civilian to the Deputies?

Dave Wedding: Right, we'll do it through attrition.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Dave Wedding: We'll replace a Court Screener out. Our Court Screener presently is going to be a Confinement Officer. So, they transferred that, so he didn't lose his job, and then we're filling that with a Deputy Sheriff.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, great. Questions from Council? Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I don't know if it's so much a question to you, Sheriff. I think I saw it here, is there a way, David, because we've talked about this a little bit over the last couple of years that, you know, particularly now that we're getting away from the Screeners and more towards Deputies that are fully armed and ready to go, could we perhaps look at cutting back on some of the security that we have within this building, which would then reduce our Rent a little bit here?

Dave Rector: Dave Rector, Building Authority. Currently it's a Teamster contractual issue right now. The Sheriff and I discussed trying to utilize the Deputy Screeners to help us with that, and, whereas, the position of the Teamsters is they can't necessarily force me to fill the empty position, but they certainly aren't going to let somebody else do their contractual duties within the Civic Center. So, we need to fill the positions to take care of the security. However, keep in mind too, with these positions, as the Sheriff fills them, I put those in the budget and it's equally distributed by occupancy between the city and the county. So, you aren't paying the full amount.

Councilmember Shetler: Correct. How many of the security people do we have on staff for the building?

Dave Rector: Five, and that covers 24/7. They work, we cover round the clock every day of the year.

Councilmember Shetler: Is there a way that we could utilize them, by re-scheduling, so that really from after five when we've got our normal, 4:30 whatever time our Screeners are, you know, the Sheriff personnel is actually manning the building as such, is there a way that we could utilize those more on the afterhours, and that might be a way of saving some money here too.

Dave Rector: We can take a look at that. What you probably aren't aware of too, with the Building Authority taking on more and more responsibilities for other buildings, they're also, during rounds they take care of looking at the Ford Center, the garages, the Victory, CK Newsome, we even, as a courtesy, take of going through METS in the evening when the busses come through. So, they've taken on more responsibility than in the past years.

Councilmember Shetler: Then the city gets, they pay for that?

Dave Rector: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: METS service security?

Dave Rector: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay. I'm thinking here, alright, thank you, David.

Dave Rector: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Councilmember Goebel: I do have a question. The Screener will not be filled until October 19, correct?

Dave Wedding: Yeah, I believe that's when they're going to be filled. Are you talking about the Deputy Sheriff position?

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, well, the Court Screener, when you replace—

Dave Wedding: Yeah, with a Deputy. It's going to be at the latter part of October—

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Dave Wedding: -- because we're going to send that Deputy to the Academy November 16th. So, it would be at the end of October.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you, Sheriff.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, it states on here 9/8/15, and the funding will take place October 19th.

Dave Wedding: Right.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, any other questions? Alright, roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much.

Dave Wedding: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, Prosecutor is up next, request to fill vacancy for Legal Secretary. Mr. Prosecutor, good morning.

Nick Hermann: Good morning. We were requesting to fill one of our Legal Secretary positions.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any questions from members of Council?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN:REQUEST TO RECLASSIFY & TITLE CAD/GIS SPECIALIST & DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR AS RECOMMENDED BY PAC

President Koehler Lindsey: I can't talk this morning. Good morning, Mr. London, Area Plan.

Ron London: Good morning.

President Koehler Lindsey: It looks like we are reclassifying two positions.

Ron London: Two positions.

President Koehler Lindsey: This is what we saw in Job Study, correct?

Ron London: Correct.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any questions from members of Council?

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: Next up we have the Highway request to fill vacancy for Equipment Operator. We had this on our desks this morning, replacing Highway Operator.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President? I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: It looks like we've all done our homework, and we're ready to roll this morning.

<p>HEALTH DEPARTMENT-RETITLE & RECLASSIFY VARIOUS POSITIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE & FILL VACANCY FOR ADMINISTRATOR AS RECOMMENDED BY PAC</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Health Department. This might take just a second. I don't know, Dr. Spear, if you want to speak at all to these. Again, this is recommended by the Personnel Administration Committee.

Ken Spear: Dr. Spear, the Vanderburgh County Health Department. Two requests today, number one is to reclassify our clerical people to Administrative Aides and to cross train all of our clerical people so we can rotate them into the positions that have the most need at the time, such as Vital Records during vacation or illness, or up to Environmental in the summer when water requests are really high, or wherever we need to rotate them without trying to fill new positions. I think for the efficiency of the Department this makes a lot of sense.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great. Questions? Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: A motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Ken Spear: The next position is Administrator. We've not had an official Administrator for the past year, and I've operated as Health Officer and Administrator, saving one salary. During that period of time to try assess the needs of a new Administrator, and therefore add a new job description developed by BKD and Tim Deisher. I think it's very important to get a very strong administrative lead within the Department, number one, for continuity of management and for development. The role of the Health Officer nationally is anywhere from two to four years. So, it's a very transient position, it's usually filled by a retired physician or a part time physician in smaller health departments, and doesn't really allow for the kind of continuity that's necessary if the department is going to continue to grow and to develop relationships with the state and to go after grants. I think the opportunities in the Health Department are just unmeasurable with good continued leadership. So, I would really strongly ask you to support this.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great. We do appreciate all that you've done and know that this is a process that we're going through to realign everything. Are there questions from members of Council, or a motion?

Councilmember Montrastelle: A question.

President Koehler Lindsey: John?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Doctor, is it Ginger Patton, your Administrator?

Ken Spear: No.

Councilmember Montrastelle: No?

Ken Spear: No, Ginger is an Executive Secretary.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Oh, I'm sorry.

Ken Spear: We actually will have to post this for a new Administrator role.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any other questions? If not, I would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Terry: I move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Ken Spear: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir. Have a great day.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we move now to the appropriation ordinance. At this time, I will turn this over to Finance Chairman, Councilman Raben.

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. First on the agenda is Area Plan, the request is in the amount of \$8,682. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-124116	CAD/GIS SPECIALIST	2,920	2,920
1240-190000	FICA	224	224
1240-191000	PERF	328	328
1240-124118	DEPT. ADMINISTRATOR	4,383	4,383
1240-190000	FICA	336	336
1240-191000	PERF	491	491
TOTAL		8,682	8,682

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VETERANS SERVICES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Veterans Services, a request for Extra Help and FICA in the amount of \$1,568. This is to make up for the difference in raising the Part Time hourly rate last year that did not get in the 2015 budget. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

VETERANS SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1270-199000	EXTRA HELP	1,456	1,456
1270-190000	FICA	112	112
TOTAL		1,568	1,568

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION CENTRE OPERATION FUND

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last is Convention Centre Operating. We were given a list of items in need of repair and replacement. The request is for \$309,955. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Roll call please.

Councilmember Raben: Well, with a question.

President Koehler Lindsey: Question.

Councilmember Raben: Dave, were there any adjustments to this? Or is that still the number?

Dave Rector: That's still a good number. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: And, Dave, thank you for submitting the prioritization so we can kind of take a look at what we need to do next year.

Dave Rector: No, good suggestion. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: We appreciate it. Alright, no questions? Okay, roll call...oh, one more. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Did you decide what you would do with the old dishwasher?

Dave Rector: Yeah, Councilman Shetler's suggestion was really good. I'm going to use that for spare parts, hopefully, for the jail to fix that one up. We've got some issues with it out there, and hopefully those spare parts can be used to save us some money there.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, I didn't know if that would work or not. Thank you.

Dave Rector: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, awesome. Any further questions? Okay, then we'll do roll call.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

CONVENTION CENTRE OPERATION FD		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4005-414000	CENTRE CIP	309,955	309,955
TOTAL		309,955	309,955

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

President Koehler Lindsey: That takes us to the back.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, and next we’ve got a fairly long list of transfers. I’m sure everyone has taken the opportunity to review those. So, I am going to move that we accept all transfers as submitted.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

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

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1010-101114	CASHIER/CHILD SUPPORT	5,046	5,046
1010-101124	ASST CHIEF DEP/CHILD SUPP	2,146	2,146
1010-101128	SR CLERK/SMALL CLAIMS	1,646	1,646
1010-101129	ASST CHIEF DEPUTY	360	360
1010-101131	M/T CALENDAR CLERK	1,154	1,154
1010-101133	BOOKKEEPING CLERK	2,418	2,418
1010-101138	M/T COURT WARRANT CLERK	1,707	1,707
1010-101142	M/T COURT WARRANT CLERK	1,663	1,663
1010-101144	BOOKKEEPING CLERK	134	134
1010-101145	ASST CHIEF DEPUTY/ADMIN	2,698	2,698

1010-101147	ASST SUPERVSR/BOOKKEEPING	132	132
1010-101152	CIR/SUP COUNTER CLERK	312	312
1010-101153	CASHIER/CHILD SUPPORT	315	315
To:			
1010-101118	JUVENILE CLERK	11,872	11,872
1010-101157	M/T WARRANT CLERK	1,019	1,019
1010-101165	SMALL CLAIMS SERVICE CLERK	6,840	6,840

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1370-260000	SUPPLIES	1,000	1,000
1370-394700	PAUPER TRANSCRIPTS	250	250
To:			
1370-394100	GUARDIAN AD-LITEM	1,250	1,250

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1370-372000	LAB TESTS	1,500	1,500
To:			
1370-394900	HOME STUDY/ADOPTION	1,500	1,500

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1370-137167	PROBATION OFFICER- JUVENILE	2,320	2,320
1370-137143	PROBATION OFFICER	4,938	4,938
1370-137148	INTAKE PROBATION OFFICER	631	631
1370-137131	PART-TIME BAILIFF/TRANS OFF	4,101	4,101
1370-137134	BAILIFF	229	229
To:			
1370-137149	PROB. OFFICER SUPERVISOR	12,219	12,219

HEALTH DEPT.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1159-115952	NURSE/HCP/PART-TIME	4,451	4,451
To:			
1159-115939	ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	954	954
1159-115940	ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	1,033	1,033
1159-115944	ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	1,521	1,521
1159-115946	ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	943	943

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1175-117536	CONFINEMENT OFFICER	10,000	10,000
To:			
1175-199000	PART-TIME	10,000	10,000

HIGHWAY DEPT.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1176-300000	INSURANCE	50,000	50,000
To:			
1176-223000	GARAGE & MOTOR	50,000	50,000

HIGHWAY DEPT.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1176-300000	INSURANCE	1,000	1,000
To:			
1176-361000	LEGAL SERVICES	1,000	1,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, that takes us to new business. The travel requests, we have two this morning, the Assessor, or two departments, and it looks like the Health Department has two. I'm sure Council has had time to review those. Do I have any questions? If not, I would entertain a motion to approve.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: A motion and a second to approve travel requests. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed? Same sign.

(None opposed)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the travel requests are approved. Oh, goodie, I get to sign all of those.

(Motion approved 7-0)

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, good morning again. We're going to move into a public hearing phase. We have two budgets to hear this morning. So, if there's anyone present to speak on the Solid Waste Management District budget, we will have you come forward at this time. State your name please for the record. I'll say, as you're

coming up, I'm a member of the Solid Waste District Board, and we did review and our board did approve the budget yesterday, recommended approving.

Janet Coudret: Good morning, Janet Coudret, Deputy Controller for the City. Joe Ballard could not be here today to present his budget. So, I'll present it for him. Do you have a copy in front of you of his budget?

President Koehler Lindsey: We do have a copy yes.

Janet Coudret: Okay, does anybody have any questions? I can take questions back to Joe if I don't know the specifics. It looks like other than any salary related items, his budget has remained flat.

President Koehler Lindsey: Correct.

Janet Coudret: With a slight decrease in his Tipping Fees, and I think that's just based on actual revenue that came in.

President Koehler Lindsey: Correct, and if I remember from the meeting yesterday, they do have the city proposed salary increase, because this is a city office that's in there. So, that will depend upon approval of the City Council and how that works out.

Janet Coudret: Exactly. Right.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any questions?

Councilmember Raben: None. I will move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, are there, is anyone present from the audience that's here to speak on this budget today? Alright, do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second.

Joe Gries: President Koehler Lindsey? I'm sorry.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, sir?

Joe Gries: We're, I don't believe, we don't have to approve the budget today.

President Koehler Lindsey: Oh, great.

Joe Gries: This is for discussion, and then the final budget would be approved on the 30th.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, then we'll—

Councilmember Raben: I'll withdraw my motion.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll withdraw my second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Great. We were ready to move along. Thank you, Mr. Auditor. Okay, then if there are no further questions, thank you for being here today.

Janet Coudret: Okay, thank you.

EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH AIRPORT AUTHORITY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, so now we're in the public hearing, and no voting, on the Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority budget. Is there anyone here to present that budget? Do any Councilmembers have any questions after having reviewed that? We did receive this in our packets, that we can take back to the Airport Authority. I'll give you just a second to look at that. Are there any members of the audience that are here to ask questions or speak to the Airport Authority budget today?

Councilmember Raben: There might be some confusion on the time, because I do know that I saw Doug a few days ago and he was going, his intent was to be here.

President Koehler Lindsey: Oh, yeah, to be here?

Councilmember Raben: So, yeah, so, I think he might think it's the next meeting.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, that's understandable. Okay, well, then, I guess, that concludes the public hearing on the Airport Authority. Perhaps if Doug does come during the next meeting, we can have him present it at that time.

GAGE/TAX PHASE-IN COMPLIANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so we will move in to the tax phase-in compliance and GAGE. Good morning.

Andrea Lendy: Good morning. For the record, my name is Andrea Lendy, and I'm the Business Services Coordinator with the Growth Alliance. In your packets you will find a summary spreadsheet, the CF-1's of the companies, and letters of explanation from both Big Shoe Properties, also known as Shoe Carnival, and PGP, addressing their companies less than 90 percent compliance. Should you decide not to grant compliance based on the two letters of explanation, I will submit a letter to the companies requesting a company representative to appear at the next Council meeting to answer any questions. Then, after discussions with the representative, the Council can grant compliance or propose a resolution to withdraw tax phase-in if the company does not meet the requirements for compliance. Do you guys have any questions?

President Koehler Lindsey: Questions from members of Council? I know this was also in our packets, so, hopefully, you've had time to review that. We got quite a bit of information from the Shoe Carnival and the spreadsheet. Any questions? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: We'll discuss when a representative is here, is that correct?

President Koehler Lindsey: Do what now?

Andrea Lendy: No.

Shance Sizemore: Shance Sizemore with the Growth Alliance. So, the way it's typically and historically has worked, is based upon the 90 percent mark we ask for a letter in their place of a representative, just because there could be lots of people coming through. Sometimes it's as easy as being explained. What would happen is if you decide by their letter that they are non-compliant, or they haven't made the efforts to be compliant, then we would start the proceedings to cancel the abatement. The same if you were on Council last year, we did that with a property in the Vanderburgh Industrial Park, and then that basically kicks into the statute, which would force them to bring a representative here to defend their capacity to keep the abatement.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, and actually I was wrong, it looks like we don't have the letter yet from the Big Shoe Properties.

Andrea Lendy: No, it is in there.

President Koehler Lindsey: It is in here? Okay.

Shance Sizemore: Correct.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, we have letters from both companies.

Shance Sizemore: Correct, and Big Shoe, with these, it's project based. So, instead of having their entire corporation numbers in there, you have projects based upon their location. I believe, on this one they had discussed some drop in their employment based upon some of the economic factors that were going in. I know at other locations they've hired and actually exceeded their limit, or their employment amount, as well as their currently in hiring mode again. We've recently talked to both of these companies.

President Koehler Lindsey: I guess, my question would be, your office has reviewed the letters and the explanations, correct?

Shance Sizemore: Correct.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do you feel that these are valid explanations? What is the recommendation from GAGE as to whether we need to pursue this or not?

Shance Sizemore: At this point, I would say continue. They are still trying to meet their numbers. They've put in every effort to keep investment in the city, as well as continue hiring. So, our recommendation would be to pass and vote them as in compliance moving forward.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: The point is, is that they have a few different sectors that qualify for the abatement. In some of those sectors they are over that 90 percent.

Shance Sizemore: Correct.

Councilmember Shetler: Some they are under, and as a whole, if you take it all together, are they meeting that 90 percent then?

Shance Sizemore: They're very close. I don't know what that total number is, just because it's such project based, but overall I know that they're above, in the city's area, the headquarters is located in the city and that's where a lot of the hiring has been, there's a lot of transition in the shift as well. I know we talked to them recently and they have several vacant positions opening up in the warehouse area.

Councilmember Shetler: Let me, maybe ask a question a little differently. From the time that they received the abatement to now, has their overall employment increased?

Shance Sizemore: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay. Alright, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, any other questions from members of Council. Councilman Goebel, did you have a question or a comment?

Councilmember Goebel: No, we all know that Shoe Carnival chose Vanderburgh County over moving to Florida years ago, and I think it's been a mainstay here for our community. So, whatever we can do I think might be worth considering. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Big Shoe sent multiple pages of information, that typically we don't get that much information. So, they tell the whole story, but something that's impressive, you know, even through the downturn, they were able to, according to their information, maintain 87 ½ percent of their employment, or employees. So, that's pretty strong.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: Are you looking for a motion?

President Koehler Lindsey: I was just going to ask, do we need to do two separate motions on these? Can we take them together? Do we need to vote? What do we need to do, Counselor?

Jeff Ahlers: Unless you are wanting to have a particular company come in for a compliance hearing, if you're just going to approve them all, I think you can just name them all in one motion and approve them. If you're going to handle someone differently, I would single them out separately.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, that makes sense then. Are there any questions, then we'll move to the PGP. Any questions from members of Council? We did receive a letter indicating that they do expect to achieve their target employee number in the future. It was a one page letter. Any questions or comments? Do we want, I would entertain a motion on either Shoe Carnival or PGP or both for approval.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved on both. I'll just wrap it up into one motion here.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, we are going to approve the Shoe Carnival and PGP. Any other questions? Alright.

Shance Sizemore: Do you want to include the other, the rest, the ones that are in green as well?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. Do we want to include that in our motion?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes, yes, all inclusive.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, do we want to include that second?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: That would include? Is that Azteca, Big Shoe—

Councilmember Raben: It would include, AGNL Bottling, or Bottles, LLC; Gruma Corporation, which is Azteca.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Shance Sizemore: There should be a Berry Plastics.

Councilmember Raben: And then Berry Plastics.

President Koehler Lindsey: Berry Plastics, right. This back page.

Councilmember Raben: Which, as an example, to make Tom's point, their employee level was actually nine more than estimated. So, some areas they've, it's kind of a balance, you know, where they may fall behind in property investment or something, and they usually have got a good trade off. So, I'll continue with approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, then when we have a motion and a second to approve all of the entities that have been mentioned. Do we have any further questions? Any further information? Okay, roll call please, or, yeah, let's just do voice vote actually. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign?

(None opposed)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

Shance Sizemore: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, and thank you for all of your hard work. We appreciate it.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF BLANKET BOND

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, next we are ready for the ordinance authorizing purchase of a blanket bond to cover county officers, commission members, employees and contractors acting on behalf of the county. I know Mr. Ahlers, our attorney, has drafted this for us. Did you have any information at this time that we need?

Jeff Ahlers: Just to follow up on the explanation that I sent you by e-mail, was that the General Assembly passed a law this year that required that all employees of the county that in any way have access to or touch money have to be bonded. In the past it used to just be particular officers, and the county typically bought individual bonds for those particular officers or offices. So, now, you know, by our calculations, it may be upwards

of 500 people that would need to have bonds and it would be cost prohibitive, but what the statute did was it had in there a mechanism by which County Council can pass an ordinance that would allow the county to purchase a blanket bond that would then cover all of those employees that are required to be bonded, and that's much, much cheaper. So, that's what this ordinance is, is to enable the County Commissioners to go ahead and proceed with purchasing a blanket bond to fulfill that statute. If you want to pass it all in one reading, you'll need to take a separate motion first. That needs to pass unanimously that you want this to be the first and final reading, and then have a separate motion to pass the ordinance.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Questions by members of Council or comments at this time?

Councilmember Bassemier: Do we have a price tag on that? On that bond?

Jeff Ahlers: I think they've priced that, and I can't remember what the price was. You mean of what the blanket bond will cost?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: I had that, but I don't have it in this folder with me. It's going to be an aggregate bond of two million dollars, but I know it's going to save the county tens of thousands of dollars by going this route.

President Koehler Lindsey: What do we currently do?

Jeff Ahlers: We purchase individual bonds for each of the office holders that require to be bonded by statute. So, they have their own bonds. I don't know, Mr. Gries, do you have those numbers? I had those somewhere, but I don't have that e-mail in my file as to approximately what the amount of the blanket is versus—

Joe Gries: I don't have them with me, but it seems like I remember, it wasn't going to be over \$10,000. I think it was pretty reasonable for the amount of coverage that we're getting.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, and I think the other bonds were costing what, \$1,000-\$2,000 apiece.

Joe Gries: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: So, instead of bonding ten or 20 people, if you're going to have to bond, you know, hundreds, that was going to be a big number.

Councilmember Goebel: The cost of the blanket bond is going to be \$10,000 approximately?

Joe Gries: I don't think it will go above that. I think it was probably closer to five, but I'm just kind of guessing from memory.

Councilmember Goebel: Then your figure of two million is the coverage, is that correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, that's the aggregate amount of the coverage for the bond to then have blanket coverage for all of those employees that have access to or touch money. The problem was, in the past, it was generally, like I say, the office holder, like say the Clerk that had the bond. Now, the way they've written the statute, theoretically, almost, most of the employees, for example, at Burdette Park, because they touch money or have access to it, now have to be bonded.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: So, it's just, you know, whether the legislature understood what they were doing when they said it, I don't know, but this is the mechanism that we have to reduce that cost.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, I think I saw Councilman Shetler first and then Councilman then Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, I'm assuming that a list of names are going to have to be given with social security numbers, etcetera, and then they'll have to approve that. What is there's someone in that grouping, or more than one person that doesn't qualify, or that has a lower rating, or, you know, that they won't cover bond for? Does that individual have to go out and get a separate bond then on this? Or how would that be taken care of? Are they just going to deal with this regardless?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, the County Commissioners are going to take care of this process. So, I'm not sure I can answer your question as to the specific mechanism. At this point, I don't know that there's anybody that is going to present a problem, but, I mean, I think it's just a blanket bond that's going to cover them all.

Joe Gries: It was my understanding in talking with the insurance agent who this is going through, that it's done by position. So, they're actually not really looking at the individual, and can that individual be bonded, because it's a blanket bond. So, they're looking at a list of all of the positions within the county that handle money, and then that position is covered, and whoever is in that position is covered.

Councilmember Goebel: Should we get that a little more clear before we go through with this? Because if someone let's say is non-bondable, that might drive the rate up.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, you've got to buy a bond for them regardless.

Joe Gries: Yeah.

Jeff Ahlers: This is cheaper. You want to do this because otherwise you're going to have to buy an individual bond. This just allows a blanket bond to be purchased. If you don't do this, the county is going to have to go out and buy 500 bonds, for example, if it turns out to be that number. So, you've got a choice, this doesn't say that the Commissioners have to do it. This ordinance allows them to get the blanket bond. Without this ordinance, the statute says you've got to go out and get a bond for each of these people.

Councilmember Goebel: Can we put a rider on there that if someone is in that situation that's going to drive the price of the overall bonds up, that that individual would have to make up the difference, or something like that? So, it would keep the rate—

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I think that's a separate issue.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: I mean, we can express that to the Commissioners. This is just an enabling ordinance that allows the county to go purchase the blanket bond. We can speak with the Commissioners, if you want, about if there is that issue, how they're going to deal with it, but either way you're going to want to have a blanket bond, even if it's a blanket bond for 500, and the 501st person has to have a separate bond, you're going to want them to be able to get a blanket bond where they're going to have to buy an individual bond for every single employee.

Councilmember Shetler: I'm in favor of the concept. I think it's prudent to do this. I guess, the question is, I mean, and we had an incident that happened a few years ago with an elected official who's bond basically was, well, I guess, I don't know if it ended up getting revoked or whatever happened, but we ended up with some serious problems on that. I'm thinking if it's getting opened up to a variety of different employees, that I don't know. You're starting to get into an employment issue here of whether or not we would want to retain them or whatever situation might arise. So, there might have to be some other policies that have to be considered, I think, at the Commissioners level anyway.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I think Tom answered part of my question. I think Mike was kind of wanting to know, for record keeping, shouldn't we have a number there? Because it's going to be a blank check then, isn't it, for this blanket bond? It's a good idea, I mean, it's going to save the county money, but I think anytime you vote on something there should be a number there, shouldn't there?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, there would need to be money placed in their budget, unless they already have it in there to actually, you know, spend money. This is just an enabling ordinance that allows them to pursue purchasing a blanket bond. That's what the statute requires. So, either way, the bonds have to be purchased.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: As far as the amount, if they don't have it in their budget, I assume they will file an appropriation or transfer request, and come before us.

Joe Gries: Council would still be able to control the actual line item.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Joe Gries: Where this would be paid from.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, okay.

Joe Gries: So, you can control that amount.

Councilmember Bassemier: And, a second question, does this bond include all of the Trustees? Will they be covered under this here? Or do those elected officials have to get their own bond, like the one Tom was referring to that didn't take a bond out?

Jeff Ahlers: The ones that the county is responsible for buying bonds for, my understanding is, will be covered by this blanket bond. I am not sure whether the townships purchase their own or not. Do you know?

Joe Gries: I believe it's each taxing unit has to provide their own.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's what I thought.

President Koehler Lindsey: That makes sense.

Joe Gries: So, the county, our taxing unit, would cover county employees. Townships would not be covered.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Good discussion.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Jeff? You said we'll save tens of thousands, but you don't know exactly how much we'll save?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, the reason is because now we currently only bond certain office holders. They're still calculating and going through each of the departments to determine all of the people that have access to money. I just know from talking to Joe Harrison, they were thinking it was 400-500 employees, maybe more, I mean, I think they're still going through that process. So, you know, if those bonds that would normally cost \$1,000 a piece or something, you see that that's a big number versus just buying a blanket bond in a two million dollar aggregate that will cover all of those positions.

Councilmember Raben: You can only imagine what kind of nightmare that would be as people come and go.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Particularly at Burdette Park.

President Koehler Lindsey: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: This is the best option we've got.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I think we might be weighing too much into that it actually gets down to an individual. I think Joe said it best, it's the job or the job classification, not the

individual, which is pretty much like all of us have got with our property and casualty within the county.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, we're not insuring each and every driver out at the County Garage. I mean, we're insuring our vehicles, you know, and liability in buildings. It's not, we're not taking it all the way down to the individual.

President Koehler Lindsey: Just to kind of further clarify, the way I'm reading it is that, again, like Jeff said, this is giving an option to the Commissioners so that they can pursue looking at the blanket bonds. You know, it's like a lot of things, we're going to kind of bounce this back to the Commissioners, give them this option, which we believe to be more cost effective, but then numbers and the final budget line items, those things will still have to come back to this body.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so, you are approving making this a first and final reading.

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second on that?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

(Motion approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, now I'll entertain a motion to approve the ordinance itself.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, I have a motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed like sign?

(None opposed)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

(Motion approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so for the record, both of those motions have passed unanimously, seven to zero.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: We will move on to adjustments to the, or amendments, excuse me, to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to move that this Council approve, everybody's been given a two page document of the amendments to the salary ordinance, I move that it be approved as written, and that this document be entered into the minutes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any questions on this? If not, I would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: And we have a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign?

(None opposed)

(Motion approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">REVISIT EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH AIRPORT AUTHORITY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING</p>

Councilmember Raben: Then, Madam President, the folks from the Airport are here.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, thank you. So, Airport Authority, we're going to call you forward at this time to talk about having a public hearing on your budget. State your name please for the record.

Doug Joest: Sure. My name is Doug Joest. I'm the Executive Director of the Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority District. I apologize for being late. I had 9:00 in my calendar, which is the time for the meeting later in the month.

President Koehler Lindsey: That is no problem. Completely understand.

Doug Joest: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: We appreciate you getting over here and whoever let him know, thanks.

Doug Joest: Alright, first let me just give you a few highlights of the past year of the airport. We completed our runway project about a year ago, and it was about a year and four months early. It's going to end up being a couple of million dollars under budget.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great.

Doug Joest: Last October we added flights to Charlotte, three flights a day to Charlotte. This past June we added flights to Chicago on United. United is the one legacy carrier we didn't have. So, now we have all three of the legacy carriers serving Evansville. Year-to-date our enplanements are up 25 percent, and that's primarily due to those new flights. Just a couple of other items of note, we've hosted two Honor Flights, that's where they take the World War II Vets to Washington for the day, and there's going to be another one late next month. We also hosted Air Force One and Air Force Two. So, we've had a lot of good things going on at the airport. Just yesterday we were able to participate in the Regional Cities Initiative. The airport was one of the stops that the IEDC people made yesterday. So, we're part of that process as well. I guess, I'll just open it up to if there are any questions on the budget.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: A few years ago, back before '08-'09, the airport was able to operate pretty much within its own revenue sources.

Doug Joest: Correct.

Councilmember Shetler: Then gradually had to reach out and get into the property taxes.

Doug Joest: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: Is this budget in order to keep it whole going to require some supplemental support from—

Doug Joest: We need the additional support we've had the last few years. The reason we got off of the support, the practice, as you all know, there used to be a dozen airlines out there. Well, now we went down to two airlines, and you can't keep adjusting your rates up to cover your expenses, pretty soon you would have no airlines, and then what do you have. So, we were probably the last, I guess, Indianapolis might be an exception, but say our comparable cities, Ft. Wayne and South Bend have always had some local county tax support, we were just the last ones to get to that point.

Councilmember Shetler: So, you're, I guess, the answer to that question is that for quite some time you're expecting to be needing support from the property taxes?

Doug Joest: Yes, I don't see that going away.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any further questions at this point from members of Council? Alright, if not, we will say that we just greatly appreciate you being here, all the service to the community, and it's really nice that we have an airport right here locally to use.

Doug Joest: Great, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. So, that concludes the public hearing on the Airport Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: We move into public comment. Is there anyone here to comment?

REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME

President Koehler Lindsey: Our next meeting date and time then will be September the 30th at 8:00 a.m. That will be the next regular Council meeting. That will actually be our Personnel and Finance meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: If there's no further business to come before the Council, we are adjourned. .

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

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VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET CUTS HEARING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of September, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was reconvened at 9:01 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, good morning. We’re going to reconvene the county budget hearings for September 2nd at 8:30-ish. So, we’ve already had the Pledge of Allegiance during the first meeting. So, I think we’re just going to go ahead and start with roll call please.

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

President Koehler Lindsey: There being seven members present, zero members absent, we do have quorum.

COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT KOEHLER LINDSEY

President Koehler Lindsey: Just a note before we get started, that today, what we’re doing is going through the preliminary budget cuts. We’re not going to be calling office holders or department heads to the podium unless there’s some Councilmembers that have questions. You know, just a quick note about our process, at our joint hearings I was in conversation with one of the City Councilmembers that said why is it that you guys can cut \$5.5 million and nobody every complains? We’re on City Council and we’re cutting all this money and everyone is complaining. The answer is, that this is an entirely different process from what the city goes through. The county department heads, we have asked you to submit your budget directly to us, and, so then we look at where you think funds needs to be allocated, and then it’s our job to make that what you give us fits into the revenues that we have from our different taxing sources. You know, our job up here is to be good stewards of the tax dollars of the people of Vanderburgh County. So, that’s what we’re all trying to do. Remember that these cuts, at this point, we are in August, we won’t know real numbers until like February as to what exactly we have. So, we’re trying to make the best estimates possible here in August, and our job is we’re charged with fitting, you know, the requests and the needs of your department, and not just your department, but all of the county departments, we’re charged with fitting that into the line items on the budget that we have as of today, based on estimates. So, again, we won’t have final numbers on that until February. So, if there are some things that, you know, all departments have been carefully reviewed, and we do appreciate your hard work and your help on keeping your budgets as flat as possible, but please know that there’s still work, you know, we were \$5.58 million over in both the General and the COIT, and so we did go through and just do the best, between your input and what Councilmembers have inputted. I know many hours, Mrs.

Lukeman and our Auditor Joe Gries have put in on trying to figure out the best fit for these numbers. You all know we do transfers and we do additional appropriations, if we have it, throughout the year. So, we're just trying to put in place right now the best budget for the County of Vanderburgh at this time. So, we've got several pages of cuts, they are organized by the fund number in the order that they appear in the budget book. We're just going to take them in that order. With all of that being said I'm now going to turn this meeting over to our Finance Chairman, Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. I guess, for the record, I'm going to make one standard motion that applies to salaries, FICA, PERF, that those salary lines will be set in at our final meeting, which is on September 30th. Outside of that, to echo just a few things that our Chairman stated, these cuts combine General Fund. The COIT Funds represent about five million dollars in cuts, which is where we need to be to stay below the caps. So, everybody has been given a copy, or copies of the cuts. So, again, we're not going to go through, necessarily, line by line, you know, as it is in the book. All salary lines, including FICA and PERF and Insurance will be set in on September 30th. So, we'll start at page one, I'll go through the individual departments, and I'll make the cut on the lines that are cut. All other lines within their budget will remain as submitted. To begin with, we will start with the County Clerk. If at any point, anyone wants to stop me and take a motion because there is discussion or something, please stop me at any point.

PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET CUTS

GENERAL FUND

Department	Line No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
Clerk	1010-353000	Contractual Services	19,000.00	19,000.00	0.00 *
	1010-370000	Dues & Subscriptions	500.00	500.00	0.00 *
*Moved to the Perpetuation Fund					
Treasurer	1030-260000	Supplies	7,000.00	500.00	6,500.00
Recorder	1040-104117	Release Deputy	33,733.00	33,733.00	0.00 *
	1040-104118	UCC Deputy	41,632.00	41,632.00	0.00 *
	1040-104119	Deeds Deputy	33,733.00	33,733.00	0.00 *
	1040-104121	Deeds Deputy	36,360.00	36,360.00	0.00 *
*Moved to the Perpetuation Fund					
Sheriff	1050-130000	Overtime	400,000.00	100,000.00	300,000.00
	1050-130100	Civilian Overtime	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
	1050-153100	Civilian Shift Differential	5,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
	1050-223000	Garage & Motor	92,000.00	92,000.00	0.00 *
	1050-265000	Canine Corps	10,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
	1050-353000	Contractual Services	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00 *
	1050-423000	Motor Vehicles	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.00 *

Sheriff cont.	1050-425000	Equipment	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
*Moved to CCD					
Surveyor	1060-221000	Fuel	3,000.00	500.00	2,500.00
	1060-223000	Garage & Motor	1,500.00	100.00	1,400.00
Coroner	1070-221000	Fuel	5,000.00	500.00	4,500.00
	1070-223000	Garage & Motor	2,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
	1070-260000	Supplies	15,000.00	1,000.00	14,000.00
	1070-314000	Communications	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
	1070-319000	Solid Waste Disposal	-	(4,000.00)	4,000.00
	1070-320000	Utilities	15,000.00	500.00	14,500.00
	1070-353000	Contractual Services	17,000.00	2,000.00	15,000.00
	1070-365100	Body Transport	7,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00
Prosecutor	1080-108146	Investigator	36,939.00	36,939.00	0.00
	1080-108147	Secretary	31,913.00	31,913.00	0.00
	1080-108148	Secretary	31,913.00	31,913.00	0.00
	1080-260000	Supplies	30,000.00	6,000.00	24,000.00
	1080-325000	Law Books	8,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
	1080-325000	Maintenance & Repair	6,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
Co-Op Extension	1230-337000	Data Management	5,400.00	1,400.00	4,000.00
Area Plan	1240-312000	Postage/Freight	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	1240-313000	Travel/Mileage	1,500.00	500.00	1,000.00
	1240-314000	Communications	10,750.00	4,750.00	6,000.00
	1240-361000	Legal Services	35,000.00	5,000.00	30,000.00
Weights & Measures	1240-341000	Printing	2,600.00	100.00	2,500.00
	1240-352000	Maintenance & Repair	2,700.00	200.00	2,500.00
Commissioners	1300-300000	Insurance	2,033,750.00	700,000.00	1,333,750.00
	1300-302000	Southwest Mental Health	1,003,848.00	6,810.00	997,038.00
	1300-303000	EARC	225,000.00	25,000.00	200,000.00

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Comm. cont.	1300-350000	Human Relations	44,652.00	(8,345.00)	52,997.00
	1300-353300	EAP	45,000.00	40,500.00	4,500.00
	1300-363000	Equipment Lease & Rental	16,000.00	2,000.00	14,000.00
	1300-375000	Purchasing Department	75,970.00	(10,100.00)	86,070.00
Supt. County Bldgs.	1310-221000	Fuel	300.00	100.00	200.00
Jail	1320-130100	Civilian Overtime	60,000.00	15,000.00	45,000.00
	1320-185000	Union Overtime	450,000.00	50,000.00	400,000.00
	1320-221000	Fuel	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00 *
*Moved to COIT					
Circuit Court	1360-394400	Special Reporter	12,500.00	3,000.00	9,500.00
Superior Court	1370-325000	Law Books	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00 *
	1370-390000	Return of Fugitives	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00 *
*Moved to CCD					
	1370-390300	Petit Jurors	-	(50,000.00)	50,000.00
	1370-394700	Pauper Transcripts	2,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
	1370-394900	Home Study/Adoption	1,500.00	500.00	1,000.00
DADS	1380-341000	Printing	600.00	200.00	400.00
	1380-353000	Contractual Services	2,600.00	100.00	2,500.00
	1380-370000	Dues & Subscriptions	800.00	200.00	600.00
	1380-377000	Treatment Cost	1,600.00	100.00	1,500.00
Prosecutor IV-D	1400-140039	Enforcement Officer	31,913.00	31,913.00	0.00 *
	1400-140040	Investigator	36,939.00	36,939.00	0.00 *
	1400-352000	Maintenance & Repair	9,000.00	6,200.00	2,800.00
*Moved to County IV-D Incentive					
Public Defender	1420-142176	Secretary	15,600.00	15,600.00	0.00
	1420-325000	Law Books	5,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
	1420-341000	Printing	5,000.00	1,500.00	3,500.00
	1420-360000	Rent	64,764.00	1,781.00	62,983.00

Public Def. cont.	1420-394700	Pauper Transcripts	75,000.00	15,000.00	60,000.00
Burdette Park	1450-145118	Other Employees	450,000.00	30,000.00	420,000.00
	1450-200000	Material	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00 *
	1450-223000	Garage & Motor	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00 *
	1450-260000	Supplies	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00 *
	1450-352000	Maintenance & Repair	51,500.00	51,500.00	0.00 *
*Moved to CCD					
Legal Aid	1460-341000	Printing	1,500.00	1,000.00	500.00
	1460-353000	Contractual Services	5,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
	1460-360000	Rent	31,283.00	845.00	30,438.00
County Council	1480-192000	Insurance	7,840,733.00	1,248,967.00	6,591,766.00
	1480-313000	Travel/Mileage	15,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
	1480-346000	Consultant	22,000.00	15,000.00	7,000.00
Riverboat	1490-311000	Economic Development	389,000.00	19,000.00	370,000.00
	1490-311100	Initiative Based Assistance	213,000.00	33,000.00	180,000.00

Councilmember Raben: Let's stop there at the General Fund. I would like to make these cuts in the form of a motion. Again, all other lines within the budgets as listed, and FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at our September 30th meeting.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Any questions? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: There will be adjustments available still by the 30th?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: This is preliminary. Any other questions? If not, roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CLERK PERPETUATION

President Koehler Lindsey: We’re ready to move to Local Roads and Streets.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we’ll move into Clerk Perpetuation. Is that what everyone has next? We’ll keep them in order as they are listed.

Acct. No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
1119-333000	Record Storage	0.00	(50,000.00)	50,000.00
1119-353000	Contractual Services	0.00	(19,000.00)	19,000.00
1119-370000	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	(500.00)	500.00

Councilmember Raben: For a total of \$69,500.

CUM BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: We’ll turn to Cum Bridge.

Acct. No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
1135 -192000	Insurance	310,486.00	14,000.00	296,486.00

CCD

Councilmember Raben: Next is CCD Funds.

Dept.	Acct. No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
Recorder	1138-1040-353000	Contractual Services	0.00	(140,000.00)	140,000.00

Sheriff	1138-1050-223000	Garage & Motor	0.00	(92,000.00)	92,000.00
	1138-1050-353000	Contractual Services	0.00	(70,000.00)	70,000.00
Superior Court	1138-1370-325000	Law Books	0.00	(42,000.00)	42,000.00
Burdette Park	1138-1450-200000	Materials	0.00	(30,000.00)	30,000.00
	1138-1450-223000	Garage & Motor	0.00	(6,000.00)	6,000.00
	1138-1450-260000	Supplies	0.00	(30,000.00)	30,000.00
	1138-1450-352000	Maintenance & Repair	0.00	(51,500.00)	51,500.00
County Council	1138-1480-386000	Contractual Computer	0.00	(500,000.00)	500,000.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Is everybody still good? Okay, we'll move into Health Dept.

Acct. No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
1159-192000	Insurance	685,455.00	109,187.00	576,268.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Local Roads and Streets.

Acct. No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
1169-200000	Materials	1,037,500.00	1,037,500.00	0.00 *
1169 -221000	Fuel	110,000.00	110,000.00	0.00 *
1169 -223000	Garage & Motor	0.00	(110,000.00)	110,000.00
1169 -331000	Training & Education	1,000.00	800.00	200.00
1169 -348100	Traffic Department	359,888.00	136,552.00	223,336.00
1169 -361000	Legal Services	0.00	(4,000.00)	4,000.00
*Moved to Highway				

SHERIFF MISDEMEANANT

Councilmember Raben: Now we'll move into Sheriff Misdemeanor.

Acct. No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
1175-192000	Insurance	39,650.00	0.00	39,650.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Next is Highway.

Acct. No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
1176 -192000	Insurance	1,047,668.00	40,000.00	1,007,668.00
1176 -200000	Materials	100,000.00	(750,000.00)	850,000.00 *
				*Moved from LRS

PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL

Councilmember Raben: Next is Prosecutor Pretrial Diversion Account.

Acct. No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
1182-192000	Insurance	9,911.00	1,579.00	8,332.00

RECORDERS PERPETUATION

Councilmember Raben: Next is Records Perpetuation Account.

Acct. No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
1189 -104117	Release Deputy	0.00	(33,733.00)	33,733.00
1189 -104118	UCC Deputy	0.00	(41,632.00)	41,632.00
1189 -104119	Deeds Deputy	0.00	(33,733.00)	33,733.00
1189 -104121	Deeds Deputy	0.00	(36,360.00)	36,360.00
1189 -190000	FICA	0.00	(11,128.00)	11,128.00
1189 -191000	PERF	0.00	(20,656.00)	20,656.00
1189 -192000	Insurance	0.00	(78,453.00)	78,453.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL

Councilmember Raben: Next is Circuit Court Supplemental program.

Acct. No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
2101-192000	Insurance	162,720.00	48,000.00	114,720.00

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING

Councilmember Raben: Turn to Convention Center Operating Fund.

Acct. No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
4005 -320000	Utilities	450,000.00	25,000.00	425,000.00
4005 -320200	Energy Savings Contract	152,454.00	152,454.00	0.00
4005 -353600	Centre Contractual	960,889.00	30,889.00	930,000.00

COIT

Councilmember Raben: Next is our COIT budget.

Dept.	Acct. No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
Clerk	4998-1010-333000	Record Storage	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00 *
*Moved into Clerk Perpetuation Fund					
Treasurer	4998-1030-399900	Bank Service Charge	10,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00
Area Plan	4998-1240-360000	Rent	55,631.00	2,649.00	52,982.00
Commissioners	4998-1300-310000	Animal Control	217,298.00	(17,641.00)	234,939.00 *
	4998-1300-321000	Emergency Management	198,306.00	21,837.00	176,469.00 *
	4998-1300-360000	Rent	5,101,634.00	839,315.00	4,262,319.00
*Joint Dept.					
Burdette Park	4998-1450-320000	Utilities	215,000.00	35,000.00	180,000.00
Council	4998-1480-192000	Insurance	4,103,371.00	910,136.00	3,193,235.00
	4998-1480-386000	Contractual Computer	2,023,426.00	500,000.00	1,523,426.00
*Moved ¼ of budget to CCD					

COUNTY IV-D INCENTIVE

Councilmember Raben: Last is County IV-D Incentive.

Acct. No.	Description	Requested	Cut	Proposed Budget
8895-140039	Enforcement Officer	0.00	(31,913.00)	31,913.00
8895-140040	Investigator	0.00	(36,939.00)	36,939.00

Councilmember Raben: Again, with that, all other lines in the two, three and four thousand accounts, as submitted. Again, salaries, including benefits, FICA, PERF, Insurance will be set in at our final adoption on September 30th. I would like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a question.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, do we have a second on the motion?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Question, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, go back to the next page, on that Commissioners, what was that Animal Control?

Councilmember Raben: That's, on Commissioners, Animal Control?

Councilmember Bassemier: Did we add the seventeen? That's correct then? Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that's a joint, city-county department.

Councilmember Bassemier: Joint, sure.

Councilmember Raben: The amount to be set in was \$234,939.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have other questions from members of Council at this point? Alright, if not, I would ask for a roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REMINDER OF COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING DATE/TIME

President Koehler Lindsey: So, at this point, I want to remind everybody that we're going to hold the county budget adoption meeting. So, we have some time between now and September the 30th, any final tweaks that we may need to make will be done, and our adoption will be September 30th at 8:30 a.m. That will be right after our Personnel and Finance meeting in this chamber.

RECESS OF MEETING

President Koehler Lindsey: So, next we have the non-binding County Council Trustee Reviews. Okay, we can do that, and that's going to begin in about two minutes. It says don't start that meeting before 9:00 a.m. I think we're good on that, so, two minutes and we'll start the Civil Taxing Units meeting. Thank you all so much. We're recessed.

(The meeting was recessed at 9:25 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Angela Koehler Lindsey

Vice President John Montrastelle

Tom Shetler

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
TRUSTEE BUDGET REVIEWS
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of September, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. So, we are going to go ahead and call to order the Vanderburgh County Council meeting for the Civil Taxing Units. We're going to hear those today. We do need to do an official roll call so we know everyone is here.

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

President Koehler Lindsey: There being all seven members present, zero absent, we have a quorum. As I said, we'll go ahead and skip the Pledge of Allegiance. We did that when we started at 8:00.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE BUDGET REVIEWS

President Koehler Lindsey: So, we are going to move into consideration of the Civil Taxing Unit budgets. Councilman Raben, do you want to, oh, never mind, do you want to run this as soon as the Auditor gets done?

Councilmember Raben: Sure.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so before we do that, our Auditor has a few words for us.

Joe Gries: I just want to be clear with Councilmembers. This is a formal process that the county is required to go through. These are non-binding recommendations that the Council is making on the Township budgets, rates and levies. If you wouldn't mind, I believe you have the worksheets in front of you, these budgets can be approved by Council, they can be denied, or you can make certain recommendations, such as to approve the budget with the caveat that the maximum levy quotient is not surpassed, something to that effect. Or, that, you know, any other recommendations that you would make, but when you do that, if you would make that as part of your motion, then we will make sure that we document that, not only in the minutes, but on these worksheets that we do have to then submit to the state in order to cover our responsibilities, because if we don't do this properly, if it's not done at all, then the county could be set in at previous years' budget levels, and we wouldn't receive our maximum increases. So, I just want to kind of make that clear, so, when you make your motions to approve, deny or make your recommendations, that that would just be clear in the record.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you for that. Finance Chairman, Councilman Raben?

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first, God's country, Armstrong.

Joyce Kron: I'm Joyce Kron, Clerk for Armstrong Township.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning.

Joyce Kron: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Are there any questions for Armstrong Township? You can tell this is, I don't know if this one's smaller or Union, but they're both pretty small budgets.

Joyce Kron: They are small.

Councilmember Raben: No questions? Well, Madam President, I'm going to move that we accept the budget from Armstrong Township as submitted.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Joyce Kron: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, Armstrong, or God's country.

CENTER TOWNSHIP

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we have Center Township.

Gary Burdsall: Good morning. Gary Burdsall, Center Township Trustee.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Gary, it's a little larger, there may be some questions within yours.

Gary Burdsall: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: Do you have anything that you would like to add to the budget?

Gary Burdsall: No, I guess, some of my questions might be to you people, trying to figure out what the health insurance, where we're standing with the health insurance on the renewal? It's kind of hard to budget when you don't know where we're at on that. The same thing, I didn't realize or budget last year for the Novia Clinic. I didn't know how that was based on employees or usage or what. So, those are a couple things that I had questions regarding.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, on the insurance, our estimates are, our preliminary estimates that have been given to us is it will remain flat, if not, you know, we might see a reduction as much as five percent.

Gary Burdsall: That's great.

Councilmember Raben: As far as the Novia Clinic, as it relates to you that's a good question. Joe, I don't know if you can shed any light on that?

Joe Gries: I'm sorry, I apologize?

Councilmember Raben: Well, the Novia Clinic, he, I guess, Gary's question is, how does he budget for—

Gary Burdsall: I guess, Joe, what I'm asking is we got a bill midway through the year for like \$3,000 or \$4,000 that I wasn't looking for, for the cost of the Novia Clinic. I didn't know that we were going to get charged for that. That's not a problem, I've just got to know what....and, I guess, my question is, is it based on employees, or is it based on employees and usage?

Joe Gries: It is. The number of employees is the base for the charges, and then usage is everything else. The problem that we've had up-to-date it is, we have not been able to get any information from Quad Med on the usage, broken down by not only the county and the other taxing units. So, I'm still working with them to try to provide that. I think Jamie told the townships, you know, they don't, go ahead and hang on to those bills, you don't have to pay them right now, because we're going to go forward and still try to ascertain that with them. They have all the information they need to break that down, because we break it down on the Anthem bill—

Gary Burdsall: Okay.

Joe Gries: -- because the townships are part of that as well.

Gary Burdsall: Okay, that was just one of my questions.

Joe Gries: Yeah, I'm hoping by the end of this year I'll have that breakdown and we'll be able to go back and change those bills to actual usage and the baseline cost. So, the baseline cost is very small. It's \$1.25-\$1.50 per person.

Gary Burdsall: That's fine. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Gary, one thing, and, I guess, we'll need to ask this question of other budgets as they come before us. What have you done in regards to salaries and wages?

Gary Burdsall: I based our salaries, we have an accountant with **Cumrod**, and I asked him to look at different salaries across the State of Indiana, and he recommended three percent. The board recommended three percent, and we didn't have anything to go on with Vanderburgh County. So, we looked at what Warrick County was going to give, we also discussed it with Robert Norris, and he thought that was in the guidelines, but, again, you know, I'm kind of in the dark of where you guys are at.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, right now, you know, as we finalize the budget we'll know, you know, we're still fine tuning. So, we don't know yet.

Gary Burdsall: Okay, and we can revise ours as well.

Councilmember Raben: But, with that, Joe, does that need to go within the motions?

Joe Gries: That can be part of your recommendation, that the Council would ask that the salaries be set in at whatever percentage, or at no increase, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, any other questions? None? Okay. Did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just thinking, in the past we've asked that the townships stay in line with the county pay raises, or lack thereof.

Gary Burdsall: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Hopefully, there will be one.

Gary Burdsall: Right, right.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so—

Gary Burdsall: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: -- Madam President, I will make a motion that we approve—

President Koehler Lindsey: Recommend.

Councilmember Raben: -- the budget for Center Township, with the caveat that salaries be consistent with the action that this Council takes for the rest of the county. In fact, that motion just as a standard motion through the rest of these.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Any questions? All those, excuse me, roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I guess, I'm going to debate whether or not which is God's country or not. I have strong feelings here for Center Township to be nominated that, but I vote yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Bassemier: They're all God's country.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, but I would have to argue that the corn doesn't grow as tall in Center as it does Armstrong.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: I was going to make that same remark, Councilman Shetler, but, you know, we'll just say that all of Vanderburgh County is God's country. We're so happy to live in the greatest country in the world and the greatest county in the state, and with that I vote aye. There being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Gary Burdsall: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP

Councilmember Raben: Next is German Township.

Sherri Schlitt: I'm Sherri Schlitt, German Township Trustee.

Councilmember Raben: Hi, Sherri. Sherri, do you have anything that you would like to help us with on this budget? Is there any information that you would like to share with us? No?

Sherri Schlitt: I'm brand new.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Sherri Schlitt: We still don't have our books back from the Auditor yet.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, I'm going to move that we approve, or accept the budget for German Township, with the, as long as the salaries stay consistent with the rest of Vanderburgh County, and our action on September 30th.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Any further questions? We're going to make it easy on you. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Sherri Schlitt: Thank you.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP

Councilmember Raben: Knight Township?

Kathryn Martin: Good morning.

Councilmember Terry: I would say this is God's country.

Kathryn Martin: Thank you, absolutely.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I would agree with that.

Kathryn Martin: Kathryn Martin, Knight Township Trustee.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning, Kathryn. Is there anything that you would like to add to this? Okay, none?

Kathryn Martin: No.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I'll move that we accept Knight Township, and that the salaries, any action in regard to salaries is consistent with the action of this Council for Vanderburgh County.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Any further questions? Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much.

Kathryn Martin: Thank you.

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Perry Township? Good morning, Mr. Riney.

Rick Riney: Good morning, Jim. Rick Riney, Perry Township Trustee.

Councilmember Raben: Are there any questions for Rick in regards to Perry? None? Well, I'll move approval for the Perry Township budget, and ask that the salaries, any action taken on salaries is, mimics what we do for the entire county.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Rick Riney: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP

Councilmember Raben: Pigeon Township?

Mary Hart: Mary Hart, Pigeon Trustee. There is no salary increase in my budget.

Councilmember Raben: Great. Well, thank you. I'll move approval of Pigeon Township.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

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

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I did have one quick question. The insurance and stuff that's been plugged in there, I assume, did you just go with what last year's was?

Mary Hart: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so, I guess, at some point that will all get settled out and everything, so, yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Mary Hart: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: You know, real quick, because there are just a few that, I meant to mention this and I have not. So, one of the contracts that the County Commissioners have is for the AMR contract, ambulance service, which is, it's not a huge contract, but I think it's what, \$200,000? Is that what that line is?

Councilmember Bassemier: It's more than \$200,000.

Councilmember Raben: \$225,000?

Councilmember Shetler: It's \$175,000-ish is what we put in for this year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: \$197,000, or \$196,000 for last year.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I couldn't remember what that was, but, I mean, would you guys as Trustees, would you have any issues with sharing that cost? You know, we're having a hard time, you know, funding contracts, you know, with the limited budget we have.

Mary Hart: I don't know that I could fund anymore. I have \$12,000 in my Firefighting Fund. I contract with the city, and I don't think I could raise any more revenue than the \$12,000.

It's probably not as much of an issue, I think for her township, as it is for some of the others, you know, like Center Out and Armstrong and Scott. Of course, they provide their own, and Armstrong contracts with Scott, but, you know, some of those other outside townships that's where, I think, it probably becomes more of an issue. Knight, a little bit of Knight, or areas of Knight, I think, or precincts of Knight are out.

Mary Hart: Most of my Pigeon has been annexed in. So, there's very little outside of the city limits now.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Mary Hart: So, I contract with the city for the \$12,000, and most of it is ambulance runs. That caused the contract to be the \$12,000. Wrecks on 41 and Waterworks, wrecks at Diamond and St. Joe.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I knew that it may not be possible for everybody. I know Scott has their own system, but I was just looking for ways to share in that cost with—

Mary Hart: I understand, but I don't think I could get any more.

Councilmember Raben: --limited revenues. Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: I think that's a good point. We need to bring that up and see where we can work, maybe it becomes a meeting between three or four of the townships that are most affected by it, and see what we can do.

Councilmember Goebel: Do some of the townships not kick in at all? Like you obviously do.

Mary Hart: Well, most of them have their own fire departments.

Councilmember Goebel: But some do not.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, if they don't, they're contracting with others.

Mary Hart: Knight is contracting with the city also now.

Councilmember Goebel: Right, I understand that.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, and in Scott's case, or I mean in Armstrong's case they're contracting with....Center carries their own outside on fire protection.

Mary Hart: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: But ambulance service is what, I think what we're really trying to drill towards is that, we need to do something to preserve the response time that county residents are receiving, and maybe even improve upon it, and yet distribute those costs somehow a little differently than what they're currently being distributed.

Councilmember Raben: We'll come back to it. Stay tuned. Okay, thank you, Mary.

Mary Hart: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: We did make a motion on that, right?

Kathy Glaser: Yes.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP

Councilmember Raben: Scott Township?

Councilmember Shetler: I think Bob might shed some light for us.

Bob Harris: Bob Harris, Scott Township Trustee.

Councilmember Raben: I should have brought this up after he walked out.

Bob Harris: You know, I've been coming down here since 1983, and I'm always last, or next to last.

Councilmember Shetler: No, a couple years ago we changed it.

Bob Harris: One time, one time.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we'll make a note to reverse it next year.

Bob Harris: There you go. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: You remind us, okay?

Councilmember Raben: Alright, Bob, is there any light you would like to shed on this?

Bob Harris: Yes, you were talking about ambulance service, if you'll turn to page 11 in the annual report that I've given you, it shows you where we've made runs in 2014. You see we have made numerous runs into the city and to the other places in the county, as mutual aid. I have three ambulances, and we contract with Darmstadt, Armstrong Township and Scott. So, my township takes care of a third of the county north.

Councilmember Raben: Bob, on your ambulance service, those are full time EMT's.

Bob Harris: Yes, we have 24/7, we have paramedics and EMT's on duty. We run, right now we're running two teams. I have one team that stays at our headquarters on

Baseline Road, and then we alternate every other day, either to Daylight or to Darmstadt. One of the items on my budget, if you see, we're getting ready to build another fire station at 57 and Green River Road. I've already had public hearings on this. We plan to get started later on this fall. Our station in Daylight has outlived its usefulness. We can't get but one truck in that building now. So, we're, if you know where the Frontier and Rounder's Two Pizza, the township owns that property. That's where we are building our new fire station.

Councilmember Raben: That's, this is great information. Thanks for preparing this. I'm sure it took somebody quite a while to put this together. Any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I've got one.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Are you charging the people you transport? Can you get Medicaid?

Bob Harris: Yes, yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: You can get Medicaid and private billing the insurance companies?

Bob Harris: If you live...I, on my budget you'll see I have an EMS budget, and since the people in Scott Township are paying taxes for that, if you live in Scott Township, we take whatever the insurance company pays. Then, if you're, if the bill is more than that, we don't charge any more.

Councilmember Bassemier: Is your collection rate pretty good? I mean, on ambulance runs?

Bob Harris: Yeah, it's about 91 percent.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's pretty good, real good.

Bob Harris: We lose a lot of money on the highways, the interstate and 41 for people coming through.

Councilmember Bassemier: You can't bill them out of state?

Bob Harris: Well, we do, but if they live in Alabama, it's kind of hard to get it.

Councilmember Shetler: Bob and I have, for several years, we've discussed the possibility of Scott taking on the county out, and maybe even, you know, parlaying some of the money that we have going to private vendors right now, in ways that we might be able to increase the response time and to help out. A lot of his runs, you can see, you can look on page 12, you'll see a lot of runs that they're doing and stuff. You know, I think 12 tells that, but, anyway, a lot of them, looking at your map on 11 and combining that with 12 will tell you how many runs they're even making into the City of Evansville to back up. They studied it real hard a couple of years ago on taking on Center and German and the rest of them, at least to help out. There really wasn't enough money available to do that, but that was taking care of the whole ball of wax, and not just to improve, it would have improved response times and the whole business, but we just weren't able to work out the numbers at the time. They do an excellent job out there. They back up, you know, the city in many, many responses.

Bob Harris: If AMR doesn't have an ambulance available, then we're called.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, and one of the problems that they suffer out there, is that sometimes they're called to make a run in town to pick up someone, they're a half a block away and AMR happens to get there, or whatever. So, they get paid nothing for those kinds of deals. There's times that they actually even have, perhaps a patient, you know, on the gurney and inside the ambulance and have to transfer them over to the AMR guy because he gets there just about the same time or a second or two later. So, and those are times that they don't get paid anything for those kind of, almost a false run, if you will. So, you know, they do run an excellent show. They have done a very,

very good job on the way they perform out there. Bob is to be applauded, he and Barbara to be applauded for what they've put together there.

Bob Harris: In 2014 we were named the best ALS Paramedic unit in the State of Indiana. You'll read that in the report.

President Koehler Lindsey: Congratulations.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, yeah, congratulations.

Councilmember Shetler: So, maybe we could settle our dispute on God's country, and go to a neutral territory there and say that perhaps Scott is blessed. So, we appreciate it Bob, Barb what you guys do out there.

Councilmember Raben: What I will do, I'll make a motion to approve the budget, with the salaries being consistent with the adoption of our budget.

Bob Harris: I set in two percent or less. So, that's been done.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Any questions or comments? Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Bob Harris: Thank you. If you have any questions over that annual report, please call me.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, thank you for that information. That's awesome.

Bob Harris: Thank you.

UNION TOWNSHIP

Councilmember Raben: Last, Union Township. Any questions on Union Township? None? I'll move approval to accept the Union Township budget.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, the motion carries, having seven ayes and zero nays.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: I believe then that concludes our meeting. We are adjourned. Thank you all.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Angela Koehler Lindsey

Vice President John Montrastelle

Tom Shetler

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
FINAL BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 30th day of September, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: I now call to order, it's 8:32am, so we're good to go, the final 2016 Budget Hearing of the Vanderburgh County Council. Could we roll call please?

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

President Koehler Lindsey: There being seven members present, and no members absent, that constitutes a quorum.

PRESIDENT KOEHLER LINDSEY COMMENTS

President Koehler Lindsey: We have already started our day with the pledge, so we're going to skip that at this point. I just want to make a comment that this is the final budget hearing for our 2016 budget. What we are going to do today is establish the salaries, all employee benefits, and adopt the 2016 budget for Vanderburgh County, and recommend the proposed tax rate to the State. Today I'm only going to recognize as chair the Councilmembers, until after Finance Chairman Raben has completed his duties. Just a brief comment, again, I want to thank everyone involved in this process, everyone from our able assistant, Teri Lukeman and Sarah Nunn, who keep our office rolling through this process. Thank you so much to the Auditor, Joe Gries, and to his staff. I guess this is kind of a monumental time for you. Congratulations on your new job. Their gain is our loss. So, you can have a big celebration when this gets done as your last budget as Auditor, but we do greatly appreciate everything your staff has done. And to all members of Council, I just want to thank every one of you, each and every one of these Councilmembers. You guys are a pleasure to work with. Everyone has worked hard, has talked to different department heads, has done their research, and has asked questions. And it just makes me proud to be a part group that is very diligent and very hard working and does do the job that is supposed to get done. So, I truly appreciate this Council and all the members. And I especially appreciate the efforts of Finance Chairman, Jim Raben, who spends way more hours than I do on this. And the able counsel of Councilmember Tom Shetler, who threw me under the bus and said, hey, it's your turn to be President and has been such a guide ever since. So, just a reminder that, you know, that as a Council, we are still facing property tax caps, and we appreciate the support of the department heads to meet the budget. We especially appreciate the use of supplemental funds in the departments that have allowed that to relieve the General Fund. And, you know, we just have to remember that right now this is the best budget that we can craft at this time, and it is just a budget. We don't get real numbers until February, so this is our best estimate of what we think is going to come in and where we want that to go out during the year. We have had to take over \$5 million out of the original request, cut them if you will, in the General Fund and the COIT to arrive at these numbers today. So, with that, I'm going to ask Councilmember Raben, our Finance Chairman, to begin with the Salary Ordinance for 2016 and other corrections, amendments, and additions. Councilmember Raben?

APPROVAL OF 2016 SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good Morning. First, I'll move that all salaries and rates as listed in the 2016 Salary Ordinance be approved, and make this part of the record along with all FICA and PERF to be adjusted accordingly. I would like to make that in the form of a motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: Is there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CORRECTIONS / AMENDMENTS

APPROVAL OF EXHIBITS A-K:

Councilmember Raben: Thank you. We'll move on to exhibits A through K, which is the two page document to be approved as listed in the 2016 Salary Ordinance. I would like to make that in the form of a motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, do we have any discussion? Alright, we'll call for a roll call vote, please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF LIST A:

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and I'd also like to ask all Councilmembers to check the listing of salary and position title changes in the book, and move to approve List A, and make that also part of the record again. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a second. Is there discussion? I'll give you just a second to glance over those. That is the two page Corrected Positions. Any questions or discussion? Okay, we will call for a roll call, please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries. Councilman Raben?

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF AMENDED LIST B (Election Office Amendment):

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Thank you. Next we'll move, all Councilmembers have been given a list of additional cuts and/or additions, and I'd like to move that List B be approved and made that part of the record. I would make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Is there any discussion on List B?

Councilmember Shetler: Yea.

President Koehler Lindsey: Go ahead.

Councilmember Shetler: I'd like to amend that to cut additional funding from the Election Office in the Account 121117 of \$7,500, and Account 12118 of \$6,500. Basically, what we'll do, my intention is to get together with the County Clerk and the Election Commission as well as the County Commissioners to discuss. We are geared up for serving about 70,000 people in the Primary, when we have seven to ten thousand people who show up. I think there is room in there to cut some of the Election staff that's actually being paid in the various different vote centers during the Primary. My intention is not to touch the General Election. We need to be geared up for 70,000 to 80,000 people for a Presidential election year, but in a Primary Election, the results continue to be dismal, and there is no reason for us to fund at sometimes more people working in the voting center than actually show up to vote in those particular areas. So, a little bit of studying is going to have to take place here. This will make a total cut of what was proposed, I think, of about \$40,000, if my amendment is granted.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, do I have a second on that amendment?

Councilmember Raben: Well, can I add an amendment with his amendment?

President Koehler Lindsey: Oh, good grief. Counselor, I guess they can add as many amendments as they want?

Councilmember Raben: Or, I'll second your amendment.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll wait to hear yours before I--

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, so, we have an amendment to List B with Councilman Shetler and you have a second on that. So, the amendment is the additional deletion from the Election Office.

Councilmember Shetler: Correct.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Questions or discussion from members of Council?

Councilmember Montrastrelle: Tom, what were your numbers again on the, you said—

Councilmember Shetler: It would be reduction in the 12, 12117, I believe that is the correct number. There's another one in between there. 1211... Three ones.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right. 121117.

Councilmember Shetler: Reduction of \$7,500, and the 121118 of \$6,500 reduction.

Councilmember Goebel: If this proves to be necessary to reinstate, we still have the opportunity or time to do that. Is that correct?

Councilmember Shetler: That's correct.

Councilmember Goebel: But, this is aimed or targeted mainly toward the Primary's and not the General Election?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes, that's correct.

Councilmember Goebel: And I think, based on our history, in this past year for the City for example, we had, I don't know how many thousands of registered voters, but the city of Evansville had 6.8% who actually voted that were registered in Primary, and second lowest in the entire State. So, I think it's a good idea that we are prudent and maybe control a little bit more on the Primary part. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any other questions? And just to reminder that again we're doing this as far as trying to balance the budget out and look at some

things, and if we find later that the funds are available, or that we need to add things back or delete more, we will address that at this time. So, I'll go ahead and call for a roll call.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Just to make a point. This is voting on the amendment only. Right?

President Koehler Lindsey: On the amendment only, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Yea, okay, yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, the amendment carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF AMENDED LIST B (Recorder's Office Amendment):

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I will make a motion that we amend, under CCD Fund, Account 11381040-353000 Contractual Services in the amount of \$140,000 to be set in at zero.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second for that amendment?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: What's the amount on that again, please Mr--Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Pardon me?

President Koehler Lindsey: What's the amount on that? One hundred and....

Councilmember Raben: Set in at zero.

President Koehler Lindsey: Set in at zero, okay. It was \$140,000 that's out, okay. Questions from members of Council? And, again that is on that amendment only.

Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just like in the Election Office, that can be restored at any particular time, correct?

President Koehler Lindsey: Correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, if there are no further questions, we've got a motion and a second. We'll have roll call, please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries. Councilman Raben?

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF LIST B:

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Next we'll move to all other 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts.

President Koehler Lindsey: Wait a minute, do we still need, I think we still need a vote on the List B, the rest of the budget cuts.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, we need..... (Inaudible)

President Koehler Lindsey: So, do you have a motion?

Councilmember Raben: I just had a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Shetler: Part B. Yea and I second.

Councilmember Shetler: On B, yeah, and I seconded.

President Koehler Lindsey: And you seconded it?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so we have a motion and a second on the printed list of cuts.

Councilmember Shetler: We may need to change that motion as amended, I guess.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, as amended. So, this will be budget cuts as amended. This is the entire list.

Councilmember Raben: Let me read the motion one more time.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to move that the list of additional cuts and/or additions as amended, and move that List B be approved and made part of the record.

President Koehler Lindsey: And you changed your second for that?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we're going to make sure we've got all of the legalities covered here. We may be voting on some of this stuff twice, but, that's okay. Any questions or discussion from members of Council? Okay, roll call on the entire list, please, as amended.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries. Now, Councilman Raben?

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF ALL BUDGETS – 2000, 3000 AND 4000 ACCOUNTS

Councilmember Raben: Next we'll move that all other 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts for the 2016 budget be adopted, as previously approved for the following, and, for the record, I need to read out every budget. So, 911 Emergency Services, Assessor, Assessor Reassessment, Auditor, Elected Officials Training, Burdette Park, Burdette CCD, Circuit Court, Clerk, Clerk COIT, Clerk IV-D, Commissioners, Commissioners CCD, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Cooperative Extension, Coroner, County Council, County Council COIT, Cum Bridge, Drug & Alcohol Deferral, Health Dept., Jail, Jail COIT, Legal Aid, Local Drug Free Community, Local Roads & Streets, Prosecutor, Prosecutor Free Trial, Public Defender, Riverboat, Sheriff, Sheriff CCD, Sheriff COIT, Superintendent of County Buildings, Superintendent of County Buildings COIT, Area Plan, Area Plan COIT, Auditor, Auditor Reassessment, Auditor Ineligible Deductions, Burdette COIT, Circuit Court Supplemental, Clerk Elected Officials Training, Commissioners COIT, Convention Operating, Co-Op Extension COIT, County Council, County Council CCD, Drainage Board, Election Office, Highway, Jail Bond, Legal Aid United Way, Local Emergency Planning, Old National Bank Events Plaza, Prosecutor IV-D, PTABOA Reassessment, Recorder, Recorder CCD, Sales Disclosure Fees, Sheriff Misdemeanor, Superintendent of County Buildings CCD, Superior Court, Superior Court COIT, Superior Court CCD, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Surveyor, Surveyor Elected Officials Training, Tourism Capital Improvement, Treasurer COIT, Veterans Services, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation, Surveyor Map, Treasurer, Treasurer Elected Official Training, and Weights and Measures. I would like to make that in the form of a motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: And do we have a second, please?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second under discussion? Any questions or comments? Alright, roll call, please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries. Councilman Raben?

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF 2016 HEALTH INSURANCE BUSGET

Councilmember Raben: All members have also been given a copy of our final Insurance data. I move that the Council approve the 2016 Insurance budget as listed. These figures represent the County's share of the current health plans with a total employee contribution of 10%. These figures are for full time County employees and do not include insurance for Superior Court Magistrates. I'd like to make this Insurance budget approved and listed and made part of the record.

President Koehler Lindsey: And do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Alright, roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ESTABLISH COUNTY TAX RATE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, we're getting close.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, we are.

Councilmember Raben: Next, I'll move that the County set a tax rate as deemed appropriate by the Department of Local Governmental Finance, following review of our budget. And I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries.
Councilman Raben?

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE TAX RATE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last I move that we set the Cum Bridge rate, tax rate in at .03 cent per hundred dollar assessed valuation, and I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: And do we have a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Raben: Madam President? If I could make one quick comment before we bring this to closure?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Raben: First, I want to thank you and echo all the things that you said prior to the meeting in regards to our support and help from our staff, Teri and Sarah, along with Joe and his entire staff and this group as a whole. I don't think there is a better group in Government to work with than the seven members sitting around this table, and thank you for all your help and support each and every year in passing a very frugal and prudent budget each and every year. So, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Ditto. Thank you. If there is no further business then, the final 2016 Budget Hearing of the Vanderburgh County Council is adjourned. Thank you all very much.

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

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Tom Shetler

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
CIVIL TAXING UNITS BUDGET REVIEW
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 30th day of September, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex to review the budgets of the Civil Taxing Units. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we’re going to reconvene. We’re going to order the, which page am I on, the Vanderburgh County Council review of Civil Taxing Units. Somewhere, along about 2008, somehow the Council got charged with the duty of reviewing this, kind of a checks and balance deal. So, we will take roll call, we will dispense with the Pledge, and then the Auditor is going to make a statement. Roll call.

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

President Koehler Lindsey: There being seven members present, zero members absent, we do have a quorum. We’ll skip the Pledge since we did that first thing this morning.

AUDITOR’S COMMENTS

President Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Auditor, can you give us some information on what we’re doing here today?

Joe Gries: Absolutely, thank you. As President Koehler Lindsey mentioned, this process requires the County, specifically the County Council to provide recommendations on the other Civil Taxing Units budgets. We have four non-binding reviews that the Council has to do today on the Town of Darmstadt, the Vanderburgh County Public Library, the City of Evansville, and the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. Those are non-binding reviews. Those recommendations should be made in the form of a motion. You can recommend that the budget be submitted, or be approved as submitted; you can make a recommendation the budget be approved with changes or any other caveats that the Council deems appropriate. Then there are going to be two binding reviews; one of the Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority, and one of the Solid Waste unit, taxing unit. So, those two binding reviews are also provided. Just a point of clarification there, those taxing units have to submit all of that information to the State, to the Department of Local Government Finance, through the Gateway system, and then the Auditor’s Office is required to bring that to the Council, you will have to sign the ordinance for resolution for the appropriation and tax rates today. Again, those budgets you’ll have to make a motion to approve those, again, as submitted, or with changes as you see necessary. So, that’s essentially what we’re doing here. Then what will happen is the Auditor’s Office will submit those reviews and those documents to the DLGF. If we do not do this, if we do not go through this process, the County will be held back a year, as far as our budgets and rates and levy’s. So, this is a necessary process that we have to go through each year to make sure that the County receives the necessary budgets, rates and levy’s that we’re entitled to.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great, thank you. It never hurts to have a little check and balance in the system.

TOWN OF DARMSTADT

President Koehler Lindsey: So, with that being said, thank you, Mr. Auditor, we're going to start with a review of the Town of Darmstadt. Is there anyone here to speak for the Town of Darmstadt? Alright, Councilmembers, you have that information in front of you. If you want to look it over, see if you have any questions, we can get those to Darmstadt. If not, I would entertain a motion to make a recommendation.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to make a motion to make a recommendation to approve the Town of Darmstadt budget.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed.

(None opposed)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

President Koehler Lindsey: Next we have the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Public Library. Is there anyone here to speak on their behalf? Please come forward and state your name for the record.

Lori Tomlin: Good morning, I'm Lori Tomlin, the Finance Officer of the Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library. Before the meeting I passed out a 2014 year in review. If you have any questions, we'll be happy to entertain any of those about our year. One note, that we have seen a decrease in some of our computer usage at the library, but at the same time we've seen the incremental, or actually very large increasing amount of Wi-Fi users. So, people are bringing their own devices into the library to us. One thing that I would note, on the County Council review worksheet is that we have flat lined our Operating, our LIRF (Library Improvement Reserve Fund) and our Rainy Day budgets for 2016. Our BIRF (Budget Interest Redemption Fund) budget is based on our amortization schedule of our lease bonds. The Willard Special Library Fund has a small increase and that's based on health insurance increases, as well as their property and liability insurance increase. They have a three year term, and that will increase, and that's up for renewal in 2016 as well. We have asked for the maximum growth quotient for our tax levy for 2016, per the prescription of the DLGF and Robert Norris. So, we will be looking to receive the maximum growth quotient on our levy and our tax rate as well.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, very nice. Any questions or discussion from members of Council? Appreciate the good information that you've brought forward.

Councilmember Raben: Just, and, I guess, this is kind of a standard question throughout these reviews. What do you have, do you have any pay raises for employees figured in?

Lori Tomlin: We have a step plan that has been approved by our Board of Directors, and that's built into our budget on an annual basis. In 2016 we're also looking at a, we budgeted for, and with board approval, will look at a one percent across the board.

Councilmember Raben: And that's for administrative staff as well?

Lori Tomlin: Yes, that's all staff; part time, full time, and administrative.

President Koehler Lindsey: In addition to the step increases that are already in place?

Lori Tomlin: Yes, and that is subject to board approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, your board has final approval on your budget.

Lori Tomlin: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, any other questions or discussion from members of Council?

Councilmember Goebel: Just that we've, I guess, flat lined our pay raises, since we don't have the funding, and we're not going to try to increase the tax rate in that regard. So, I would hope they would reconsider on the one percent. I know people working there don't get much to begin with, and you certainly serve a great cause for the community. So, just my thoughts.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, the important point in what Councilman Goebel is saying there is, you know, these all fall under our levy. You know, these all are part of the same tax cap that we adjust our budget each and every year. So, the rest of the county suffers, you know, as they increase their budgets annually, you know, so we're giving pay raises on one side, and, you know, we can't give pay raises on our side. So, you know, how we adjust for that I don't know, but that's why it's important that each and every budget that we review, you know, at some point get as frugal as we are. You know, we're, the library is a wonderful thing, as an example, but, you know, we're taxed with housing prisoners in jails, and running Sheriff's Departments and everything that it takes to fund county government; roads, you know, public safety, County Highway, everything. So, you know, to me it's, the whole system is flawed in the sense that, you know, it doesn't work for the entire county.

Lori Tomlin: I would note that this is the third year that we have flat lined our overall operating budget. So, while we may have increases in our salary line items, a lot of our other line items we have reduced some of the actual expenditures budgeted for those particular line items. So, overall, our operating budget, for the third in a row, has flat lined at zero percent increase.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Yes, Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I know a couple of years ago you all went to the medical clinic and stuff.

Lori Tomlin: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Are you seeing any progress on that, any savings, efficiencies through your health insurance?

Lori Tomlin: We are seeing, after our second year we are seeing some savings from that particular area. One of the things that we have done is moved our per person, or per employee amount of our, excuse me, while I find it in my notes here. So, we've gone from employee benefits of \$8,000 to over \$9,000 per employee now. That saves us on our prescription drugs, it saves us on our premiums, both for the employee and for the library, and in the end result we are saving money in that manner.

Councilmember Shetler: I guess, I'll get maybe more directly, I guess I sound like I need to go into that clinic. I've got a tickle in my throat right now. Anyway, the question, I guess, that I really want to try to get to is, what kind of an increase or decrease did you see in your health insurance premiums?

Lori Tomlin: Well, in 2015 we had an increase, but that was an industry increase. It wasn't necessarily based on our clinic or having the ability to send our employees to a clinic, where the prescriptions and then the premiums would stay the same. But, for 2016 we are looking at a no increase in our premiums and our rates.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Can I raise one other question?

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I guess, looking at your budget year over year, and maybe this, as we go through the remaining budgets we can be thinking about this as well, you know, how much increase year over year, but it looks like you're .17 percent increase. Is it necessary to ask for the maximum levy?

Lori Tomlin: Well, we base it on what the DLGF prescribes to us. We're looking at, because our levy does not cover, obviously, all of our operating expenditures. If you look at some of the other documents that were part of the packet, which is Form 4-B, you'll see that several of our budgets, including BIRF, right now, after the first tax, circuit breaker tax credits three years ago where we were cut \$1.2 million, that also affected BIRF. Now under protected taxes we aren't affected these days, but we're still over \$300,000 in the negative in covering our actual payments. So, we're actually borrowing at the end of December from one year to the next to help make up. We have made a little bit for that in 2015 because of the protected tax laws, but we're still behind there. Also, when you look at our overall tax levy, what we get and then what we have to raise on our own is a significant difference. We've done everything that we could to either cut costs and/or increase our revenue, including a couple years ago we added the passport services, we're taking a new look at our meeting room spaces and rental and fees for that as well.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Council, as a group, how do you, I'm looking for a consensus here, Madam President.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: You know, because, I guess, we're kind of back to the pay raises, since the Council for the 800 plus employees within the county is not granting pay increases, I mean, can our motion...or, do you want a motion to be that we approve the budget outside of pay increases?

President Koehler Lindsey: You could do that. I believe that the end result is we can make that recommendation. It's just that. It's a recommendation. So, if you want to make that in a formal motion, we can discuss it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Does, and, again, it is, it's a statement that I guess we—

Councilmember Goebel: We've done that in the past, I believe, haven't we?

Joe Gries: Yes, you have. You also did it for the Townships about a month ago, I believe.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm sorry. Ms. Terry?

Councilmember Terry: You said we actually voted to approve a budget without pay raises?

Joe Gries: Without pay raises, yeah, you did that for all of the Townships, if I recall correctly.

Councilmember Goebel: Once again, this is our recommendation, but not necessarily binding. In fact, not binding.

President Koehler Lindsey: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll make a motion, or a recommendation, to approve the Evansville Public Library, or Vanderburgh County Public Library, for their 2016 proposed budget with the exception of pay increases.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I have a question on the pay increases. What have you done for the last couple of years as far as increases in pay?

Lori Tomlin: Our board has a step plan, approved a step plan two years ago. That step plan, as long as we have the cash available from year to year is implemented at the end of each year.

Councilmember Montrastelle: What was the increase last year for your employees?

Lori Tomlin: I would have to go back and look and see what that exact number was. The step plan was brought forward to the County Council before, as well as our board ratifies that each, I believe.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion on the floor to make a recommendation to approve this budget, minus the pay increase of one percent. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Further discussion or questions? Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Terry: So, we're eliminating, we're suggesting no one percent across the board, but there is opportunity for employees still to get some level of increase, is that what you're saying?

Lori Tomlin: Correct.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Again, it's a non-binding recommendation, but it is our recommendation, trying to, you know, just make the point that we all are tightening our belts, and we would like to see everyone stand together on that. Yes?

Councilmember Shetler: Were there any other expenses that were passed along to the employees, like, for example, an additional increase in their portion of the health insurance costs or anything?

Lori Tomlin: In 2015, yes, our premiums went up over 20 percent. I believe it was around 24 percent, because of the difference in we're now self-funded, and also because of the industry, the industry as a whole went up 30 percent last year. So, our premiums went up 24 percent. Our deductibles also went up, as well as co-pays.

Councilmember Shetler: But, as far as their participation in it, what is your participation, employee participation versus—

Lori Tomlin: It's any full time employee is eligible for healthcare, and then to be part of, to use the premiums that are set, we have two different premium rates, and you have to participate in a health risk assessment, with either a pass on a health risk assessment and/or a plan to improve your overall health, then you're given that basic rate.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, for example, in the county government, the employee pays ten percent for the plan, I believe that's correct, and 90 percent is what the county picks up. So, I mean, that participation level is what I meant.

Lori Tomlin: I'm going to call on Don Crankshaw of HR.

President Koehler Lindsey: If you wouldn't mind to come up, so we can get it on the record, and state your name and all that good stuff, we would appreciate it. Thank you.

Don Crankshaw: Right, thank you, I'm Don Crankshaw, I'm in charge of Human Resources at the library system. We have 101 full time employees, of which 98 participate in our healthcare plan. Employee only pays 10 percent, and for all other tiers, family tiers, they pay 64 percent.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, and has that participation rate changed at all in the last few years?

Don Crankshaw: No, it's really remained flat.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

Don Crankshaw: We offer a good benefit. It's very similar to what the county offers, but we are self-insured with our own clinic.

Councilmember Shetler: So, there's no additional burdens being placed upon the employees outside?

Don Crankshaw: No.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, and that step increase, is that done, I mean, I take it that's a ten year or seniority type of step increase?

Don Crankshaw: The way our step increase plan is set up is it's an automatic step increase, unless the employee is not in good standing.

Councilmember Shetler: What would that, would that be like every three years, every five years.

Don Crankshaw: It's an annual increase of a small incremental amount. For the last, the two years that it's been in place so far, it's been just that step amount. I would note that for the last two years, as well as next year, there was no increase the last two years in our line item amount. This year there's about a \$60,000 increase in that line item amount that allows us to do the one percent. We've achieved that through attrition.

Councilmember Shetler: The step increase, is that based on a percentage of your salary? Or, is that based upon a flat, is it a flat amount?

Don Crankshaw: It's a flat percent, it's a percentage of the hourly wage.

Councilmember Shetler: So, every employee, all 101 receive that, may receive that step increase, if it's granted by the board?

Don Crankshaw: Correct.

Councilmember Shetler: And that's on an annual basis?

Don Crankshaw: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, which is unique or different from what we're doing in county government. So, alright, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just a question about your insurance. You understand our position on the no pay, since we can't offer it, we're asking other units not to do, not to offer as well? Is there a way through the library system, you offer so many good things for our community, that you could take an incentive toward funding a little bit more of your insurance, if it does go up? That would maybe alleviate the one percent, no one percent raise? Is there a plan like that? Do you know what I'm saying?

Don Crankshaw: No.

Councilmember Goebel: If you would kick in more to lower the insurance cost to the employees, that would be probably more beneficial than a one percent raise even.

Don Crankshaw: Overall, I would have to work the numbers. I don't know that.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Don Crankshaw: The majority of our employees, of those 98 that are on our insurance about 80 are on single plan only.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Don Crankshaw: So, they are already only paying ten percent.

Councilmember Goebel: I see. Okay, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any further questions? Alright, we have a motion on the floor then to make the recommendation to approve, minus the one percent. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed? Same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

Lori Tomlin: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Thank you for your information, we appreciate it.

EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH AIRPORT AUTHORITY

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, next up we have Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority. We are actually looking to adopt this budget. Good morning, sir. State your name for the record please.

Doug Joest: Good morning, Doug Joest, Executive Director of the Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority. I think I presented this at the public hearing, but just hopefully to save some discussion, the only raises we have in our budget is a step increase for, it's a flat amount of \$750, and it's implemented on every third anniversary of the employee's term with us.

Councilmember Shetler: Every third?

Doug Joest: Every third, and it doesn't matter what their pay is, it's a flat \$750 per year.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, great. Other questions?

Councilmember Goebel: And ridership is up with the increase in services?

Doug Joest: Correct. The additional flights that we added in the past year, enplanements year-to-date are up about 25 percent over the prior year.

Councilmember Goebel: Great. Congratulations!

Doug Joest: Thank you. Couldn't do it without the community.

President Koehler Lindsey: Appreciate it. Any other questions or comments?
Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: James, since this is my first year I can vote on this budget, I would like to make a motion to approve.

Doug Joest: So, Ed's going to try to get even now.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, well, duly noted, Councilman Bassemier has made this motion to approve this budget.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We are actually adopting this budget, and a second by Councilman Goebel. Further discussion or questions? Alright, since this is an adoption we'll do a roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. There being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Doug Joest: Alright, thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much.

Councilmember Shetler: Thanks, Doug.

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, next up, Solid Waste. This is my favorite meeting to go to because I get to tell people, hey, I'm going to go a meeting about solid waste.

Joe Ballard: And it only lasts, what?

President Koehler Lindsey: Fifteen minutes. We don't use that WNIN time too much. So, if you could state your name for the record please, sir.

Joe Ballard: My name is Joe Ballard. I'm the Director of the Vanderburgh County Solid Waste District, not unit, Joe. Just thought I would say that. We have our budget, or you have that. The budget is \$395,000. It's a pretty flat, frugal budget. It has increased by eight tenths of a percent, from \$392,000 to \$395,000. Our revenues we project is \$395,000. We are funded by a two dollar increase for every two dollars per ton of every, well, of waste that goes into the landfill. We receive no tax funding at this time. I don't think we ever will.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great.

Joe Ballard: So, anyway, I can take any questions. We are a little bit unique that we are a county agency, but we contract with the City of Evansville's Controller's Office. So, our Controller is here also, Russ Lloyd, if you have any questions. In return for that contract, we agree to follow City of Evansville personnel and purchasing practices. So, that would be our case there. So, I can take any questions, if you have any.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Questions? Yes, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Pay increase?

Joe Ballard: One percent, the same as the City of Evansville's.

Joe Gries: Just a note, that this Solid Waste District does not receive any property taxes. So, they do not actually have a levy or a rate.

Joe Ballard: That is correct.

Councilmember Montrastelle: How many more years is our dump—

Joe Ballard: It is called a landfill.

Councilmember Montrastelle: A landfill? I'm sorry. I knew that was wrong when I said it.

Joe Ballard: It's okay. It's different than a dump.

Councilmember Montrastelle: The lifespan of our landfill right now.

Joe Ballard: Twenty to 25 years.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Left?

Joe Ballard: Left.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

Joe Ballard: I've been told that though for the last five years. As long as we're reducing the amount of waste going in the landfill through our recycling programs and waste reduction programs, it should last us, again, 20-25 years. They are also into compaction, so, they have these heavy duty dozers and they pack it down pretty tight. So, they have plenty of room there. I expect, at some point in the next, at some point they will start looking for another sight, of course. Whether that will be in this county or not, I don't know. They don't tell me things like that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Councilman Goebel, question?

Councilmember Goebel: Is there any thought of increasing, capturing the, I guess, methane gas, is that correct?

Joe Ballard: They have a program, or I think they're capturing almost all of the methane gas.

Councilmember Goebel: They are? All of it?

Joe Ballard: It is piped to Mead Johnson.

Councilmember Goebel: To Mead Johnson? I mean, is anyone, any other possibilities for capturing or sending out to other businesses or anything?

Joe Ballard: Not that I'm aware of.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. That's a great program though.

Joe Ballard: Yes, I think they are, in fact, capturing, I don't know about 100 percent, but the great majority of it, and sending that, piping that, and it's through a private company, and I believe their name is Ameresco. They build the pipes and run the program, I guess, and Republic generates and they send it to Bristol Myers, or Mead Johnson, I guess it is.

Councilmember Goebel: That's fantastic. Thank you.

Joe Ballard: Yes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Do we take in waste from outside of the county?

Joe Ballard: We take in waste from Posey County, and I'll back up, when the landfill that site was permitted through the special use permit from the Board of Zoning Appeals, 20 years ago or so. It was a little more than that, 25 years ago, they allowed us to take waste, or them to take waste from the metropolitan area, as defined by Posey, Vanderburgh, Posey, Warrick, Gibson and Henderson County. We get waste primarily now from Posey and Gibson County. Not as much from Henderson as we did at one time, and some from Warrick County as well. None outside of that area.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Shetler, who's much older than I, can remember. It was 1979. Sorry, Councilman, had to throw that in there. So, it's been more than 25 years that this process started.

Joe Ballard: Well, I remember it too.

Councilmember Shetler: Part of the history, when that decision was made I was on City Council at the time—

Joe Ballard: That's right.

Councilmember Shetler: -- when that was made. I think the life expectancy was about 20-25 years.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: It's far exceeded that now. Now you tell me another 20-25 years, so that's been a pretty good investment.

Joe Ballard: Yeah, they've expanded some areas in this overall area that they had the special use permit for. Yeah, they're still doing it.

Councilmember Shetler: It may end up being the highest mountain east of the Rockies when it's finished, but that's okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Councilmember Goebel: Thanks for promoting the recycling program so strongly. That's really a good statement for our community.

Joe Ballard: I think so too.

President Koehler Lindsey: Awesome.

Joe Ballard: Theirs are very well attended and the City of Evansville program also has about 80-85 percent participation.

President Koehler Lindsey: There is no motion on the floor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I make a motion to approve the recommendation.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. We're actually adopting the Solid Waste budget, and your motion is to adopt the budget?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Any further questions or discussion? Alright, roll call please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, there being seven ayes and zero nays, the motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Joe Ballard: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Joe Ballard: Are you retired now?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Joe Ballard: I don't see you in the morning.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I see you every morning walking your dog. Have you walked your dog yet today?

Joe Ballard: I still do it every morning.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, while you guys are having that conversation, City of Evansville.

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

President Koehler Lindsey: Come on up and state your name. You can talk all you want, but we'll keep moving.

Russ Lloyd: Good morning, Councilmembers. Russ Lloyd, City Controller, City of Evansville. A quick statement, thanks Joe Gries for all your work, appreciate it. You've been a good public servant. Certainly been a help to me as Controller, and formally as Councilmember. It will be different to see somebody different there next year.

President Koehler Lindsey: I know.

Russ Lloyd: Congratulations on your new move.

Joe Gries: Thank you.

Russ Lloyd: Councilmembers, just real quick, so you've got the County Council review worksheet. The memo we just handed out shows the changes that have been proposed by the Administration. City Council has not, they deferred our budget Monday to October 12th. So, we have not yet adopted our budget, but the list here would show you changes that were made. The County Council review worksheet was due September 2nd, so it did not incorporate some of these cuts that we have there. Also, Mrs. Lukeman indicated you didn't necessarily need a budget book, a big, fat 200 page book, but any Councilmember that would want that, for whatever reason. If you collect those, or are interested in some certain items in there, we could get that to you. So, please just let me know. We also handed out a budget highlight section for you. I guess, a couple of questions that, Councilman Raben had indicated about the maximum levy. The City did go for the maximum growth quotient, with the understanding that we only collect about 91 percent, roughly. The city, unlike the county, we have not done an excess levy appeal, although we've talked about it for the last couple of years, and that's something that I know Mayor Winnecke and we are looking at. So, that may happen this year, but we'll have to see. I would be happy to take any questions.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any Councilmember have questions for the City Controller?

Councilmember Shetler: I don't really have a question specifically for Mayor Lloyd, but I do have a question, I guess, in general. This, I guess, obviously, is a bit fluid at the moment? So, I mean, really, I guess, what are we approving? Or, what are we, I mean, it seems like it's hard to give our endorsement to something that's not really finalized here.

President Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Ahlers, do you have a comment on that? I think we have to give some kind of recommendation today.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, yeah, I mean, today is our deadline, so we have to do something. So, I mean, I guess it's up to you whether or not you approve it. I mean, but today is the deadline for action.

Councilmember Shetler: This is the State mandated deadline today, and yet they allow other, these taxing units to go beyond that date?

Joe Gries: That's correct, because these are non-binding reviews. You can deny the budget as submitted, because it's not the final. You can make recommendations to accept it as adjusted by the City Council. It's up to you.

Councilmember Shetler: I would think that perhaps we ought to give a recommendation to the State legislature to get a timeline here that coincides, you know, and makes sense here, as opposed to denying or anything else, anyway, I did want to bring that up. I do, we're not sure what's going to happen here, I guess, but anyway.

Russ Lloyd: I mean, our, as a Class II City our budget is due November 1st. So, we have all the way up till then to adopt.

President Koehler Lindsey: Our role today is to review and make a recommendation upon the information that we have at this point in time. So, it's the pleasure of the Council what kind of recommendation is made. Obviously, the final adoption falls to the City Council on what does this say, October 12th?

Councilmember Shetler: I will also say, I think as a former City Councilman and Councilman Lindsey you'll probably agree, I don't recall this ever being an issue back in the 70's. So, anyway, you were the 80's or 90's or whatever.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, just to clarify, I was there in the 90's, Councilman Shetler. I was two when I started serving on Council, but, yeah, 14 years I was there. Any other comments? What's your pleasure Council? Do we want to deny? Do you want to...I would entertain a motion to approve as adopted by the City Council. Or, I would entertain a motion to deny our recommendation on here because there's not a final. We have to do something.

Joe Gries: You can make no recommendation or no change, but you have to make a recommendation, otherwise your budget is going to be set in at 2015 levels.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, then a motion could be to not make a recommendation, or no recommendation.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, so we have a motion to make no recommendation on this budget. Can we do that?

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

Joe Gries: I think it would be better to say no change, or not enough information to make any changes as a recommendation. It's going to get difficult for the DLGF to take "no recommendation". That's going to be difficult.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so, a motion needs to say that this body is not taking action today, there's not enough information available, the City Council has not adopted, officially finalized or adopted the budget. So, at this time, this body it is our will not to make a recommendation. Does that do it?

President Koehler Lindsey: Does that work? What is it, go back, Mr. Auditor, because, and see what, what is it that it says we're supposed to do?

Councilmember Goebel: Can we approve with—

Joe Gries: The Council has to make a recommendation.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, it's as, the budget is as submitted. So, regardless of what the City Council does, your vote is on the budget that we have before us, as submitted.

Joe Gries: Correct.

Jeff Ahlers: So, do you approve or disapprove of what is submitted? Whatever occurs later is a different issue. So, you have to vote on what's before you today.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, that makes sense. That's why we pay you the big bucks.

Councilmember Goebel: I would like to James to repeat his recommendation then.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well—

President Koehler Lindsey: No, we're not going to make you do that, James.

Councilmember Raben: But, it is what is before us.

Russ Lloyd: Well, I guess, what I could say is we're sure these numbers will be lower. The expenditures will be lower when it's adopted by City Council. But, you have the budget Forms 1, 2 and 4-B from Gateway, and some of these cuts were incorporated in that, because I believe the date on those was the 17th of September.

President Koehler Lindsey: You're pay, are you budgeting an increase for city employees?

Russ Lloyd: Yes, the Mayor and Council, it's one percent, but we don't know if Council is going to go along with that or not. Some of them have indicated they would. So, but the proposed budget is one percent. Our health insurance is about a four percent increase. It was up more than that last year, and we're doing plan design changes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Do you want to try that motion again, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I can. Okay, I'll move that we approve, or make the recommendation to approve the budget before us today—

President Koehler Lindsey: Except for the one percent increase?

Councilmember Raben: -- except for the one percent increase. That is in the form of a motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the motion is to approve what we have in hand today from the City of Evansville, minus the one percent pay increase, because we are wanting to recommend to all taxing units to tighten their belt, just as we have.

Councilmember Shetler: Russ?

President Koehler Lindsey: That is our recommendation.

Councilmember Shetler: Real quickly, are you guys still self-insured on health insurance?

Russ Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any other questions? Alright, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed? Alright, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

Russ Lloyd: Alright, and I will pass that along to the Mayor as well.

President Koehler Lindsey: I'm not going to repeat that motion again. Question, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Quick question, how much, what percent did your budget increase this year?

Russ Lloyd: Well, if you take the Utilities out, and it was like one percent.

Councilmember Raben: One percent?

Russ Lloyd: Yeah, the Utilities are a little bit higher, but they've got Capital Projects.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, thank you.

Russ Lloyd: Alright, thank you, Council.

EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH SCHOOL CORPORATION

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, our next budget is the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation budget. I'm not going to vote on this one, because I'm a School Corporation employee, even though we are just making a recommendation. I don't really want to try to tell my bosses what to do. Good morning, Dr. Smith. If you would please state your name for the record.

Carl Underwood: Good morning. Carl Underwood, Chief Financial Officer for the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. I would be happy to answer any questions.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, Mr. Underwood, appreciate the information. I got a nice, thick packet this year. We love that. Alright, questions, comments?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, kind of the standard question, how much has your budget increased, and are there pay increases calculated in?

Carl Underwood: The General Fund budget increased just under two percent, and we are offering a two percent raise for our employees.

Councilmember Raben: Is that across the board?

Carl Underwood: Across the board?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Carl Underwood: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. No administrative increases beyond two percent?

Carl Underwood: Not beyond two percent.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, I will move to approve the recommendation for the Evansville-Vanderburgh County School Corporation budget, with the exception of employee pay increases.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. I'm going to go ahead and do roll call on this one.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yes.

Kathy Glaser: President Koehler Lindsey?

President Koehler Lindsey: I will abstain. We have six ayes and zero nays, the motion carries to recommend passage of this, minus the two percent increase.

(Motion approved 6-0. President Koehler Lindsey abstained.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: Is there any further business to come before us with the Civil Taxing Units? We are hereby adjourned.

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

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Angela Koehler Lindsey

Vice President John Montrastelle

Tom Shetler

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2015**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of October, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: Good morning. I would like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council meeting October 7, 2015. Attendance please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel		X* joined the meeting late
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Montrastelle	X	
President Koehler Lindsey	X	

President Koehler Lindsey: There being six present, one absent, we have a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

President Koehler Lindsey: I would like to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Montrastelle will lead us in that, followed by an invocation by Councilman Shetler.

(The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were given.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you very much.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AUGUST 13 & 14, 2015 BUDGET HEARINGS SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING, BUDGET CUTS & TRUSTEE REVIEWS

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, that brings us to approval of minutes from the August 13th and 14th budget hearings, the September 2nd Council meeting, budget cuts and Trustee review. Do I have a motion to approve?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright the motion carries

(Motion approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT: RECLASSIFICATION & JOB TITLE CHANGE

President Koehler Lindsey: If I can get my pen to write here we'll be good to go. Okay, we're going to move right in to personnel requests. We start with Superior Court. We have a request for Day Reporting Officer-Juvenile to be reclassified. Good morning.

Bernie Faraone: Good morning, President, Council.

President Koehler Lindsey: State your name for the record please.

Bernie Faraone: Bernie Faraone with Juvenile Court here to represent Judge Niemeier and Juvenile Court.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, are there questions from members of Council? I'm trying to find my paperwork. It's kind of a slow morning this morning here for me. Vanderburgh Superior Court. Is that you guys? Juvenile be reclassified and title change. This was recommended by the Personnel Administration Committee. Alright, if there are no questions from members of Council, I would entertain a motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 6-0)

Bernie Faraone: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you very much.

DADS-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, now we're going to move in to the DADS. I just saw that one. Good morning.

Bob Pigman: Good morning.

President Koehler Lindsey: State your name for the record please.

Bob Pigman: Bob Pigman, Superior Court. I would like to fill an unfilled position in our DADS program for a Counselor. This position has been vacant for a while and we've tried to get by, and we have gotten by, but it's time to fill it. In addition, I think we would like to, we're exploring the possibility of doing some in-house educational training that would raise some money for you all. We don't do any of that right now. So, right now you're getting zero out of that. I think we have the potential to earn some real money here for the county. We can't do that with what we've got right now, and we're falling further behind. So, we really need this position filled to do that.

President Koehler Lindsey: I like that idea. How much money do you think you can raise?

Bob Pigman: I don't know. I'm reluctant to go out on a limb and say exactly what we can do.

President Koehler Lindsey: Understood.

Bob Pigman: Right now we're raising zero, so, you know, if we raise a dollar, we're better off than we were last year.

President Koehler Lindsey: That is true. Please let the record reflect that Councilman Goebel is now in chambers.

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

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: The motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

Bob Pigman: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: We'll be looking for that money. Got 'ya on the record.

Councilmember Raben: Did that motion also include the—

President Koehler Lindsey: This was the DADS.

SUPERIOR COURT-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: We have Superior Court vacancy for Extra Help. That's the next item on the agenda. Is there anyone here to speak to that? Probably not. Okay, any questions on that from members of Council?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: The motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

COUNTY CLERK-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, now we're up to Clerk request to fill vacancies. Alright, and there's just one there.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning, Debbie Stucki, County Clerk.

President Koehler Lindsey: Good morning. Is there any additional information, or any comment that you have for us at this time?

Debbie Stucki: Well, the first two line items I can fill October 19th. We've been waiting for buyouts. The third line item, 101167, I can't fill until November the 2nd, but I'm requesting that I can fill those. I've been about a month without some of these people, and we're really hurting.

President Koehler Lindsey: Remind us again, as far as total number of employees in your office? You have been able to reduce that some in the past.

Debbie Stucki: There are 50. We have eliminated three positions since I've been Clerk.

President Koehler Lindsey: In filling these will keep you at the 50?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Questions from members of Council?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: The motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

Debbie Stucki: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

AUDITOR-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, next up, and give him a second to get around there, is our soon to be retiring Auditor.

Joe Gries: Good morning.

President Koehler Lindsey: Good morning.

Joe Gries: I have two requests before you today. One is to fill the Real Estate Clerk position that we have open. This individual left and went to another position within the county, so, there's no buyout. Then, the second is we have a bookkeeping person that is on FMLA because of a new baby, so we congratulate her, but we wanted to fill, or not fill that position, but bring someone in to help in the payroll bookkeeping area for the next eight to ten weeks. We're also asking that we increase the part time pay from \$8.50 to \$10.00 an hour. Bookkeeping is obviously a vital area, and we're wanting to get a person in there that will be able to help us during that time.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Joe, will this position go away when the regular person comes back?

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, and other than that, thanks for all the work you've done for us.

Joe Gries: Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: And we collectively say, say it ain't so, Joe.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah.

Joe Gries: It's been a pleasure.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Shetler: I imagine there's going to be a little bit of a learning curve here for somebody?

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Have we checked around to other offices to see if perhaps they might be in a little bit of a slow period, or have availability of someone switching over for a short period of time and maybe stays on their payroll, we give them some kind of credit back and forth? It's again this thing that I've been talking about for a long time to kind of cross train people and utilize employees.

Joe Gries: Right, the Treasurer's Office, they're going to actually hit a busy period here coming up in November. The Assessor's Office, I haven't really approached it with them. I could, ten to 12 weeks, I mean, we're not talking about a great deal of time. I agree with you, I think there is maybe some opportunity in the future to look at maybe combining some duties between different offices and maybe sharing employees. It's something that I agree with you on that.

Councilmember Shetler: I'm not opposed to this at this time, and I have no problem with raising that rate up to ten dollars. I think that, but, as I think about it all and just learning any kind of job and then learning sometimes the jargon that associates with county government in itself—

Joe Gries: Absolutely.

Councilmember Shetler: -- and learning all the acronyms and all the other things that you've got to kind of get used to, you're going to have a couple of weeks. So, if there's somebody within the building that, you know, perhaps another office is a little bit slower and they could transfer somebody over temporarily, it seems to me to make sense. More efficient for you and save the taxpayer a few dollars, maybe as much as \$5,000.

Joe Gries: Right, and we'll definitely reach out to those offices to see if there is somebody that we can get that has some of that experience.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Well, and I think if you don't find anyone, then keep in mind the other offices perhaps are hearing this today that you're going to have an employee, if you do have to end up hiring someone, that could be used in other departments. So, I don't know how you all can communicate that between departments, you know, if e-mail is a viable way to do that, but, you know, I would agree and encourage you to see where we can use employees, particularly like you said, with the Extra Help, I'm sure you've got people out all the time in different offices. So, you know, hopefully we can find somebody, and if not, maybe this person could end up being the one that travels around.

Joe Gries: Absolutely. One of the things that we're going to do as far as the open position, we're going to put that on the Auditor's website. We'll also put that on the county's intranet site, so all departments will see that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right. Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll make the motion for approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, so we've had a motion to approve filling both vacancies, and raising the Part Time Help pay rate to \$10.00 an hour. Any discussion or questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed)

President Koehler Lindsey: The motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

Joe Gries: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

SHERIFF-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Sheriff, request to start Deputy early, fill vacancies, raise a pay rate, we've got all kind of good things going on. Good morning.

Dave Wedding: Good morning.

President Koehler Lindsey: Just a second. I talked to the Sheriff's Office on the page that's dated September the 10th, talking about requesting the hourly rate increase to be effective on 9/21/15. They've agreed that it's okay, instead of making that retro, which is not our policy, that we're just going to go ahead and start that with the next pay period. So, when we make the motion, we'll need to make sure to amend that, and you all were in agreement with that.

Dave Wedding: Right.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Sometimes we get those things started and it becomes a slippery slope. Are there any other questions or comments from members of Council?

Councilmember Shetler: Just real quickly, and this isn't a question for you, Sheriff. We've talked about this, I agree, I don't have a problem. You know, I do notice though that \$10.50 for the Part Time Help and stuff, and, again, I don't disagree, you know, with raising those up so that we can get qualified people in. We don't have all of the other perks associated with it, so it saves us a great deal of money, but I think that we, as a Council perhaps, ought to tackle this question in a different way, and that is to get, you know, Joe just came up with a \$10.00 request, now we have a \$10.50. I think we need to kind of get the different jobs kind of put on some kind of platform here where we kind of describe what the activities are, the responsibilities of that job, and then put them in different categories so we don't have somebody doing a secretarial job let's say at \$14.00 an hour and somebody else \$9.00 or \$9.50. So, I think we need to get some kind of platform here where everybody's got some kind of basis here.

President Koehler Lindsey: Would that be something that could be addressed through the Job Study?

Councilmember Shetler: I think that's appropriate.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, perhaps the next time there's a Job Study meeting, or even to call one.

Councilmember Shetler: That's a foot in the mouth, I think.

President Koehler Lindsey: Exactly.

Councilmember Shetler: I shouldn't have opened it up.

President Koehler Lindsey: I was, you know, you opened it up, it is a great idea.

Councilmember Goebel: Should we hold on this until then? Or go with what we just granted the Auditor, lower it to that point?

Councilmember Shetler: We've got people kind of scattered around right now. We've got some at \$9.00, some at \$9.50, \$10.00 and \$10.50, I believe.

Councilmember Goebel: Anyone who's making \$9.00 is going to come before us and ask for a \$10.00—

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: -- and now \$10.50.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, right. I mean, I don't have a problem with going with it as it is.

Dave Wedding: You know, we did an intensive study on this particular part time work, and we found some deficiencies in the way they were working. Actually, I wouldn't call lazy, but they were deficient in the duties. After studying it for months and months, we brought them together, and we re-routed them on how they were going to operate. Which meant they were going to work much harder. So, three of them quit immediately, based on the amount of work we were putting on them for their part time work. When I met with Councilman Shetler, and I think Councilman Montrastelle and Councilman Raben, I talked, we needed to do something because we are mandating that they work much harder than they had been working. They had just gotten complacent. We are still going to save several thousand dollars annually with our new plan in place, but we wanted to reward the ones that were going to start working harder with a little bit more money, but we'll still stay under the annual part time salary that's awarded to the Sheriff's Office annually. So, it creates no new cost, but we'll get better work out of our part time workers. We actually had to recruit some, because we lost three immediately once we identified the deficiencies in the way we were operating currently.

Councilmember Goebel: Are you going to fill those three?

Dave Wedding: Yes, we have filled them. Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: So, you're back to full part time staff then?

Dave Wedding: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: So, all would get the raise then?

Councilmember Bassemier: Angela?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, how long do they work a day?

Dave Wedding: They work approximately four hours a day.

Councilmember Bassemier: Four hours?

Dave Wedding: Yeah.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

Dave Wedding: Generally under 20 hours a week is what we try to keep them, under 20 hours a week.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do you, does the Sheriff's Department provide the vehicle?

Dave Wedding: Oh, yeah.

Councilmember Bassemier: Or, do they use their own?

Dave Wedding: Yes, the Sheriff's Office has the vehicle. It's a pretty tedious job. I mean, we serve tens of thousands of papers monthly. I mean, there's, it's a crazy job. So, it's something you have to do. You can't like put these off. Every day they come in they have to be served.

Councilmember Goebel: I agree with Councilman Shetler, I think we should come up with a policy or plan and maybe have the department heads who have part time help give their requests to Job Study, and then we can formulate a plan, because this is going to be never ending, I would think, as far as the requests.

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I would agree, but for today, we've already approved one, a similar request. So, we might as well move forward with this request, and then move forward with Job Study review of it. Because it's going to take longer than a month, I would suspect, for us event to evaluate the situation.

Councilmember Goebel: I have no problem with that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Dave Wedding: Just for the record, we had discussed possibly moving that salary to \$11.00 per hour, and I backed it off just to ensure that we would not over spend out of that part time line item.

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right. Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, there is a little bit of difference between this and what Joe was proposing earlier, which was clerical.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: I don't mean that the way it sounded, per se, but you are talking about people who are going out serving papers in sometimes a domestic situation that could become volatile.

Dave Wedding: That's right.

Councilmember Shetler: I mean, you've got some situations like that that I think probably warrant a different rate. So, I wasn't meaning to use this as an example to that.

Dave Wedding: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: I just meant that we have to put these things in categories depending upon the responsibilities, and then make the pay level, you know, that's appropriate for that.

Dave Wedding: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: I think the \$10.50 is justified in this particular case, but I think we need to look at the rest.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, Councilman Shetler—

Councilmember Goebel: We have the same situation with the Coroner's Office—

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: -- and they're receiving \$10.00, I think. Is that correct?

President Koehler Lindsey: I'm going to task—

Dave Wedding: I think it's \$11.00 now.

Councilmember Goebel: \$11.00? Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: At this point, I think, I heard a motion from Councilman Bassemier. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we have a motion and a second. I am going to task Councilman Shetler, as the Chairperson of the Job Study Committee, Personnel Committee, to coordinate this. I know that you're part of the committee as well, so you can be Councilman Shetler's assistant in coordinating this information the best way you want. Any further discussion on the motion from the Sheriff's Office? Yes?

Councilmember Bassemier: Are these, is this retroactive?

President Koehler Lindsey: No, we're going to make, will your motion include that the \$10.50 an hour is to be effective starting the next pay period?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I thought that's what you discussed with the Sheriff.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, so we've discussed that and they've agreed to that.

Councilmember Bassemier: One more question, Sheriff, are these, are they in uniform when they serve these papers? Or are they in civilian clothes?

Dave Wedding: No, these are civilians.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, but it still is dangerous.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Dave Wedding: Well, it's a tedious task, I mean, you're serving every day, whether it's raining, snowing, you know, 98 degrees, zero degrees, the papers have to go out.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Bassemier: And you've got dogs and everything else.

Dave Wedding: So, they're in all types of climates, pretty rough neighborhoods, so there's challenges for the job.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Sheriff?

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilman Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: How many warrants are you serving approximately a week, or a month?

Dave Wedding: Well, these aren't warrants, these are process service. It's thousands per week.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Per week?

Dave Wedding: Yes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Is it going up?

Dave Wedding: It stays pretty constant, but they're coming from the courts every day, and they come to us and we've got to get them out.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, great. Okay, so, in the motion we are making this effective the next pay period. I don't remember who seconded that.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second the motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: You'll second the motion with that effective in there? Alright, any further—

Councilmember Raben: With that, are we also approving the other requests? So, all of the Sheriff's requests?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, we're going...right, all of the Sheriff's requests.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, any further questions? Alright, good discussion. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir, appreciate your cooperation.

Dave Wedding: Thank you.

AREA PLAN-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, moving to Area Plan, a request to fill vacancy for Senior Secretary. Good morning, and please state your name for the record, sir.

Ron London: Ron London, Area Plan Director.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Ron London: We're just looking to fill, we had a person leave to move out of town, and we're just looking to replace that position.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

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

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

Ron London: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

LEGAL AID-REQUEST TO TRANSFER PART TIME RECEPTIONIST FROM GENERAL FUND TO INDIANA CIVIL LEGAL AID

President Koehler Lindsey: Next up Legal Aid, request to transfer Part Time Receptionist from the General Fund to Indiana Civil Legal Aid. Alright, well that sounds like a good idea. Good morning.

Kevin Gibson: Good morning, Kevin Gibson.

President Koehler Lindsey: Anytime we can get stuff out of the General Fund it's good. Kevin Gibson, thank you for being here.

Kevin Gibson: You had approved this earlier this year for us to use some of the grant money to increase the hours of a Part Time Receptionist. So, now we're to the point of the year where we've used up the General Fund money and we need to move her to the grant fund line item for the balance of the year.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Alright.

Councilmember Goebel: Move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second. Any further questions or discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: The motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

Kevin Gibson: Thank you.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Next up Health Department, request to fill vacancies for two Public Health Nurses, a Part Time Public Health Nurse, Nutritionist, Part Time RN, Administrative Aide and a Nutritionist RN. Good morning, sir. State your name for the record.

Ken Spear: Good morning. Dr. Spear, Vanderburgh County Health Department. The two RN's are recent resignations. One has a small payout of about two weeks, and I think that will be over in a short period of time. So, both of those will be available for hire at this time, if they're approved. There is a Part Time Nurse requested also for Public Health Nursing, and that is based on a grant that we received, an MCH grant, and it would be a Part Time Nurse working with at risk mothers. Then, we got a significant increase in our WIC funding this year because of our increased volumes and increased service to the public. We did have one retirement and there is a payout. We will not be able to replace her until January.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Ken Spear: But, we wanted to bring it now, with the rest of them. Then the rest of them are all replacements or new hires based on the WIC grant. I think it was \$115,000 more

this year for WIC services. So, we have two on the county payroll and then the rest are grant funded positions.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Any questions? I guess, now that you've stolen our Auditor away you're going to be able to—

Councilmember Raben: So, you're actually bringing in, it looks like one additional part time?

Ken Spear: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Is that part of the plan, overall plan with the Health Department?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second. I guess that means if we amend this to drop that Administrative Aide we would keep our Auditor here? Is that right?

President Koehler Lindsey: That's right. Maybe he'll make it more efficient over there and you can get some more of those grants. Alright we have a motion and a second on the floor. Any further questions or discussion? Alright a motion to approve all Health Department requests. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

Ken Spear: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR-ICJI GRANT-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, Mr. Prosecutor, we have a request to hire three secretaries.

Nick Hermann: Good morning. I've been here the last couple of years to ask for increased staff in our Victim's Assistant Unit. Due to county budgets, I think you guys have been sympathetic but haven't been able to get the funds to do that. We took our plan to the federal government, since they actually do print money, and they have increased our grant funding under VOCA, which Victims Of Crime Act of 1984, to accommodate three additional Victim Advocates in our Victims Center. Last year we had, we provided 15,896 services to 7,380 victims, and we did that with one Victim Advocate and one Secretary on loan from our Criminal Division. So, we're very excited about being able to expand the services that we provide to victims. I'm sure that you're very excited that we're able to do that with zero cost to county taxpayers.

President Koehler Lindsey: We're always happy about zero cost to the county taxpayers. Alright, questions, comments, motion? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: When this runs out as of next September, you're going to re-apply?

Nick Hermann: We're going to re-apply. We received funds from the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 for the last 21 years. So, it is a grant that's been consistently there for us, although never to this degree, but it is an increase that we're excited about. The grant is kind of a competitive based grant, like most of them, but with these people we are going to be able to dramatically increase the services we provide to victims, which are

dramatically going to increase our numbers, which are going to help us in the grant cycle for next year as well.

Councilmember Goebel: That's creative, I guess, job offering here, but we'll be notified if the grant doesn't come back through ahead of time? Or when will we know that?

Nick Hermann: You'll know as soon as we know.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, any other questions? Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Raben: And benefits will be paid through the grant?

Councilmember Terry: I move approval.

Nick Hermann: What's that?

Councilmember Raben: Benefits will also be paid through the grant?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Nick Hermann: Yeah, we asked for the entire salary and benefits.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion on the floor to approve. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: A motion and a second. Any further questions or discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, we do appreciate your diligence in finding those grants.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SHERIFF

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we're going to move now into the appropriation ordinance. We will start with the Sheriff's request.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, I'm going to move that we approve Fuel for the Sheriff in the amount of \$50,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the motion carries.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001050-221000	FUEL	50,000	50,000
TOTAL		50,000	50,000

(Motion approved 7-0)

CORONER

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright the Coroner request, Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember Raben: Next I'll move that we approve, under Coroner, Autopsies in the amount of \$35,000.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

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

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001070-365000	AUTOPSIES	35,000	35,000
TOTAL		35,000	35,000

(Motion approved 7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Superintendent of County Buildings, we've got some housekeeping matters there. The total request is \$234, I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: A motion and a second to approve Superintendent of County Buildings request. All in favor? Any further discussion? Okay, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the motion carries.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001310-131114	MAINTENANCE	191	191
10001310-190000	FICA	15	15
10001310-191000	PERF	28	28
TOTAL		234	234

(Motion approved 7-0)

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

Councilmember Raben: Alright, that concludes the General Fund, now we'll move into Local Drug Free Community request in the amount of \$18,387. I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any questions? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the motion carries.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMM FUND		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1148000-395100	TREATMENT	1,686	1,686
1148000-395200	PREVENTION	5,463	5,463
1148000-395300	LAW ENFORCEMENT	11,238	11,238
TOTAL		18,387	18,387

(Motion approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Chairman?

Councilmember Raben: Local Roads and Streets. The request is for Legal Services in the amount of \$2,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the motion carries.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1169000-361000	LEGAL SERVICES	2,000	2,000
TOTAL		2,000	2,000

(Motion approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND RESERVE

Councilmember Raben: General Fund Reserve Account, this is for feeding of prisoners out at the jail. The request is for \$125,000, I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any discussion or questions? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All those opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the motion carries.

GENERAL FUND RESERVE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
49041320-226000	FOOD	125,000	125,000
TOTAL		125,000	125,000

(Motion approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last, Madam President?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: We’ve got several pages of transfers, which this is usually about the time of the year that we start seeing money shuffled around to utilize what’s within their budgets.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I’ll move approval of all transfers as requested.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any discussion? Again, most of what we’re seeing today is pretty standard for this time of year, and we do appreciate that these are transfers and not additional requests for funding. Okay, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the motion carries. Alright, that concludes our appropriation ordinance and the transfers.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001020-102131	ADMIN SECRETARY	5,000	5,000
To:			
10001020-199000	EXTRA HELP	5,000	5,000

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001070-353000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	750	750
10001070-260000	SUPPLIES	250	250
To:			
10001070-313000	TRAVEL AND MILEAGE	1,000	1,000

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001300-300000	INSURANCE	400	400
To:			
10001300-319000	WASTE DISPOSAL	400	400

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001300-300000	INSURANCE	20,000	20,000
To:			
10001300-361000	LEGAL SERVICES	20,000	20,000

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001360-394400	SPECIAL REPORTER	4,000	4,000
To:			
10001360-372300	PYSCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS	4,000	4,000

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-137189	PART-TIME PROB. OFFICER	625	625
To:			
10001370-137188	DIRECTOR OF JUVENILE DRUG COURTS, FKA DAY REPORTING OFFICER - JUV	625	625

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-341000	PRINTING	4,000	4,000
10001370-394700	PAUPER TRANSCRIPTS	1,000	1,000
10001370-352000	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	700	700
To:			
10001370-325000	LAW BOOKS	5,700	5,700

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-226000	FOOD	500	500
10001370-390300	PETIT JURORS	1,000	1,000
To:			
10001370-325000	LAW BOOKS	1,500	1,500

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-390300	PETIT JURORS	750	750
To:			
10001370-331000	TRAINING & EDUCATION	750	750

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-372000	LAB TESTS	500	500
10001370-394700	PAUPER TRANSCRIPTS	500	500
10001370-226000	FOOD	500	500
To:			
10001370-394100	GUARDIAN AD-LITEM	1,500	1,500

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-260000	SUPPLIES	500	500
To:			
10001370-394100	GUARDIAN AD-LITEM	500	500

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-260000	SUPPLIES	300	300
To:			
10001370-394200	JUDGE PRO TEM	300	300

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001450-221000	FUEL	7,377	7,377
10001450-260000	SUPPLIES	4,000	4,000
10001450-352000	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	8,000	8,000
To:			
10001450-145118	OTHER EMPLOYEES	18,000	18,000
10001450-190000	FICA	1,377	1,377

HEALTH DEPT.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11590000-360000	RENT	29,000	29,000

To:			
11590000-351000	OPERATING EXPENSE	15,000	15,000
11590000-353000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	14,000	14,000

SHERIFF MISDEMEANANT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1175000-117536	CONFINEMENT OFFICER	475	475
To:			
1175000-153100	CIVILIAN SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	445	445
1175000-195100	CIVILIAN TEAMSTER ED	30	30

SUPERIOR COURT - ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
21020000-331000	EDUCATION & TRAINING	1,231	1,231
To:			
21020000-210213	PROBATION OFFICER	1,035	1,035
21020000-190000	FICA	80	80
21020000-191000	PERF	116	116

SUPERIOR COURT-ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
21020000-331000	EDUCATION & TRAINING	1,200	1,200
To:			
21020000-353000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,200	1,200

AUDITOR-INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD			
From:			
12160000-260000	SUPPLIES	2,500	2,500
To:			
12160000-421000	OFFICE FURNITURE	2,500	2,500

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001450-145122	MAINT/MACHANIC	12,530	12,530
10001450-145111	MANAGER	2,007	2,007
10001450-352000	REPAIRS/MAINT	2,449	2,449

To:			
10001450-197100	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	16,546	16,546
10001450-190000	FICA	154	154
10001450-191000	PERF	286	286

(Motion approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Koehler Lindsey: We move in to new business on travel requests. Today we have requests from the Auditor, the Treasurer, the Assessor, the County Engineer and the four from the Health Department. The Chair would entertain a motion to approve the travel requests, with the amendment.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all those...any questions/discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Same sign opposed.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION CO.R-10-15-012: TAX PHASE IN FOR INDIANA TUBE CORPORATION

President Koehler Lindsey: Now we're ready for the preliminary resolution/tax phase-in for Indiana Tube Corporation. Good morning, and state your name for the record please.

Chris Kinnett: Good morning. For the record, Chris Kinnett for the Growth Alliance, requesting Council approval of preliminary resolution CO.R-10-15-012, for declaring an economic revitalization area and property tax phase-in, personal property investment by Indiana Tube Corporation. Indiana Tube currently estimates they will invest \$1.5 million to purchase and properly install new equipment. They estimate the retention of their current 93 jobs, which will have no effect on the current operations, an additional seven new jobs in the next year with an average rate, wage rate of approximately \$19.58 per hour, plus benefits. I won't go through the history. I think most of you know, but what we are looking at is a total value to Indiana Tube of approximately \$60,267. The project would generate a positive economic impact of \$19.6 million per year for Vanderburgh County aligning with our target market in bringing jobs and opportunities paying above the county wage average. While the scoring sheet does come up with nine, we are recommending a ten year tax phase-in given the number of years this company has been in existence and the type of employees that they do employ. With us today is Rick Jones who is with Indiana Tube. He'll give you a brief history of the facility and what they're looking forward to do. Rick?

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you. Good morning.

Rick Jones: Good morning. Indiana Tube's been around since 1974. A lot of our business used to revolve around Whirlpool, which everybody knows is no longer here. We've changed gears and are now into oil and gas downhole tubing. That replaced our condenser business that was lost when we exited the Whirlpool business. We're into automotive, and we're also into transportation, fluid carrying tubing, as well as refrigeration. This project, the \$1.5 million, is a new process, which is proprietary, and I wish I could share more with you, but until it gets up off the ground and everything, I don't want our competitors to go ahead and steal our business before we get it up off the ground.

President Koehler Lindsey: Absolutely not. Awesome. Thank you and congratulations on a successful transition. That's really a wonderful gain for our community.

Rick Jones: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, thank you for your hard work. Questions or comments from members of Council at this point?

Councilmember Raben: No, I will, Madam President?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I will move approval, and I would also like to say that Rick, at one time, for those that may or may not know, one time Rick held one of these seats for, how many years, two or three years?

Rick Jones: Four.

Councilmember Raben: Four years?

President Koehler Lindsey: Well, welcome back.

Rick Jones: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion on the floor. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: I have a second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Alright, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All those opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: The motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

Rick Jones: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

<p>PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION CO.R-10-15-013: TAX PHASE-IN FOR WABASH PLASTICS, INC.</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, good morning again.

Chris Kinnett: Once again, and again for the record, my name is Chris Kinnett with the Growth Alliance requesting Council approval of preliminary resolution CO.R-10-15-013 for declaring an economic revitalization area/property tax phase-in of real and personal property investment by Wabash Plastics, Inc. They plan to build a 50,000 square foot addition to their current facility. The additional square footage will allow the firm to

expand up to six industrial grade machines, including a number of different pieces of equipment. They estimate now that that will be \$5.2 million for the construction and approximately \$4.5 million in new manufacturing equipment. They estimate the retention of their 234 jobs which, as brought up at the Personnel and Finance Committee, is a very important aspect of the retention of jobs, and an addition of 25 new jobs in the next two years with an average pay rate of approximately \$16.75 plus benefits. Again, I won't go through the plan, I'll let the folks at Wabash do that, but the total value to Wabash Plastics would be approximately \$712,331, and the project would generate a positive economic impact for Vanderburgh County of **\$89 per year**. Again, aligning with our current target market and helping lift up those that have already been a part of this community and have contributed to this community both from a tax standpoint, as well as a corporate entity for Vanderburgh County. With us today is John Schroeder, Scott Schroeder and Joe Barker. Joe is the Plant Manager and Vice President for Wabash, and Joe will be happy to talk a little bit about and answer any questions that you might have with regards to this project. Joe?

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, very good. Thank you. Good morning.

Joe Barker: Good morning.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you for being here.

Joe Barker: Glad to be here.

President Koehler Lindsey: We enjoy being able to do things like this to keep good companies growing in this community. Questions from members of Council? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Thanks for the planned expansion and retention of your investment here. When do you foresee this project being completed and the hires made?

Joe Barker: We're hopeful that the project will be completed by the end of next June. At that point we would start adding additional employees.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, other questions or comments by members of Council?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Just that it's exciting that you're adding a 50,000 square foot building, I guess, onto your, onto the current building right now, right?

Joe Barker: That's correct. We currently have 250,000 square feet.

Councilmember Montrastelle: As someone who works in that neighborhood, you're building is always clean, well maintained, it's very encouraging to see this type of expansion. \$89 million fiscal impact that's huge, thank you very much and well done.

Joe Barker: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes?

Councilmember Raben: Do we have a motion on the floor?

President Koehler Lindsey: We do not.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second on the floor. Any further questions or discussion from members of Council? Alright, if not, all those favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All those opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

Joe Barker: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Congratulations, and thanks for being a great community member.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, now we move into amendments to the salary ordinance. Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, excuse me, under amendments we've got three pages of salary amendments. Madam President, I will move approval and ask that this document be entered into the minutes as part of the record.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, there's a motion, is there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second to approve the amendments to the salary ordinance. Any further discussion? If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: We are now into public comment. Anyone from the public needing to comment?

REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, if there's no public comment, just a reminder that our next meeting date and time for this body will be our Personnel and Finance meeting on October 28, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. right here in this chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, is there anything further to come before the County Council? If not, then we are.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Angela Koehler Lindsey

Vice President John Montrastelle

Tom Shetler

James Raben

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2015

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of November, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: We'll call to order the Vanderburgh County Council meeting for November 4th at 8:00am. Attendance roll call please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel		X ** joined the meeting late
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Montrastelle	X	
President Koehler Lindsey	X	

President Koehler Lindsey: There being six present, one absent, we have a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

President Koehler Lindsey: We are going to start with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Montrastelle and then Councilman Shetler will give the invocation.

(The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were given.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Amen. Thank you. Hey, and the Mater Dei Wild Cats are here! Oh! Councilman Goebel is in the house. Please make a note of that.

PROCLAMATION OF JOE GRIES DAY

President Koehler Lindsey: The next item on our agenda is a little bit bitter sweet. I have a proclamation to read. In recognition of Joe Gries, Joe Gries where are you? Is he here? Joe Gries come on up to the microphone and we are going to embarrass you really well.

Proclamation of Joe Gries Day by the Vanderburgh County Council, In recognition of Joe for his many years of dedicated public service and leadership to Vanderburgh County,

WHEREAS: Joe Gries has enhanced the quality of public and government services for residents of Vanderburgh County twenty years of service in offices and departments of Vanderburgh County and Knight Township.

WHEREAS: Mr. Gries' service includes serving as the Auditor of Vanderburgh County, Chief Deputy Auditor of Vanderburgh County, Real Estate Deputy for Knight Township Assessor's Office, Deputy Assessor of the Vanderburgh County Assessor's Office, Vice-President of the Indiana Auditor's Association, Secretary of the Indiana Auditor's Association, and Co-Chair of the Indiana Auditor's Association Legislative Committee.

And WHEREAS: Mr. Gries has been instrumental in formulating and preparing the budgets for Vanderburgh County over the past ten years, including developing budgets during difficult economic times where there has been less revenue available to fund

County Government. Mr. Gries has administered changes in State regulations and laws, provided key financial information to ensure adoption of a balanced budget, and developed plans to meet current and future budgetary needs.

WHEREAS: this Vanderburgh County Council is truly grateful for the contributions of Mr. Gries to Vanderburgh County through Mr. Gries' many years of dedicated service.

Therefore, be it resolved that We, the County Council of Vanderburgh County, Indiana do hereby proclaim November 4, 2015 as "Joe Gries Day" in the County of Vanderburgh County.

(Applauding)

Joe Gries: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much for all of your many years of service. We're going to miss you in capacity as Auditor, but we're pleased as punch to have you just moving kind of right across the hall so to speak. We look forward to many more years of working with you in a different capacity.

Joe Gries: Thank you very much. This is a surprise. And a great surprise. I appreciate that very much. I'm humbled. It's been a pleasure working with this Council the last several years. I couldn't have asked for better people to work with and partner with in serving the taxpayers and residents of the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County. And this is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. We'll have a better copy for you that's signed but come on up and get this one.

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 30, 2015 BUDGET ADOPTION & CIVIL TAXING UNIT REVIEW OCTOBER 7, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, so now we move into the fun part, approval of minutes from September 30, 2015, the Budget Adoptions and Civil Taxing Unit Review and October 7, 2015 Council Meeting. Do we have a motion to approve?

Councilmember Terry: I move approval.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright the motion carries

(Motion approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">SURVEYOR: REQUEST TO CHANGE JOB TITLE</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: Personnel Requests, it looks like we have several this morning. We're going to start the Surveyor's request to change job title from Rodman to Associate Engineering Tech and a fill a vacancy. Mr. Surveyor? I know he said he was coming. Oh, there he is hiding in the back. Good morning, and, as you come to the podium this morning if you can please state your name for the record.

Jeff Mueller: My name is Jeff Mueller. I'm the Vanderburgh County Surveyor. As Mr. Stoll and I have learned if you sit back in the corner you are not on the TV.

President Koehler Lindsey: Now we know the secret.

Jeff Mueller: We're up here enough on television. This is a job that.... Actually I had the Office Manager's job open and the person who is in the Rodman's job is taking that job so I really haven't hired anyone from outside. As far as the job title, the title of Rodman is actually an antiquated title and also coming from industry we used to give, we wanted to get rid of any title that had like Rodman or something man or something woman. The Associate Engineering Tech is a better title for that job. I'm not asking for any change in the... It's going to be a Pat II job which is what it was before, so... just ah...

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Jeff Mueller: The title will advertise better.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion to approve. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

Jeff Mueller: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Next up, Mr. Prosecutor's request to vacancies for two full-time deputy prosecutors. Good morning.

Nick Herrmann: Good morning. I got a seat in the back corner too. Ummm.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright you guys.

Nick Herrmann: We have a request fill two full-time deputy prosecutors.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have any questions or comments from members of Council?

(No comments)

President Koehler Lindsey: Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: And do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion carries. Alright, everyone's still asleep this morning.

(Motion approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT - REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: Good morning. Mr.? Who's coming up here? Judge? Superior Court's request to fill vacancy for a Bailiff. Judge Shively? Judge Pigman? All the above.

Les Shively: Good morning

President Koehler Lindsey: Good morning.

Les Shively: I'm requesting the permission to fill a vacancy because the prosecutor hired away one of my people.

President Koehler Lindsey: That daggon Prosecutor.

Les Shively: I know this is a request to fill a Bailiff position.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, very good.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

Les Shively: Thank you very much.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much.

BURDETTE PARK - REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Koehler Lindsey: Next up is Burdette Park request to fill vacancies for Office Assistant, Maintenance/Mechanic and a part-time Office Assistant. Good morning.

Jacob Murphy: Good morning. Jacob Murphy, Burdette Park.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Do we have questions from members of Council?

(No Questions)

President Koehler Lindsey: Do you have any further comments?

(No comments)

Councilmember Raben: If none, I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE - REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: Next Cum Bridge request to file vacancy for a Construction Engineering Assistant. Mr. Stoll's going to come up from the back corner as well. Now we know the secret.

(Inaudible comment)

President Koehler Lindsey: It's kind of like church.

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer. This request is just to fill one of the vacant positions in my office. It's one of the inspector's positions.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any questions or comments from members of Council?

(No comments)

President Koehler Lindsey: I would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, sir.

SUPERIOR COURT I IN DOC GRANT - REQUEST TO FILL PT VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: And um... We have.... We should have done these together. Sorry guys. We have Superior Court Indiana Document Grant or Doc Grant. I think they're gone. Do we any questions to fill vacancy for part-time help?

(No questions)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any.... I would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, it looks like just a vacancy for part-time help. So, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: That concludes our Personnel requests.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CIRCUIT COURT

President Koehler Lindsey: We move into the Appropriation Ordinance. Alright, Finance Chairman Raben do you have comments? Do you want to do this?

Councilmember Raben: (inaudible)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, awesome. You sign away. We want to get all these things signed.

Councilmember Shetler: While we're waiting on the Finance Chairman let me just reiterate what I had said at the last meeting.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes sir.

Councilmember Shetler: And that if everybody takes note of the cash balance in General Fund. It is less than seventy-nine thousand dollars. At the beginning of the year we had a million dollars that we carried over, about a million one. That seventy-nine will go up a bit because of the year end of money left over in different areas and different departments. But it will be considerably less than it was last year. I say that so that we're all very aware of we do today and in the future and in the next couple of months here that in order to have enough money in the General Fund at the end of the year we are going to have to be mindful of all of that. So...

President Koehler Lindsey: Absolutely. I think we figured if all of these are passed, that takes us to down around twenty thousand in the General Fund. So, we need to be careful.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move on then to the Appropriation Ordinance. First on the agenda is Circuit Court. We had a request for \$15,000 and I will move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Do we a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Any further questions?

(No questions)

President Koehler Lindsey: All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1000130-390300	PETIT JUROR	15,000	15,000
TOTAL		15,000	15,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA

President Koehler Lindsey: Next up.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Old National Bank Events Plaza we have a request for union overtime and FICA, PERF for a total of \$12,185 and I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we have a motion and a second on the Old National Events Plaza. Any further questions by members of Council?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes sir?

Councilmember Goebel: Last week we discussed possibly finding a transfer to cover that. Has there been any activity in that regard?

President Koehler Lindsey: Did we? Were we able to find any money to transfer? Or, are we doing this as is on the Events Plaza Union overtime?

Darren Stearns: Darren Stearns, Old National Events Plaza.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Darren Stearns: I think when we discussed this, this was in the General Fund where the other funds are not. So, usually we get billed back the teamster wages and overtime and we resend it back to you. So, it's reimbursed.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Alright, very good.

Councilmember Goebel: So, this will come back?

Darren Stearns: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Awesome. Thank you sir. Okay. If there are no further questions then, we have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Any opposed same sign?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries

OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001440-185000	UNION OVERTIME	10,000	10,000
10001440-190000	FICA	765	765
10001440-191000	PERF	1,420	1,420
TOTAL		12,185	12,185

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Burdette Park Other Employees for a total of \$29,600. I will move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Are there any further questions on this?

Councilmember Goebel: If this goes through we're going to be at a balance of.... I know there will be some funds come back in, but with a balance at around \$22,000.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right. Yeah. I have \$21,941 if I did my math correctly.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. Thanks.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, there's not many...

Councilmember Raben: This, this account was reimbursed, right? There was a transfer to make up for this?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, Mrs. Lukeman?

Teri Lukeman: It's my understanding that Burdette Park would Blue Claim these funds from the Float Stand to repay that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Can we go ahead and get that on the record, Mr. Murphy? Every time I have to call you Mr. Murphy, it reminds of being back in school with my music teacher, Mr. Murphy. Different...(inaudible).

Jacob Murphy: Jacob Murphy, Burdette Park. Yea, those will be Blue Claimed out of the non-reverting account.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so again this money will come back.

Jacob Murphy: Yes.

President Koehler Lindsey: The entire \$29,600?

Jacob Murphy: That's the plan, yea.

President Koehler Lindsey: Great. We like to hear that. Thank you. Okay, any further questions or comments? Did we get a motion on this?

Councilmember Raben: I made a motion way down

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second and so we're ready to vote. It was a long night last night. It's been a long week. So, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, it was fun, motion carried. Okay, so that concludes the General Fund requests.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001450-145118	OTHER EMPLOYEES	10,544	10,544
10001450-190000	FICA	807	807
10001450-190000	Fuel	7,377	7,377
10001450-190000	Supplies	3,372	3,372
10001450-190000	Repairs/Maint	7,500	7,500
TOTAL		29,600	29,600

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay we'll move to Cum Bridge. We have a request for Maryland Street Bridge in the amount of \$100,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we have a motion and a second on the Cum Bridge request. Any further questions or comments?

(No comments)

President Koehler Lindsey: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the motion carries.

CUM BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
11350000-471500	MARYLAND ST BRIDGE	100,000	100,000
TOTAL		100,000	100,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

President Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Chairman?

Councilmember Raben: Next under Local Emergency Plan Commission we have a request for \$4,180. I will move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second for \$4,180 for Local Emergency Plan. Any further questions?

(No questions)

President Koehler Lindsey: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMM		REQUESTED	APPROVED
11520000-321000	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	4,000	4,000
11520000-313000	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	180	180
TOTAL		4,180	4,180

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Chairman?

Councilmember Raben: Convention and Visitors Bureau Sports Complex in the amount of \$1,300,000. I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion or questions?

Councilmember Shetler: I didn't have a question or comment, but I didn't see anybody here.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Councilmember Terry: They were here.

Jeff Ahlers: There she is.

President Koehler Lindsey: There she is.

Councilmember Shetler: The only.... I did have a question the other day and I didn't know if you found an answer to that and was on the economic impact...

Councilmember Terry: Take more time up there?

Councilmember Shetler: ...that

Julia Pillow: Julia Pillow, Convention and Visitors Bureau. I'm sorry sir I wasn't informed of that question so I don't have an answer.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thanks.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Councilmember Shetler: If you could give it to us all soon because I think we'd be interested in finding out just how much this investment is bringing back to the community.

Councilmember Montrastelle: And Julia, it was, to further clarify his question it was really economic impact that the 31 or so tournaments or events that you're going to have next year, what economic impact will that bring.

Julia Pillow: Okay. I will get that to you as soon as possible.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Any further questions, comments or clarifications?

(No comments)

President Koehler Lindsey: Then, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
11830000-407300	SPORTS COMPLEX	1,300,000	1,300,000
TOTAL		1,300,000	1,300,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR'S INELIGIBLE DEDUCTIBLE FUND

Councilmember Raben: Last is the Auditor Ineligible Deduction Fund in the amount of \$5,000. I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second for the \$5,000 for the Auditor's Ineligible Deduction Fund. Do we have any questions or comments?

Councilmember Shetler: I do have one question. Is that; is some of that, is half of that money in there for evaluating jobs or something like that?

Chief Deputy Auditor Brian Gerth: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Shetler: How much specifically is for that?

Chief Deputy Auditor Brian Gerth: \$2,500.

Councilmember Shetler: And, specifically, what jobs are those for?

Chief Deputy Auditor Brian Gerth: The four positions in Bookkeeping.

Councilmember Shetler: I'm wondering if that shouldn't be pulled and wait until next really year on that. I think that as I understand it there are some serious questions about that whole matter and we're looking at evaluating perhaps what 25-30% of that Office? Maybe? And, I think it's going to take a little bit more time and I'm not so sure that we need to invest you know that money that direction today. So....

Chief Deputy Auditor Brian Gerth: No, that's fair if we want to hold that until next year.

Councilmember Shetler: I guess if it would be appropriate, I don't know if the Motioner wants to change it or if you want me to make an amendment to that motion? Or how that would be appropriate to do but?

Councilmember Raben: I'm comfortable with that if you're comfortable with that? Ok, let's.... I'd like to amend my motion. Was there a second?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: I may have seconded it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: So, I agreed (inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: To amend the motion to set in the request at zero.

Councilmember Shetler: \$2500.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we want it zero or \$2,500?

Councilmember Raben: \$2,500. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright we have an amended motion and a second on the floor to remove or to take \$2,500 from Contractual Services in the Auditor's Ineligible Deduction Fund. Making that total down at the bottom also two thousand five hundred. Any further questions or comments?

(No comments)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries for \$2,500.

AUDITOR'S INELIGIBLE DEDUCTION FUND		REQUESTED	APPROVED
12160000-353000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	5,000	2,500
TOTAL		5,000	2,500

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, it's obvious we're nearing the end of the year and there are fewer meeting because the transfer list is quite lengthy. I'm going to move that we approve all transfers as listed.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second? To approve all transfers?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second to approve all the transfers as listed. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries. That concludes the Finance Business.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001020-102131	ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY	7,700	7,700
To:			
10001020-197100	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	7,700	7,700

SHERIFF'S DEPT.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001050-105166	POST COMMAND RECEPTIONIST	3,400	3,400
10001050-105170	PART TIME CLERK	2,000	2,000
10001050-121000	COLLEGE INCENTIVE	3,000	3,000
10001050-130100	CIVILIAN OT	12,000	12,000
10001050-153100	CIVILIAN SHIFT DIFF	2,200	2,200
10001050-175000	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	5,000	5,000
10001050-192000	DEPUTY INSURANCE	9,000	9,000
10001050-199000	EXTRA HELP	13,000	13,000
To:			
10001050-105139	DEPUTY SHERIFF	3,034	3,034
10001050-197100	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	46,566	46,566

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001080-325000	LAW BOOKS	4,030	4,030
To:			
10001080-390100	WITNESS FEES	2,030	2,030
10001080-390000	RETURN OF FUGITIVE	2,000	2,000

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001080-108131	LEGAL SECRETARY	3,725	3,725
10001080-108128	LEGAL SECRETARY	1,639	1,639
To:			
10001080-108120	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	5,364	5,364

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001230-337000	DATA MANAGEMENT	1,600	1,600
To:			
10001230-320000	UTILITIES	600	600
10001230-260000	SUPPLIES	1,000	1,000

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001240-312000	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	1,000	1,000
10001240-313000	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	1,500	1,500
To:			
10001240-314000	COMMUNICATIONS	2,500	2,500

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001360-390200	GRAND JURORS	1,000	1,000
10001360-394400	SPECIAL REPORTERS	750	750
To:			
10001360-390300	PETIT JURORS	1,000	1,000
10001360-226000	FOOD	750	750

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-394700	PAUPER TRANSCRIPTS	250	250
10001370-390300	PETIT JURORS	750	750
10001370-305000	PATIENT/INMATE CARE	750	750
To:			
10001370-394100	GUARDIAN AD-LITEM	1,750	1,750

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-226000	FOOD	250	250
To:			
10001370-394100	GUARDIAN AD-LITEM	250	250

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-394700	PAUPER TRANSCRIPTS	200	200
To:			
10001370-394200	JUDGE PRO TEM	200	200

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-390300	PETIT JURORS	1,000	1,000
10001370-260000	SUPPLIES	1,000	1,000
10001370-341000	PRINTING	250	250
To:			
10001370-379000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	2,250	2,250

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-390300	PETIT JURORS	500	500
10001370-305000	PATIENT/INMATE CARE	500	500
To:			
10001370-372000	LAB TESTS	1,000	1,000

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-305000	PATIENT/INMATE CARE	3,500	3,500
To:			
10001370-398000	TRANS CHILD & MISC	3,500	3,500

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-260000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,615	4,615
To:			
10001370-421000	OFFICE FURNITURE	4,615	4,615

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001400-140025	ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	2,187	2,187
To:			
10001400-140017	ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	2,187	2,187

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			

11350000-200000	MATERIALS	12,185	12,185
To:			
11350000-185000	UNION OVERTIME	10,000	10,000
11350000-190000	FICA	765	765
11350000-191000	PERF	1,420	1,420

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11760000-200000	MATERIALS	18,278	18,278
To:			
11760000-185000	UNION OVERTIME	15,000	15,000
11760000-190000	FICA	1,148	1,148
11760000-191000	PERF	2,130	2,130

REASSESSMENT - ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
12241090-199000	EXTRA HELP	4,000	4,000
To:			
12241090-130000	REGULAR OVERTIME	3,597	3,597
12241090-191000	PERF	403	403

CIRCUIT COURT - SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
21010000-198000	OTHER PAY	12,500	12,500
To:			
21010000-192000	INSURANCE	12,500	12,500

SUPERIOR COURT - SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
21020000-331000	EDUCATION & TRAINING	750	750
To:			
21020000-353000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	750	750

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Koehler Lindsey: We're now going to move into new business, the travel requests. The Surveyor has three, the Commissioners have two, and the Health Department has two. Does any member of Council have a question for any of those departments on those transfers, or do I have a motion to approve?

Councilmember Shetler: I think there were some questions actually on the Commissioners. There seemed to be a difference, one person was staying two nights, I believe, and another was staying one night for the same conference, and then there was a question on room rate for the two different individuals as well. So, I don't know if anybody is here from the Commissioner's Office to maybe address those.

President Koehler Lindsey: Is there anyone here from the Commissioner's Office to be able to answer? Alright.

Councilmember Goebel: I think also that this is not a State called or a mandated meeting either. So, we have two of the three going. That might be beneficial for us, but the expenses differ for the same conference.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, well, while we're waiting on that, let's go ahead and move on. Let's postpone the travel requests and move to item B.

<p style="text-align: center;">CONFIRMING RESOLUTION CO.R-11-15-016 TAX PHASE-IN FOR INDIANA TUBE CORPORATION</p>

President Koehler Lindsey: The confirming resolution and tax phase-in, we'll do B and C, both of the confirming resolutions and tax phase-in. So, we'll look first at the one for Indiana Tube. If everybody could locate that in your packet, is there anything that has changed on here? Go ahead and state your name for the record from last week.

Chris Kinnett: There has nothing been changed. For the record, Chris Kinnett, President of the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. Thank you for being here today and, again, it has not changed since our last meeting for Indiana Tube. Rick Jones is here to answer any questions. I would ask that the Council call for any remonstrance that may be out there.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, alright. Are there any questions from members of Council for Mr. Jones, former Councilman Jones? Are there any remonstrators in the audience? If not, the Chair would entertain a motion to approve.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And, do we have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, this is for the confirming resolution for the tax phase-in for Indiana Tube Corporation. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All those opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: The motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you so much.

Rick Jones: Councilmembers, on behalf of Indiana Tube, I want to thank you for your support.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you for being here in town.

CONFIRMING RESOLUTION CO.11-15-017 TAX PHASE-IN FOR WABASH PLASTICS

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we're now moving on to the confirming resolution/tax phase-in for Wabash Plastics. Again, have there been any changes since the preliminary resolution was passed?

Chris Kinnett: Again, Chris Kinnett with the Growth Alliance. There have been no changes with regards to Wabash Plastics. Matt Malcom representing Wabash Plastics and John Schroeder are here to answer any questions you have, and we ask for the call for remonstrations.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you, sir. Councilmembers, do we have any questions or comments about the resolution/tax phase-in for Wabash Plastics?

Councilmember Goebel: No comment, I just move approval.

President Kiefer: Alright.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: A motion and a second to approve. All those in favor, before we do that, are there any remonstrators from the audience? Seeing none, we'll vote on the motion to approve the confirming tax resolution for tax phase-in for Wabash Plastics. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

John Schroeder: Thank you very much. We appreciate you support also.

President Koehler Lindsey: Excellent, thank you.

Councilmember Shetler: Thanks, John.

Matt Malcom: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. This is one of the great things about being on this Council is being able to make this positive impact for our community with businesses and help grow them and keep them here. That's always exciting.

TRAVEL REQUESTS REVISITED

President Koehler Lindsey: Moving back to the travel requests.

Councilmember Shetler: Can we just point out; I think there's one that's requesting, basically, for the same apparent conference a three night stay, and another requesting a two night stay. So, that's a question, and they're both staying at the same place, but there are two different rates from what...and I just want to double check. One, you know, basically \$200 a night, the other one is at \$170 a night. So, anyway, I just feel like those raise a few questions here that, you know, maybe we ought to look at a little further. Otherwise, I don't have a problem.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the pleasure of the Council? We've checked with the Commissioner's Office, there's not anyone available to answer that question now. So, we can amend it, we can approve it as is, we can hold it. The conference is when?

Councilmember Terry: The first through the third of December.

Councilmember Shetler: You know, I believe that these have already been, I know the one has been placed on probably a personal credit card anyway. So, it's been paid. I would guess that they could go ahead and continue on with the deal, and then it's just a matter of if they're going to get reimbursed or not.

President Koehler Lindsey: Exactly. So, do we want to take these individually, do we want to hold the County Commissioners until next month, until we get the question answered? I would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: The other alternative might be to go to, you know, like take the two days at the lower rate, or whatever.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: And, do a flat amount for both.

President Koehler Lindsey: Exactly.

Councilmember Shetler: And, you know, adjust this thing for the time being.

President Koehler Lindsey: Are you making that as a motion?

Councilmember Shetler: But we do have that other question lingering, which is whether or not if this is really necessary, that Councilman Goebel brought up.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right? Councilman?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, the only really knowns through is maybe one person is not staying for the entire conference. The other question is, what time does the conference start on day one? So, there may be a need, you know, if it starts at 7:00 a.m.—

Councilmember Shetler: Right, correct.

Councilmember Shetler: --so, you know, I guess, at this point, like you stated, they're probably already on credit cards, so, it's not like the reservations are not going to be lost. What we could do, if it's one night that's in dispute, deduct one request by the amount of one night's stay, and deal with it in December.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah. Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, that would be having both requests be at the \$830 amount?

Councilmember Goebel: But, the three night stay is less than the two night stay rate, is that correct?

Councilmember Shetler: The rate per night is, but I don't know if that's why it is.

Councilmember Goebel: That would be...maybe they could just find out, or they could get together and get the same rate and give us an answer on the time. If they have to be there early, then it makes sense that they go perhaps the night before.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: You know, we just don't know about the conference itself, timing and all of that.

Councilmember Terry: Right, and usually there's a block rate.

Councilmember Goebel: They should be able to adjust with the hotel, that rate, I would think.

Councilmember Shetler: I mean, it's not like this is going to break the bank, but—

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: -- we're kind of in charge of overseeing and its part of our responsibilities.

President Koehler Lindsey: So, what do we want to do? Do we want to leave these requests as is? Do we want to pull both of them off? Do we want to make an adjustment to the amount?

Councilmember Montrastelle: It appears it was \$115, the difference, that's what we're talking about.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Can we approve all of it but \$115, and, then make that change later if we need to?

President Koehler Lindsey: We can.

Councilmember Raben: What we could do, the one request for a two night stay at a higher rate, which gives some cushion is \$463.32. The other request for a three night stay at the lower rate is \$596.70. We could approve both requests at the \$463 that would kind of make it for now, that makes it easy. It may not be to the penny what the actual cost is, but it gives the reduction that everybody's looking for here.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, they might be able to resolve this between now and the conference itself as well.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Can we just ask them to do that? And maybe not spend quite as much?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, can we just, yeah, maybe somebody can put it in writing to them and get those questions....that's a good idea.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: Then just get the answers to those questions. Then, of course, we have to approve it one way or the other now.

President Koehler Lindsey: Well, we can hold it. I mean, we could approve all of the requests.

Councilmember Raben: Let's make both of them the same. The first request with travel and mileage and everything is \$830. Let's just approve both of them in the amount of \$830.

President Koehler Lindsey: \$830? Alright, so is that a motion?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, and a second to approve to approve both requests of the County Commissioners at \$830, and all other requests as listed?

Councilmember Shetler: Right, and then, in the meantime, we can get those questions over to the Commissioners, they can answer them, then we can put it back on the agenda for December's meeting.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, if they need that additional amount, they can put it back on. Alright, Mrs. Lukeman, can you take care of that for us? Do we have a second?

Councilmember Goebel: When will the Commissioners be reimbursed? It's a personal credit card, correct?

Councilmember Raben: Probably the—

Councilmember Goebel: Will it be before December, before the convention or after?

Councilmember Raben: They will probably submit them when they send back the bill.

Councilmember Shetler: After the conference.

Councilmember Goebel: After the conference? Then why do we have to take any action today then?

President Koehler Lindsey: We don't.

Councilmember Goebel: Then get it resolved and then approve it.

President Koehler Lindsey: But, we have a motion on the floor. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: But, it's the request to travel that we're really, right now talking about, not the amount of money per se and the reimbursement.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: We're talking about whether, they're asking for permission to (a) even make the travel.

President Koehler Lindsey: Correct.

Councilmember Terry: But, they've already made some reservations with registration and hotel.

Councilmember Shetler: That's right.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right. Alright, so do we have a second on the motion to approve both requests, but list them as the \$830 amount? Do we have a second on that motion? If not, the Chair would entertain a motion to approve all of the travel requests, minus the County Commissioners? Alright, you guys have got to make a motion. You've got to tell me what you want to do here.

Councilmember Raben: What is sticky here, is by not approving anything you're saying we don't approve of the travel whatsoever. So...

President Koehler Lindsey: Of them traveling. Well, perhaps we approve it—

Councilmember Raben: We have to, I mean, you know, you're telling them trust us we'll fix it later after you've already taken on the expense without cancellation. So, our next meeting is beyond their cancellation deadline. So...

President Koehler Lindsey: We probably need to—

Councilmember Raben: Are we truly saying, the question needs to be, Madam President—

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes?

Councilmember Raben: -- are we saying, no, don't go at all? Or, do we just have questions on the rate of one Commissioner?

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, so what do we want to say? Do we want to let the Commissioners go, or not go?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Well, I would like to make a motion that we approve it as it is, with a note that they make, to the best of their ability that they make try to make and adjustment, as Councilman Goebel said, that we ask them to try to do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Councilmember Montrastelle: And we quit talking about \$115.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second to approve the travel requests, as listed, all of them on this page from the Surveyor, County Commissioners and Health Department, with a note to request the Commissioners try to negotiate their rate, and a second. Any further questions or comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Now that wasn't so hard. Motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Hey, every little dollar counts, right? There we go.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: Next on the agenda, moving on to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone has been given a copy of all the amendments to the salary ordinance. I'm going to ask that this document be entered into the minutes, and make a motion for approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, do we have a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: It's been made a motion and second to approve the amendments to the salary ordinance. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: We're finally down to public comment. Do we have any comments from the audience this morning? Is anyone asleep? Alright, I would just like to make a comment that, you know, number one, Mrs. Lukeman, when we're setting this schedule next year, remind us to not meet the day after election day, but, number two, I would like to take the time to thank all of the registered voters who did go out and vote. I would like to just comment just a little bit of disappointment that, once again, we elected our city officials with about 20 percent of the vote. That's disappointing to see that there aren't more people that take the time to get out and vote. So, I would just, with the next set of elections coming up going to be pretty significant, that would encourage those that can to exercise your right. I can tell you from experience that every vote counts, as someone who once won an election by two votes. I would just comment too that it was a good campaign, and I do appreciate all of those that stepped out. All of us up here know that it's a tough thing to do to go out and put yourself out before the community, and there were lots of things that, you know, sometimes your family's hurt, sometimes you're hurt. So, I just appreciate all of the people that were willing to put their name on the ballot. It was a great, clean election, and I'm glad it's over. Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I agree, every vote does count and I guess you can ask the people running for Mayor, or the two candidates for Mayor in Jasper—

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: Because I think it remains a tie today.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: However, I do think that this organization ought to maybe inquire about moving the city races, instead of an off year, to a midterm year. With six percent coming out for a primary vote, of registered voters, and 20 percent coming out for the city elections, maybe we can invest 360 something thousand, or whatever it costs, I'm not even sure, in a better way, into the midterm election. I know it would take a lot of work and it would have to go through the State government, but maybe it's time we take a look.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Great. Councilman Shetler?

REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME

Councilmember Shetler: I was just going to jump down there to line 13, it says a reminder of the next meeting. I just wanted to make sure that we're able to give Councilman Goebel and excused absence for that day to get his team prepared for what will follow a couple of days after. So, at least we hope so.

Councilmember Goebel: That's a long way off.

President Koehler Lindsey: Very nice.

Councilmember Shetler: It's looking awful though, Coach.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's great. Yes, congratulations on your successes so far. Councilman Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: On the County Commissioners seminar that they're going to attend. Who's going to reach out and ask them to try to....Teri?

President Koehler Lindsey: Teri will take care of that for us.

Councilmember Montrastelle: To correct that, thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: That's why we pay her the big bucks.

Councilmember Shetler: She'll just forward those questions on to them, and then e-mail us back and let us know.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, let us know what's going on. Yeah.

Councilmember Shetler: Then we can put it on the agenda for next week, or next month.

President Koehler Lindsey: Next month, yeah, correct. Yeah, okay. Any further business? With that being said, the next meeting is November 25, 2015 at 8:00. That will our Personnel and Finance meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: We are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m.)

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Ed Bassemier

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MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2015

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of December, 2015 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President Angela Koehler Lindsey.

President Koehler Lindsey: We’re going to call to order the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council for December 2, 2015. Roll call please?

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

President Koehler Lindsey: There being seven present, zero absent, we have a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

President Koehler Lindsey: Today we are going to ask Councilman Montrastelle to lead the Pledge, and Councilman Shetler to lead us in the invocation.

(The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were given.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Amen. Thank you.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

President Koehler Lindsey: We want to welcome our students that are in the audience today. We love to see you guys come and be a part of the process. If you are needing any of us to give you signatures so you can get credit for your class, we are happy to do that. So, welcome. We are ready for the approval of the minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright motion carries

(Motion approved 7-0)

SHERIFF: REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY AND CHANGE JOB TITLE

President Koehler Lindsey: That takes us right into the Personnel Requests. First off we have the Sheriff request to fill vacancy and change titles and all kinds of good stuff. And, for anyone coming forward to the microphone if you could please state your name for the record. Thank you.

John Strange: John Strange, Chief Deputy Sheriff.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, are there any members of Council that have any questions, or do you have any further comments for us on these requests?

John Strange: No further comments. It's pretty routine and should be self-explanatory, but certainly be happy to answer any questions.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any questions from any members of Council? If not, I would entertain a motion to approve.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second to approve the requests from the Sheriff's Office. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Same sign opposed?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you sir.

John Strange: Thank you.

HIGHWAY-REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Koehler Lindsey: That brings us to the Highway Dept. We have a request to fill vacancy for a Laborer before us today. It looks like you had a resignation and some shifting of employees.

Scot Wichser: Yes. Scot Wichser, Superintendent of the Vanderburgh County Highway Dept. Any questions?

President Koehler Lindsey: Any questions? If not, we'd entertain a motion to approve the vacancy?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I'll make a motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: We got a motion to approve. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion—

Councilmember Bassemier: I have a question though.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Bassemier: When are you going to fill this position? Right away?

Scot Wichser: Once it's approved, I'll start the process of interviewing. So, I don't when it's going to.... It'll probably end up being after the first of the year before we get actually somebody into the position.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay then.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick question. Is most of the, are we past the paving part of the season now?

Scot Wichser: Pretty well. We, in our paving account, we were down to about \$38,000. With everything grouped into Materials now, there are a lot of others things that come out of the Materials Account besides just the asphalt. So, we got about 70% of what we had planned on getting, plus other roads that needed immediate attention. So, we'll continue those next year to catch up those.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, how about our salt and sand and all that good stuff?

Scot Wichser: We've got, on hand now we've probably got about 1,500 ton. Fifteen hundred ton of salt.

President Koehler Lindsey: And that gets us through how much?

Scot Wichser: What's that?

President Koehler Lindsey: How much does that get us through?

Scot Wichser: It just depends on the storm. How it comes in. If it's ice, snow, the temperature, drifting, the winds. You know, it can vary. A storm can take 200 ton, or a storm could take 500 ton. I mean, it could take less. It just really depends.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, I was wondering if you could be a little more definite on that answer?

All Councilmembers: (laughing)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright we have a motion on the floor. We'll save you, Mr. Wichser. We have a motion on the on the floor to approve the request to replace the Highway Laborer. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries and we'll pray for a mild winter.

Scot Wichser: Thank you.

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. It saves us in a lot of ways.

(Motion approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPT. - REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY AND INCREASE PT SALARY

President Koehler Lindsey: Next up, we have the Health Dept. Who is this guy coming forward? Man, we thought we were saved, and now—

Joe Gries: You thought you got rid of me, didn't you? Good afternoon, Joe Gries, Administrator Vanderburgh County Health Dept. We've got two requests actually today. The first is to fill a Nutritionist within the WIC Department, Women, Infants and Children

Grant. This is a federal grant, and we had a Nutritionist leave in November. The middle of November and we're asking for permission to fill that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Pleasure of the Council, but we can go ahead and take both of these in one motion.

Joe Gries: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: We can talk about that yeah.

Joe Gries: The second one is to increase a line item, a part-time line item for 2016. It wouldn't be for this year. It would be for starting in next year. I don't know if I made that real clear in our letter and I provided some information about the Medical Lab Technician, Technologist there as well. So, I'm happy to answer any questions.

President Koehler Lindsey: So we can answer questions on either one of these. Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Joe, on the Medical Lab Technician, you're asking for \$3,600 more per year for this individual?

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: How many hours does, and this is a part-time position?

Joe Gries: Correct.

Councilmember Montrastelle: How many hours does this person work now?

Joe Gries: On average it's about 25-26 hours a week. I think there are a couple full-time, full eight hour days, and then there's a couple of part-time, half hour or half days, things like that. It doesn't go over 29 hours.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I'm just trying to do the math here, because you're trying to bring this person up to the median pay, right?

Joe Gries: No, median pay for the Technologist? No, the hourly wage would actually, my calculation, I believe, it was \$18.91. Which, if you look at a Microbiologist is up over \$31 an hour, and for a Lab Tech it's nearly \$23 an hour. So, we're, the hourly wage would be around just shy of \$19 an hour.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Does the individual have a degree? A Bachelor's Degree or Associates Degree?

Joe Gries: Yes, they have a Bachelor's Degree.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, any further questions or do we have a motion?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Move approval for both items?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second to approve both items from the Health Dept. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign?

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

Joe Gries: Thank you Council.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

COUNTY CLERK/ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING

President Koehler Lindsey: We are ready to move into the Appropriation Ordinance. Finance Chairman Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. On the agenda today we have the County Clerk for travel and mileage in the amount of \$320. I will move approval.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright. We have a motion. Do we a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, any questions?

(No questions)

President Koehler Lindsey: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All those opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries.

COUNTY CLERK/ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
12171010-313000	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	320	320
TOTAL		320	320

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Councilmember Raben: That is the only appropriation for the day. Then we have a long list of transfers, including five late transfers. Madam President, I'm going to move that all transfers be approved as listed.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion to approve all transfers as listed, including the late transfers. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second on the floor. Are there any questions or comments from members of Council at this time?

Councilmember Terry: Just a question on the—

President Koehler Lindsey: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I see there's one for Mets Mobility.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes?

Councilmember Terry: Are we seeing kind of a trend for that pretty high? The use of it? Ridership?

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible) northern route, I believe. I don't know is there a Commissioner here? No one in the Audience?

President Koehler Lindsey: Is there anyone in the Audience here to speak on the Mets Mobility? Is that a County Commissioners?

Councilmember Raben: It would be County Commissioners.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, perhaps we can request... Teri, can you ask the County Commissioners to give us kind of an update on the Mets Mobility and the ridership if that's... What was the question Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Terry: That's it. Ridership. Where we are?

President Koehler Lindsey: Kind of where we are on their ridership with that.

Teri Lukeman: (inaudible.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. An email would be fine. Any other questions from members of Council on any of the transfers? And again keep in mind we do want to kind of look at these. We've reviewed them and keep note for next year as we go into the budget process, where money has been transferred out and how these have been handled, so that we can just kind of keep an eye on the best way to spend our money. With that being said, all Members in favor of the motion to approve the transfers signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Anyone opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries. Transfers are approved.

Councilmember Shetler: Madam Chairman?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Shetler: Along Stephanie's question, what's important I think on that is to know what specifically that leg of that northern route is actually doing, because that has been incorporated into a leg on the east side and stuff and kinds of swings around, and sometimes those statics kind of give the full route, which kind of clouds the whole issue of how riders are actually going on the northern leg of it. Okay, so specifically I think it needs to be more of those people who are actually going out beyond city limits on the north leg of it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, and perhaps if they could also include for those of us that are a little bit newer to the process, just a definition of the parameters and where that route runs exactly. Thank you.

Councilmember Shetler: (Inaudible.)

President Koehler Lindsey: That would help. Alright any other questions on transfers?

(No questions.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, then that concludes the business of the Finance Committee.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001010-101119	ADMIN TAX WARRANT CLERK	300	300
To:			
10001010-	BOOKEEPING CLERK	300	300

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SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001060-221000	FUEL	2,000	2,000
To:			
10001060-223000	GARAGE & MOTOR	2,000	2,000

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001300-300000	INSURANCE	5,000	5,000
To:			
10001300-361000	LEGAL SERVICES	5,000	5,000

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001300-300000	INSURANCE	48,000	48,000
To:			
10001300-423100	TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	48,000	48,000

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-305000	PATIENT/INMATE CARE	3,200	3,200
To:			
10001370-325000	LAW BOOKS	3,200	3,200

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-341000	PRINTING	180	180
10001370-394900	HOME STUDY/ADOPTION	500	500
10001370-305000	PATIENT/INMATE CARE	1,320	1,320
To:			
10001370-372000	LAB TESTS	1,000	1,000
10001370-394100	GUARDIAN AD-LITEM	1,000	1,000

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-394700	PAUPER TRANSCRIPTS	300	300
To:			
10001370-363000	EQUIPMENT LEASE/RENTAL	100	100
10001370-394200	JUDGE PRO TEM	200	200

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-352000	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	500	500
To:			
10001370-226000	FOOD	500	500

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001480-361000	LEGAL SERVICES	1,000	1,000
To:			
10001480-346000	CONSULTANT	1,000	1,000

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11350000-435400	BRIDGE INSPECTION	2,000	2,000
To:			
11350000-426000	ENGINEER EQUIPMENT	2,000	2,000

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11690000-363000	EQUIPMENT LEASE & RENTAL	10,000	10,000
11690000-425000	EQUIPMENT	14,000	14,000
11690000-352000	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	7,700	7,700
To:			
11690000-423000	MOTOR VEHICLES	31,700	31,700

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11760000-300000	INSURANCE	30,000	30,000

To:			
11760000-223000	GARAGE & MOTOR	30,000	30,000

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001080-108106	DEPUTY PROSECUTOR	2,000	2,000
To:			
10001080-108110	DEPUTY PROSECUTOR	2,000	2,000

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001300-353000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	156,438	156,438
To:			
10001300-385000	BUILDING COMMISSION	156,438	156,438

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001360-390300	PETIT JURORS	1,500	1,500
To:			
10001360-394400	SPECIAL REPORTER	1,500	1,500

COMMUNITY CORRECTION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001430-185000	OVERTIME	1,200	1,200
To:			
10001430-153000	SHIFT DIFF	1,200	1,200

LEGAL AID SOCIETY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001460-353000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	1,931	1,931
To:			
10001460-325000	LAW BOOKS	1,931	1,931

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Koehler Lindsey: We have nothing under Repeal or Old Business. We're going to move into new business and the travel requests. We have one from, or two from the Clerk, Commissioners, from DADS, two from the Health Department and two from the County Engineer. You should have received that information in your packet. I would entertain a motion to approve all of the travel requests as amended?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Do we have questions by members of Council? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just a quick one. The question we had about the Commissioners at the last meeting. Did we ever get any kind of response?

President Koehler Lindsey: I don't recall. Mrs. Lukeman?

Councilmember Goebel: Two Commissioners, same Conference, different number of days and different price on the rooms.

President Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Teri Lukeman: Right, I believe that the other Commissioner was going to change his reservation so that he was going to get the same rate, but he also needed to add another night to his reservation. So, I haven't heard any further information. I think they're attending that conference right now. Wasn't it December 1st and 2nd and 3rd?

Councilmember Goebel: He did have to add another night?

Teri Lukeman: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Did he bring that to us as well?

Teri Lukeman: I think there was an email sent with that information.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: There was email I recall getting, and I don't know if it went to everybody or not. A lot of people were on it, and he scheduled a meeting, was it with INDOT? It was with somebody, so he was staying an extra night, but then changed to the lower rate, but was staying an extra night because he had a meeting with a government agency, as I recall.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, if you find that email again, would you just forward it out to us so that we can review and make sure. Sometime things get caught in the flurry of email. Alright, if there are no further questions then, we have a motion and a second on the floor to approve all of the transfer, excuse me, the travel requests. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

PETITION TO APPEAL A PROPERTY TAX SHORTFALL LEVY INCREASE DUE TO ERRONEOUS ASSESSED VALUATION

President Koehler Lindsey: That brings us to Item B, the Petition to Appeal for a Property Tax Shortfall Levy Increase due to Erroneous Assessed Valuation. Alright, and do we have someone here to speak to that? Brian, did that come from your office? Mr. Auditor?

Auditor Brian Gerth: Yeah.

President Koehler Lindsey: We'll just put you on the spot.

Auditor Brian Gerth: This is something that we do every year. It's basically a levy shortfall appeal for appealing the property taxes resulting from an erroneous assessed value, or refunds, for successful assessment appeals.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay so... Alright that makes sense. Any questions from members of Council? Comments?

(No comments.)

President Koehler Lindsey: I would entertain a motion to approve the appeal to increase the maximum levy.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: And a second?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Koehler Lindsey: We have a motion and second. Any further questions?

(No questions.)

President Koehler Lindsey: All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay motion carries. That was easy enough. Oh, good grief. Alright. Thank you.

(Motion approved 7-0)

ORDINANCE/RECORDERS REQUEST TO FUND OFFICE EXPENSES FROM PERPETUATION FUND

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, we're getting to the bottom of the pile here. We are looking at the next item. We're going to consider the Ordinance and the Recorders request to fund office expenses from her Perpetuation Fund. Just to take a minute here to highlight that what we're trying to do here, a recap kind of where we've been with this. We adopted the 2016 Budget, County Council added 1 ½ salaries back to the General Fund from the Recorders Office. So now there are a total of five, Recorder, Chief Deputy, and three employees in the General Fund, and then four employees, plus benefits, for the Perpetuation Fund. We do have a CCD Fund request that's going to be coming at the next meeting. That will be approved at the January meeting so that we can put those funds in place to pay, we can use those funds to pay for contracts. So a lot of what we're trying to do here is just make sure that we are allocating funds in the best way that we can. So, for this request, we're going to be using the Perpetuation Fund and the CCD, the Perpetuation Fund for four employees' salaries, the CCD Fund is going to be paying for some contracts. Then the ID Security Fund is in there for any remaining contractual obligations. So, just a reminder to everyone that this Council has

been committed to allocating the available resources that we have just the best way we can to serve the residents of the County, and we've tried to shift costs over the last few years wherever we can to use the User Fees. That provides tax relief for our taxpayers. So, we do truly appreciate the endeavors of all the members of Council. I know that we have spent a lot of time on this. We appreciate the efforts of the Records Office to come forward and have this. We hope the best bang for the buck for the taxpayers. So, with that being said we're going to need to, because we're so late in the year, approve this in, and this is actually our last voting meeting. So we're going to need to waive the second reading and make this the first and final reading of this Ordinance. So, I'll need a motion, and it needs unanimous approval. So, I would entertain a motion to waive the second reading and make this the first and final reading of Vanderburgh County Council Ordinance CO.12-15-012. It's an Ordinance approving the Vanderburgh County Records request to fund the Records Office expenses out of the Records Perpetuation Fund. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so this motion is just to make this the first and final reading. And, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

Jeff Ahlers: Make sure you're on the record saying there's no one opposing that.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay. This did pass unanimously, for the record. No one was opposed.

(Motion approved 7-0)

President Koehler Lindsey: So, our next motion that I would entertain as Chair, would be a motion to approve this Ordinance, the Vanderburgh County Council Ordinance CO.12-15-012, an Ordinance approving the Vanderburgh County Records request to fund the Records Office expenses out of the Records Perpetuation Fund. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Do we have questions or comments from members of Council at this time? Yes, Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: First of all, I would like to commend really Councilman Goebel for the amount of time that he has put in it.

President Koehler Lindsey: Absolutely.

Councilmember Shetler: Really working for a long, long time on trying to get it all put together here, and also to commend our Recorder on her efforts of trying to put this together. She's got an office that she is trying to protect her employees and a job that she has to do and the responsibilities she has there that's mandated. So, I think all of us appreciate the efforts that she has put into it as well, and we're happy for the outcome here. I think it's going to something that's going to work well for the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County. I think we've worked out a good agreement. So, thank you to everybody involved here, particularly our Recorder.

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes. Thank you. Any other comments or questions at this time from members of Council? Okay, then all of those in favor of the motion on the floor, which is to approve the Ordinance CO.12-15-012, signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: All those opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

Jeff Ahlers: Make sure the record reflects it was unanimous.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, motion carries unanimously. We'd like to show that on the record as well. Thank you. Thank you very much Madam Recorder. Thank you again Councilman Goebel, Councilman Raben, Councilman Terry, Councilman Shetler. I think Montrastelle and Bassemier probably, probably we all worked on this at one time or the other. So, it's a great joint effort and we're glad to help our taxpayers out.

(Motion approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright that takes us to the amendments to the salary ordinance. Councilman Raben, Finance Chair?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone has been given a copy of the amendments to the salary ordinance that include the Clerk, Sheriff, Prosecutor, Jail, Community Corrections, Highway, Health Dept. Health Dept./WIC, and Sheriff Misdemeanor Offender. So, Madam President, I'm going to ask that this document be entered into the minutes, and make a motion to approve.

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, do we have a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, we have a motion and second to approve the amendments to the salary ordinance. Any questions or comments?

(No comments)

President Koehler Lindsey: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Koehler Lindsey: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed.)

President Koehler Lindsey: Okay, motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: That brings us to Public Comment. Any comment from any members of the Audience?

(No comments)

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, everyone is quiet today. You guys are going great, I picked a good meeting to come to.

REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME

President Koehler Lindsey: Please note a couple of things. Councilmembers, (coughs) excuse me, that's what I get for singing all day, your packet is on your desk for next week's meeting. Next week's meeting is at 3:30p.m. If I was at school I would say, okay, everyone say "everyone say 3:30", but you guys aren't kids, so I won't do that. So, we'll meet again at 3:30 next week, December the 9th, which is a little unusual for us, but that's how it falls at the end of the year. This information is actually for our January meeting. Next week will be our Committee.

(Inaudible comment)

President Koehler Lindsey: Right, Christmas holidays and all that. So, then our next meeting after Christmas will be January 6th at 3:30, right here in this chamber. So, with that being, said any further comments, questions from Councilmembers?

Councilmember Raben: Just got a quick question on the meeting times?

President Koehler Lindsey: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Raben: We're going to go back, I mean, we're going to continue like we've been doing though, like in August go back to the afternoons?

President Koehler Lindsey: I think we're going to discuss that and look at the possibility of keeping all of our meetings at consistent times so that we have less confusion from all of us.

Councilmember Raben: We'll want to talk about that.

President Koehler Lindsey: We can talk about that further, but at least for the time being we're going to have the next meeting, the next two meetings are going to be at 3:30p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Koehler Lindsey: Alright, okay, if there are no other questions, no other business to come before the County Council. We stand adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.)

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