

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 2020**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of December 2020 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. President Tom Shetler, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

President Shetler: All right, good afternoon.

Councilmember Kiefer: Hello, good afternoon.

President Shetler: Looks like everybody's either here, or on the screens here. So, if we'll take, let's see, first is attendance roll call, please.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Here.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Montrastelle?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Here.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Kiefer?

Councilmember Kiefer: Here.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Here.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Here.

Kathy Glaser: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Here.

Kathy Glaser: Okay. President Shetler?

President Shetler: Here. There being seven members present, no one absent, we have a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION
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President Shetler: I would like to ask Councilman Montrastelle if he'll lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Koehler Lindsey if she'll lead us in the invocation.

(The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were given.)

President Shetler: Thank you, John. Thank you, Angela.

MILL ROAD BRIDGE

President Shetler: Next, I'm going to change the agenda around just slightly here in that we'll take the Mill Road Bridge. Commissioner Hatfield is here to explain a little bit about that. So...

Jeff Hatfield: Thank you. And thank you for putting me up front so I could go to another appointment. Mill Road Bridge is a Grant application that was applied for in 2018. So, it was before I was elected. So, and it was successful. And, what it was, was a bridge over the railroad tracks there just south of Kratzville. And so, the State awarded \$5 million and we were, the County would then have been obligated to put in one point, right at one and

a half million dollars. And then, as time went on and the, in those types of situations, the State will do their own design. In other words, the County would just basically write a check for their portion, but really have no control over design or even the route that was eventually chosen by the State to do. And so, all through 2019 and through 2020 various designs were considered by the State and the project actually just started to grow. And, at one point earlier this year, like in the spring, Jim, I can't remember when you and I and Brian met, but we talked about this, the project grew in size and scope. And so, I met with Jim and Brian to discuss how we could pay for more of, of this design that they had picked out. And, we determined that we could through a loan paid through Riverboat, currently unused funds. And so, I, I don't want to speak for you, but my memory says that, that you and Brian both felt like it was very doable. That even though the State had blown up the project a little bit, and blown up our obligation, we felt comfortable. And so, we took a vote at the Commissioner's to proceed with that, based on that meeting. Two months later we get another letter from them and it's, and it's grown even more. And so, at the moment, they want us to re-obligate the County for a much more substantial amount of money than Jim and Brian and I had talked about that we could afford. And so, the Commissioners, we met a week ago Tuesday, went through all of the facts about this, of how we got where we're at, and of course, it is on your agenda to vote on it today. But, I'd like to ask for you to not vote on it today, to give the Commissioners more time, to do several things; we want to negotiate with the State about the size of the project, and the amount of money that we would be obligated because it's obviously just gone a little bit more than, than we think it should. And so, we, we need a little time to do some more due diligence with the State about this project, about the size of this project, the scope of this project, because we believe it's a valuable project. It would very much help this area of town get in and around where it's going, but at, not at just any cost. Right? So, we need more time. And, that's what I'm asking you to do is to defer voting today, to, to give us more time to work, work this out with the State. Eventually, you're going to have to vote on it. So, there's no going around that, but we'd like you to vote on something that we gave it everything we had to make this affordable.

President Shetler: Jeff, I have no problem myself with granting that delay. I think that sounds like a prudent thing to do.

Jeff Hatfield: Uh-huh.

President Shetler: I, I do, one request that I have though, or comment, and I'm one of seven, but I really would be concerned if the County would entertain spending any more than \$3 million on this project at any point in time. So, I, any money that's looked for, it needs to come from outside of Vanderburgh County. And, that's a combination of any kind of sources that may be out there, a total of \$3 million. Whether it's gets into Riverboat money, General Fund money, some kind of Road and Street, Highway monies, TIF monies that may be out there in the future, whatever it might be...

Jeff Hatfield: Uh-huh.

President Shetler: ...that the County would not be obligated to spend any more than \$3 million towards this project. That's the way I feel about it personally. I don't know how the other six feel, but anyway, that's my only concern. So, I'll voice that now, it'll be consistent for the next six months on that. So...

Jeff Hatfield: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I would say that I would probably concur with you, as I think Brian would too, because the number that we were pitching back then was like three to maybe as high as three and a half, but, you know, with the local financing in place, we could cash flow that.

Jeff Hatfield: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I think we get outside of that number, and we're scraping from other barrels and, you know, those funds just aren't there. So, I would agree with you.

President Shetler: Okay. Do we have any other questions or comments? And then if not, we also need a motion too. So...

Councilmember Montrastelle: I'll motion that we table the Mill Road Bridge project.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: So, we have a motion and a second. Do I have any other questions or comments, Joe?

Councilmember Terry: Joe is on...

President Shetler: I think you're, Joe you're muted. Joe Keifer, your, your mute is on.

Councilmember Raben: You're on mute, Joe.

President Shetler: You're on mute.

Councilmember Kiefer: Okay, I'm sorry. I had a question for Jeff. Thank you, Stephanie, for catching that. Anyway, Jeff, what, did they, why were the costs elevating so much and how could they be so far off? I mean, what were they doing that they made the wrong assumptions on what it would cost?

Jeff Hatfield: Actually, there was a variety of reasons. For instance, they, they came up with five routes. And, none of, none of the routes cost less than \$10 million.

Councilmember Kiefer: Wow!

Jeff Hatfield: And then, most recently the route came to, I'm sorry, hold on my notes here. The route would end up at the intersection of Mill and Kratzville if you know where I'm talking about? I'm sorry, yeah, right at Mill. That runs in front of Thompkins Grade School. Not the Mill that runs west only from Kratzville, but Mill that runs east only from Kratzville. Do you know where I'm talking about, Joe?

Councilmember Kiefer: Yes, I do. So, this was a lot more than just building a bridge to cross the railroad tracks?

Jeff Hatfield: Yeah, originally, it was just designed to, to stay on the same path that it's on now. And, then end up there at, you know, Mill, I'm going to call that Mill Road west, okay?

Councilmember Kiefer: Yes.

Jeff Hatfield: West, west of Kratzville.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: (Inaudible comments. Talking over each other and the microphone was not on.)

Jeff Hatfield: Yeah. And, the route that they chose meandered south from the railroad tracks near DSM, I think

Councilmember Kiefer: Okay.

Jeff Hatfield: And through those cornfields, and then ended up in creating a brand-new intersection there at Kratzville and Mill. Now, I'm not saying that's not a bad idea. I actually think that's a good idea. But it, it, it ballooned the cost. And...

Councilmember Kiefer: Okay.

Jeff Hatfield: So, what we're trying to accomplish, is getting more money obligated from the State, if they would be so kind. We have no control over the design, that's part of the problem. And so, we're trying to renegotiate the contract to give us a little bit more local

control about what's happening to help us reduce the costs. So, there's about two or three things that the Commissioners are collectively working on individually that we'd like to give a try at, give some time to get this to work, and we hope to, to accomplish something between three and six months, and then come back to you with a much, much better affordable plan. That's the goal because it's a good project. So...

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Kiefer: Thank you, Jeff.

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

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No one opposed.)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

Jeff Hatfield: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

Jeff Hatfield: And, Merry Christmas.

President Shetler: Merry Christmas.

(Motion approved 7-0)

COURT SPACE DISCUSSION

President Shetler: Next, old business. We've discussed this a couple of times recently. Dave Rector's here along with Judge to talk about the Court space and stuff once again, and try to come to some kind of conclusion today on this.

Dave Rector: Good afternoon, Dave Rector, Building Authority. At your request, we drafted a Memorandum of Understanding for the Commissioners to be prepared. I think your attorney's seen it. Some of you may have seen it. Commissioners and Building Authority weren't ready to agree to that yet until we had a better feeling of where the Council wanted us to head with it. And, I think that's where we are at this point now.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Dave, we, some of us met in Dave's office briefly to talk about the new proposal that Dave wants them to work on, on, on Jail related, but we had discussed moving forward that I, I mean, I think there's some of us that think that there's a real opportunity for more competitive bids, taking the bid process outside of this building. So, would you agree that the same thing here, regardless, at the end of the day, I mean, I think whomever the engineer or the designer is of the project should handle lock and key all bits?

Dave Rector: Yeah, they'll prepare the drawings, the specifications, the bid documents, and we'll advertise for bid and open them. Then the architect will, we will take them under advisement. The architect reviews them, gives his opinion on it. And, typical process on a job this size.

Councilmember Kiefer: Dave, when you, this is Joe Keifer.

Dave Rector: Yeah, Joe.

Councilmember Kiefer: When, when you do that, and you submit it out for bid, and then are they opened up, and then when you say taken under advisement, typically what I think about when you say take it under advisement, that you're going to look at the three bids, see which ones, look at each of the details, and see if some of them had possible deducts or different adders or different things that might affect the overall project. Is that what you mean by taking it under advisement? Because I, I, for one would love for the Council just to have a little bit more involvement because this affects our rent rates so, so much that I'd love to be able to see how that, how those bids look.

Dave Rector: Yeah. Well, one thing, your rent rates aren't going to change with this renovation. The other thing, you're exactly right on under advisement, we're not going to take action on those. There'll be sealed bids. Our attorney will open them and then we won't take any action. We'll bring those back in to make sure they comply with the bids, to look at any alternatives, any deducts, answer any questions. Hopefully, we'll have multiple bidders on this kind of project. And, then after that's completed, we go back and award to the most responsive, lowest bid.

Councilmember Raben: But typically, isn't that the designer or the architect that...

Dave Rector: (Inaudible comments. Talking over each other.)

Councilmember Raben: ...that qualifies those beds?

Dave Rector: They'll be sitting at the table with us.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Councilmember Kiefer: Okay, I just, I just bring it up because, you know, on these big projects like this, I just want to make sure that we're looking at possible alternates on these proposals. Because as I mentioned at that meeting earlier, you know, I know from my experience sometimes the architect may have something spec'd, it might be a name brand, and if you use a generic brand, it saves a bunch of money. And, so those are things I really think, you know, we, we all need to look at closely, and I just want to make sure during that process that we're doing those kinds of things.

Dave Rector: Yep, you're absolutely correct, Joe.

Councilmember Kiefer: Okay, thanks. I appreciate that. I just, I just want to take a look at it. So thank you, Dave.

Dave Rector: Thank you.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Dave, one question. Are your RFQs, will you be seeking quotes for phase one, phase two, and, or exactly what?

Dave Rector: I think that's based on what you all decide, and give us that direction.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Say again.

Dave Rector: I think that's based on the level of support you guys want to take on this project. And actually, if I, I, as you just said that, and this all (inaudible), if you agree to look at the full four and a half million for all three phases, we could still bid it by phase and see how it comes in.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah.

President Shetler: And, I think that's exactly what they're looking for today is some direction to go or not to go, I guess, is the first question on it. Next, do we want to break it up in phases? Or, go along with bidding them all, and then come back and decide, yeah, we think this is worth doing...

Councilmember Montrastelle: Right.

President Shetler: ...it all at one time, or let's break it up.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible comments. Talking over each other.)

Councilmember Montrastelle: It just seems like if they had bid as one whole package you would get a lower cost than if somebody were to do it in multiple Steps

President Shetler: You may...

Dave Rector: Yeah, we can, we can structure it that way.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: So, you would bid phase one, you'd bid phase two, and phase three.

President Shetler: Option one, option two...

Councilmember Raben: It'd be like you had three different bids.

Dave Rector: And, a lot of times we get better prices, the more you do.

President Shetler: Right.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I, I, Judge, I did want to say this, that after our last meeting, I did walk down in the, in your building, and it's probably 10 o'clock at that point, maybe 10:30, and there were four dark, there was four Courtrooms dark. So, I don't know why? I trust that we probably do need to do something. I'm not confident that we're not exhausting every opportunity to use the Courtrooms that we've got, because there were four dark Courtrooms.

David Kiely: David Kiely, Circuit Court Judge. I assure you one of them wasn't a Circuit Court. I, you did not go in Circuit Court and it was dark at 10 o'clock.

Councilmember Raben: Nope, there was four dark Courtrooms. I don't know who they were, they...

David Kiely: You're right. I cannot speak for Superior Court, but I can tell you the thing that you need to understand about Courtrooms is not every hearing last from eight o'clock in the morning until four at night, but you still have to have the Courtroom space, and you still have to have those things scheduled. So, if you start an eight o'clock hearing, and you don't know how long it's going to go, okay, you may have to schedule a half morning or a full day. You may finish it at 9:30. Okay? And, then you have another matter scheduled at 12 o'clock. So, it's, yes you can walk by a Courtroom and it may be dark at that instant, but that doesn't mean it wasn't used that day and that there was room somewhere else to go with the case or the hearing. So, I mean, I'm not gaining, I'm not understanding anything.

Councilmember Raben: I understand.

David Kiely: I'm just asking him for more space.

Councilmember Raben: No, I just, when I say that...

David Kiely: Other than more work, is what I'm asking you to do is give me an opportunity to move the cases in the Jail. Okay? And so, I mean...

Councilmember Raben: I understand, I guess that's my, that was my point for why I don't think we need to do the whole project. (Inaudible comments. The microphone was not on.)

Dave Rector: And, we worded the MOU to be up to the four and a half million.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Judge Kiely, this proposal for expansion, would this just deal with your Court, or would Superior Court be using it as well?

David Kiely: No, it includes the entire Court system.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

David Kiely: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

David Kiely: And, I mean, really, you know, phase, phase one and two is asking for one additional jury Courtroom, making another Courtroom safe. That's not safe right now. And, it's just not a practical Courtroom. We do criminal matters in it. And, it's an environment that, that can be hostile when you have victims, and you have defendants' families in the, in the same room, that's tight quarters. So, that's what we're asking to do in the first two phases. Again, I mean, I go back to when this building was built 50 years ago. Okay? There, there were four judges we're up to 18 judicial officers now, and we just want to be able to do our job. And, we're telling you that we can't without this space.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so we're looking for a motion to just proceed with getting the bid process for all three phases or you want to leave it...

President Shetler: I, I like that idea of going ahead and bidding them as options, if you will...

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah, I do too.

President Shetler: ...on, on the various, so that you can come up with, then you know...

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion then to approve the, going out for, or for getting proposals. I mean, we're not, are we at that point where everything is?

Dave Rector: Yeah, with your approval of that motion, what we would do is, is we get the MOU to the Commissioners, that we would go out and advertise to get bank loans, tax-exempt loans, for this, then for the construction, the design, and we'd bid it out, and then it would be up to you up to what point do we spend.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: Let me clarify. I don't think they're voting on the Memorandum of Understanding?

Dave Rector: No, it's not.

President Shetler: No.

Councilmember Montrastelle: No.

Jeff Ahlers: The other thing I was going to say is, I don't know if there's a way when you do that, you can do it kind of like an option where you, phase one, two, three, you get the bids and then an overall bid, maybe that somebody would come in if they did it all cheaper?

Dave Rector: Yeah, we'll structure it that way.

President Shetler: Yeah.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Is there, is there a cost to do what you're, what we're asking?

Dave Rector: Yeah, you have to advertise for the loans. And then, we'll have to get the design done, the engineering, the architectural work, the bids. And, the bid is so there'll be expensive at that point.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Do you know how much that might be?

Councilmember Raben: Dave, you might before you get into too much with loans, we might come back to that, because we may have within that Public Safety Fund for this project, I mean, we may have the money setting there today. So...

Dave Rector: Okay.

Councilmember Montrastelle: What kind of money talking about that possibly costing just to do what we're talking about?

Dave Rector: Architectural engineering fees are usually about 5 to 7% of the job.

Councilmember Kiefer: And, it's a four and a half-million-dollar job, Dave?

President Shetler: So, about a quarter of a million dollars, roughly?

Dave Rector: Yeah.

Councilmember Kiefer: Hey, Dave, this is Joe again. I got a question for you. Do you, when you said advertise for loans, for the financing, we weren't planning on doing a bond for this?

Dave Rector: Tax-exempt loan.

Councilmember Kiefer: Okay.

Dave Rector: Yeah.

Councilmember Kiefer: Does that cost as much money to do that?

Dave Rector: The tax example loan is nothing compared to a bond. Closing costs on a tax-exempt loan is about a thousand dollars.

Councilmember Kiefer: Okay, great. That's what I like to hear.

Dave Rector: Yeah.

President Shetler: Okay. Anybody else have any questions?

Jeff Ahlers: Tom?

President Shetler: Yeah, Jeff?

Jeff Ahlers: Is there a reason that you have to have an architect on this, because we're basically not building a building, we're just moving some walls, building Courtrooms. Do you really have to have an architect and spend a quarter-million dollars?

Dave Rector: Yeah. This is way more than an arm wave job. I can arm wave an office remodeling, but four and a half-million-dollar job, I cannot arm wave.

Jeff Ahlers: Is it not possible to have an office, I mean, a quarter of a million to me, and I'm just an attorney and maybe I should keep my mouth shut, but a quarter of a million dollars to design a Courtroom seems to be kind of high.

Dave Rector: That, that that's not just the Courtroom, I mean, that, that's all your mechanical, your electrical, your plumbing, the architecture, the wall construction. That, that's the whole, that's the bid specifications, I mean, it's a typical process for a project of this size.

President Shetler: Some supervision over the work that's being done. And, the bids as we were talking about accepting those, reviewing them, going through all, it's all part of...

Councilmember Raben: Everybody knows exactly what they're bidding, so...

Dave Rector: Yeah, it's...

Councilmember Montrastelle: So once that...

Dave Rector: It's very typical.

Councilmember Montrastelle: So once that work is completed, it doesn't have to be tweaked later on for an additional fee, or is it, is it done, the architectural fee, the architecture?

Dave Rector: No, it's done unless we request something above and beyond what they contracted to do.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Is that quarter of a million part of the, let's say four and a half million dollars?

Dave Rector: Yes, that's part of that in that.

President Shetler: Yeah.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

Dave Rector: In that estimate I gave you, it included soft costs, the advertising, the architectural phase, all of that.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay, very good.

President Shetler: Okay.

David Kiely: If I could?

President Shetler: Yes?

David Kiely: After thinking about your comment, two of the Courtrooms are closed because they'd been moved over to the Events Plaza. Okay? We're not using Misdemeanor, Superior Court is not using Misdemeanor Court, because they at the Events Plaza. They're doing Juvenile in the Events Plaza, and they're doing the Small Claims over there. So those Courtrooms were not being used because of the virus issues.

Dave Rector: And, if you guys want, with your approval of this, we'll do the MOU with the Commissioners. The first step is advertising for the tax-exempt loan. I can come back to you and say, "look, here's what the rates are now." I'm thinking they're going to be better than, our lowest was 1.6%, but I can come back. When you say, "look, here's the, whichever banks are interested, here's three different banks bidding this for this project. And you say, Oh yeah, great. Let's keep moving. Or, Oh, no, it's gone up too much." You know, if we like those rates, then we go to the next step and engage the architect. So, I, I'll be happy to involve or not involve you guys as much as you want to be.

President Shetler: Well, I think you can kind of, kind of feel your way through that a little bit. But I think getting with James and Brian on what's available through the safe, you

know, the Public Safety Fund, that there could be enough right there to finance it somewhat.

Dave Rector: Okay.

President Shetler: Is that what you're suggesting, James?

Councilmember Raben: That's what I'm saying. Brian and I'll talk, well, we'll talk offline on this.

Dave Rector: Okay. Before we do that, then I'll get with you guys.

President Shetler: Yeah.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Dave, if this is approved, what's the timeline on this as far as the work you have to do before it, perhaps, comes back to us?

Dave Rector: Actually, if this may work, it could go quicker than advertising and then bidding and all of that, the tax-exempt loan. But, we can get started the first part of next year with the design. Then bidding, then construction, as I said, at the last meeting. I think, according to how we do the financing, we've got an 18-month project before they move in.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah.

President Shetler: So, I think the thing that we're asking in this particular request that we have going on here is that the Council, that you come back to Council, and present the bids to us so that we can understand, or we can at least give you our input the way we think you should go.

Dave Rector: Sure. Understood.

President Shetler: Whether it's phase one and two or the whole thing or whatever it might be.

Dave Rector: Understood.

President Shetler: I think it might, does that sum it up?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yep.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Shetler: Do we need to add that as part of the motion to make that clear?

Councilmember Raben: Well, it's on record by you making that statement.

President Shetler: Okay. All right.

Dave Rector: I think you do it anyway.

President Shetler: All right.

Councilmember Raben: You know, the one thing, Judge, and I think you were correct at the last meeting, when you said that you think it meets, perfectly meets the criteria used in Public Safety Fund, I guess, you know, we, while we're talking about that, I guess we do need to make sure we're right on that. I think you're right.

David Kiely: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: But if you could, you know, or Jeff, I don't know who, but I, I guess we need to be comfortable with that before we get out too far in front of our skis with this. So...

Dave Rector: What I'll do is I'll have the MOU reworded that Jeff and Joe and David can look at, that has the alternate funding source, besides the tax-exempt loan, that there may be another funding source.

Councilmember Raben: Right, we just need to make sure that it meets the guidelines. And I, I, to me, it seems like a natural fit, but anyway, we just need, verify and be comfortable with that.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion that... We don't have a motion.

Kathy Glaser: We do have a motion.

President Shetler: We do have a motion. We don't have a second, though. We need a second.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, so, we have a motion and a second. Do I have anybody with any questions or comments? Seeing, or hearing none, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(None opposed.)

President Shetler: Motion carries. Thank you, guys...

Dave Rector: Okay, thank you all.

President Shetler: ...for your patience.

(Motion approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES: COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 2020</p>

President Shetler: I think I forgot to bring up the approval for the minutes. So, I need a motion for approving the November the 11th...

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

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

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

PERSONNEL REQUESTS

CIRCUIT COURT ADULT PROBATION – REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY FOR RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY and SUPERIOR COURT – REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY FOR BAILIFF

President Shetler: Next is personnel requests and the first the Circuit Court. I don't know, Judge Kiely, if you need to be involved in that one or not, but request to fill a vacancy for the Receptionist. This is Adult Probation.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Mr. President, I'll make a motion that we approve personnel requests, A, for Circuit Court, request to fill a vacancy, and B Circuit, Superior Court request to fill a vacancy for Bailiff.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second

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

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

David Kiely: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Judge.

(Motion approved 7-0)

WORK RELEASE - REQUEST TO MOVE BUSINESS DIRECTOR POSITION FROM 25050000-250502 TO GENERAL FUND-SUPERIOR COUT 10001370-137194

President Shetler: Next, the Superior Court. And I know Judge Trockman's online, I assume that's what you're on for, is the request to fill the vacancy for the bailiff?

Wayne Trockman: Good afternoon. I am sorry that I'm not there in person. I know that Regene Newman and our Director, James Aiken, are there in person and then can help with any questions that you might have. This is an issue...

President Shetler: Judge. I might say that I didn't realize, I didn't hear very clearly coming from Councilman Montrastelle, but I think his motion included... No, it did not. Okay.

Councilmember Montrastelle: A and B only.

President Shetler: Yeah, A and B. Well, that's B, is Superior Court.

Councilmember Montrastelle: We're talking C now, right?

President Shetler: Okay. Gotcha.

Wayne Trockman: I was, I was waiting for C to be included, but unfortunately it wasn't.

President Shetler: No, you got your work cut out for you on this one.

Wayne Trockman: I've, I've talked to each of you, and giving you the background of Community Correction. Community Corrections, this Work Release, which has existed for, in the County for, well, since before me and Treatment Courts, which I started 21 years ago. I can speak for Treatment Court, it started with three employees. Judge Kiely and I supervise the operation of Work Release. I supervise the operation of Treatment Courts, and Mr. Akin, who's present in person, is the Director of both. We now have 47, I believe, employees working at Community Corrections. All of these employees have great County jobs, very good pay, all the benefits that County employees enjoy. And, 45 of the 47 positions are paid for by the State in one way or the other. We have a Grant,

actually, we have two Grants, and, and we have user fees, and we operate Community Corrections with 47 employees. And, we thank you for the help that you've provided us for many years in paying for two of those employees. Like everyone right now, our user fees are way down, and we don't see a way to recover that in the future, and we're asking if Council would consider funding a third employee, and that employee is the Finance Director. And, the, all the specifics of the, of the package, I think you have, if not Regene Newman is there, and could talk about the cost. But, we're just asking for some help. As I said, we, we've always paid for 45 of these 47 employees. And, we're just in a position right now where we need a little bit.

President Shetler: Okay. Thank you, Judge. Does anybody have any other questions or does anybody like to make a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I...

President Shetler: Yes?

Councilmember Raben: If I can raise some questions? So, Judge, you're saying that you're wanting to pull this person completely, remove it from being funded by the, by the Grant, or by User Fees, and you're wanting it to go on the General Fund? Is that, is that the way I'm understanding this?

Wayne Trockman: Yes, similar to the other two employees that you've helped us with for many years.

Councilmember Raben: You know, that's, that's always been, I know, you know, the Council has always made a point that when we bring in people and create positions around Grants, that it's, they only, they only last as long as the Grant does. So, when we've already walked backwards on that a couple of times. Let me, let me ask you this, the funding that you have available now, I mean, is this a decision we need to make today? because you probably got enough funding to continue on as it's, as it is today for the next, probably near future? Is that correct? I mean, we, we don't, we're not going to start January 1 and not have any fund to continue to pay, like we have been, right?

Wayne Trockman: No, except Regene Newman is there, Councilman Raben, and Regene, can you explain the deficit that we're in currently?

Regene Newman: Hi, Regene Newman. We would really prefer that it be done January 1st. There is an urgency for this to be done. We have the State Grant. Each year we go from one fund to the other fund because they require us to do that for auditing purposes. We are in the negative right now for the 2019 Grant of \$120,000. So, we have to make that up and put that in there pretty quickly.

Councilmember Raben: So, I mean, why are we, please don't take this wrong, but why are we, how do we end up in the red \$120,000 in a single year...

Regen Newman: Well...

Councilmember Raben: ...and we haven't already been making provisions for this?

Regen Newman: We knew we would be in the red. That particular year, 2019, IDOC decided not to pay for overtime. So, we knew that User Fees were going to have to make that up because the employees do work mandatory overtime. What happened when COVID hit, you know, we went three months without bringing any income in, and that's about \$143,000 that we lost out on. So, we would have had this taken care of.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. So, there's two Grants. Or, well, one is your User Fees, and the Grant, I guess that's the Peacemaker Grant is that?

Regene Newman: No.

Councilmember Raben: I don't want to confuse it, but...

Regen Newman: I'm, I'm here for Superior Court. Not...

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Regen Newman: Nick's going to speak on the Peacemaker Grant.

Councilmember Raben: So, the Grant, what do we call the Grant then?

Regene Newman: It's the Indiana Department of Corrections Grant.

Councilmember Raben: Department of Corrections Grant.

Councilmember Montrastelle: IDOC.

Regen Newman: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. So, I mean, have we approached them? Are they aware of this situation? I mean, if it's the Department of Corrections Grant, I mean, it seems like they need to make this up.

Regen Newman: Yes, they are aware of it. Like I said, we, we would have the money if we didn't have to deal with COVID and the deficit of that. That's in part why we're asking to move the Business Director position from User Fees to the General Fund. And that's about it. Total salary and benefits package, \$74,000 that will alleviate...

Councilmember Raben: So, in good times, this would never have happened?

Regene Newman: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I mean, I guess we could consider, what we should consider then is temporarily...

Councilmember Montrastelle: Right, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Maybe moving it to General Fund?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Right.

Councilmember Raben: And, set a date of, you know, beginning of the second quarter, you know, it goes back to the old way of doing things. I don't know. That's one thing to consider.

President Shetler: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I just don't like bringing another person, I mean, we're talking \$86,000 here.

President Shetler: Well, the other point would be to see if Cares Act would cover this in any way. I don't know this... That's not, the only has to be expenses, not loss of revenue? Is that what you're saying?

Regene Newman: Well, it...

President Shetler: I mean...

Regene Newman: User fees, that's the revenue that runs the program, basically.

President Shetler: Right. I get that. So, I didn't know if, I was looking at, I guess, Brian, in that I didn't know if Cares Act was covering additional expenses only, or if they were allowing for reduced revenue sources?

Brian Gerth: Okay, Cares Act is really for expenses that weren't budgeted for. But as far as Cares Act goes for our sake, we've already received everything that we're going to get.

President Shetler: Okay.

Brian Gerth: So, now, and that was part of the email that I sent you.

President Shetler: Yes.

Brian Gerth: Now...

President Shetler: Was that about a half a million dollars, is that right? Or, is it more than that?

Brian Gerth: It's going to be more than that.

President Shetler: Yeah.

Brian Gerth: Before we start spending all that, we need to be conscious about, you know, we're going to lose revenue. We're going to be short on Local Income Tax revenues for next year's budget.

President Shetler: Right.

Brian Gerth: So, but if you want to use that, there is excess money that we could use if you want it to kind of offset this piece. And, whether you do it for a year, or a quarter, or half a year, or whatever you decide is probably not a bad idea what James was just suggesting. But, you, essentially, we could use that money that we already have, and then we're just going to have to appropriate it like we normally would...

President Shetler: Right.

Brian Gerth: ...through the normal meetings throughout the General Fund.

President Shetler: Yeah, because the revenue stream is, I mean, it's just, it's revenue. So, it doesn't matter.

Councilmember Raben: So, if we go forward...

Brian Gerth: So, just to clear the Cares Act, I mean, that's done...

President Shetler: Okay.

Brian Gerth: ...unless there was another thing passed.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah, if the federal government passes another...

Brian Gerth: Then, we got a, that's a whole other...

Councilmember Raben: So, we could do a transfer of General Fund monies? I don't think we set up an account.

President Shetler: No.

Councilmember Raben: This stays where it's at. We'll just do a transfer, like a bridge loan, a temporary loan to, I mean, otherwise we're creating an entirely new line item and...

Brian Gerth: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Consider that.

Brian Gerth: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: So, what happens if we don't make a decision here today? January one, what happens?

Regen Newman: We'll just kind of stay status quo and continue until, I mean, we're making progress on paying the deficit off. We'll just, you know, that's \$74,000 that we won't have to put towards that.

Councilmember Raben: But you do that over time. You don't pay the employee upfront. I mean, you know, we're going to pay that \$86,000 over the term of the year.

Regen Newman: Correct. But, there is an urgency to get that \$120 deficit paid off. That's...

Councilmember Raben: I can get all that.

Brian Gerth: I mean, as I'm thinking about it, we might, I mean, if you want to continue paying them out of that fund, you know, maybe the Council should think, maybe between

both parties, kind of come up with a dollar amount, and we just do an additional appropriation out of the General Fund to pump it back into there to offset it.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible comments. Microphone was not on.)

Brian Gerth: Do what?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Fund, to fund this position for the first quarter.

Brian Gerth: We can start there.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, I think that's, I don't think right now until we find out that this thing can't sustain itself, you know, later on, I don't, I don't want to shift it to the General Fund. Let's keep it where it's at. And, with hopes that better times are ahead.

Wayne Trockman: Councilman Raben...

Councilmember Raben: Yes?

Wayne Trockman: ...and members of the Council. If I may, I, may I speak?

President Shetler: Yes, please.

Councilmember Raben: Please.

Wayne Trockman: Councilmember Raben, I understand your concern. We're attempting to keep this ship running smoothly. Over the years we have provided a lot of benefits to the community. I think significant benefit, and we appreciate all of the help that you've provided us in helping with the funding for the two employees. We're going to have trouble going forward. And, I don't see this turning around in a quarter or six months or even one year. I think if, if we're required to make this up, conversations, or emails that were just exchanged today between Regen, and myself, and Mr. Gries¹, we're talking about trying to get a balance sometime later in '21. We're just in a position right now where we need some help, and, and we're bringing significant value to the County, I believe. And, I'm hoping that you'll consider the funding position permanently along with the other two that you've agreed to over the years as we've needed it, just like we need to...

Councilmember Raben: Judge. I, I hear you loud and clear. So, I look in the room, there's other individuals here that have multiple employees that are, that are, that hinge around Grants. And I mean, this, this really takes us into a bad place. I mean, you know, it, I mean, it sets precedence, and we've already done it twice and now a third time. So, it's, it's going to be tough to, it's going to be tough to tell anybody else moving forward that, you know, that... So, that's why I thought, you know, let's leave it, let's leave it as a Grant position. We'll, we'll loan the money from the General Fund into this Grant, and then see how your revenues come. And, I know you got to pay your, your \$120,000 in the red. But you know, let's, I, I'm simply asking that we allow, allow more time and, and just see how it goes.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Brian, if there's an influx of additional Cares money, how will that help this situation?

Brian Gerth: I mean, right now, we don't know.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I know, but, but if there is, will it help?

Brian Gerth: You know, it's hard (Inaudible comment. Talking over each other.).

Councilmember Montrastelle: Or, you just don't know?

Brian Gerth: I have no idea, you know, cause there could be different provisions on the next time around.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah.

¹ Should be Gerth.

Brian Gerth: I mean, I don't know.

President Shetler: Okay. So, James, you want to make that in the form of a motion as far as basically setting up kind of device here as a loan?

Councilmember Raben: Well, that at least gives us some time. Their employees got a save, I mean, you know, know going in January 1 that this employee knows that they're going to continue to be paid and then we'll, just kind of a let's look and see, let's see how it goes and see...

Wayne Trockman: James?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Wayne Trockman: James, you and, and the entire Council have always been fair players. And, and, I accept that compromise and, and we look at it in, in six months.

Councilmember Raben: I would, I would consider that. Sure.

Councilmember Goebel: I think it's reasonable to assume that this COVID situation is not going to go away within six months. So, if we could help out for temporary, for six months, and see where we are?

Councilmember Raben: I'm comfortable with that.

Councilmember Goebel: That relieves their situation and we're helping out like we have in the past.

President Shetler: Okay. Any other questions or comments that I think we need? Probably a motion to go that direction.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so I'll make a motion then that the Business Director, I guess its line item is 10001370, is that a dash, 137194? That's all the numbers.

Unidentifiable person: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. So, I'll make a motion that we fund this for the next six months this position, and, and we'll do it in form of just transferring money or moving money into the Grant account so we're not establishing new line items and what have you.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Is that, is that, is that through June, then?

President Shetler: Maybe until June 30th?

Councilmember Raben: June 30th, yes, that's fine.

President Shetler: And then, that the Council is guaranteed, or we will guarantee the funding to be in place for this position is what we're in essence doing?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we'll put the funds in place and this employee will have the funding through January, June the 30th, June the 30th, with hopes that you get all this resolved with the shortfall of money.

President Shetler: So, you may want to visit back, say at the end of the quarter to see how things are going to look at that so that it doesn't hit at the last minute. Michael, did you have?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Second, okay. Anybody else have any questions? Comments?

Teri Lukeman: But your motion is for the position to remain in the 2505 Fund, the Work Release?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Okay.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah, I have a question on user fees real quick. I got a question on user fees real quick. You say good times and bad times, and we're in bad times. What, what brings in the user fees? What...

Regen Newman: The participants, it's their fees they pay to be on the program.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

President Shetler: When they're on Work Release and they're, they get, you get a percentage of that?

Regene Newman: Work Release goes to Work Release User Fee, and then Treatment Court participants goes to Treatment Court.

Councilmember Montrastelle: How much are we down? I mean...

Regen Newman: How much are we down?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah, I mean, enough to lose possibly an employee here, right?

President Shetler: Well, you said about \$47,000 a month or something.

Regen Newman: Yeah.

President Shetler: \$48,000.

Regen Newman: We, we lost about \$145,000 with, due to COVID because we weren't taking in participants at that time.

Councilmember Montrastelle: 147K, okay.

Regen Newman: Yeah.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

Regen Newman: So, we wouldn't be in this mess if it weren't for that, but it's pretty much everybody, so...

Councilmember Montrastelle: Right. Okay, thanks.

President Shetler: Okay. Anything else? All in favor signify by saying, aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

Aye.

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: Motion carries. Thank you. Thank you, Judge.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

Wayne Trockman: Yes, thank you.

(Motion approved 7-0)

PEACEMAKER GRANT AND CYBER CRIMES UNIT GRANT – REQUEST TO CREATE AND FILL POSITIONS

President Shetler: All right, next is a Peacemaker Grant, a request to create and fill four full-time Peacemaker positions, and request to create and fill Coordinator stipend line.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I'm looking forward to hearing this one here. This looks exciting.

Nick Herrmann: All right. Well, both, both of them are pretty much the same from a funding standpoint, both D and E, the Peacemaker Grant, and the Cyber Crimes Unit. We

received a federal Grant for both. We received \$690,000 from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. And, that is for the Peacemaker Grant. What, what that does is it funds through October of 2023 four full-time positions. They spend half of their day at Cedar Hall in classrooms helping, helping younger children, and then half the day at Salvation Army in an afterschool program. And, then through the summer at Salvation Army summer program. Those positions would be COMOT IV position levels. And, what that does is it puts them kind of in line with what, this is a program that already exists through, through the Dream Center. They do it at Delaware. We're looking at doing it at Cedar Hall. That's what we get the funding to do, but it puts it in line with, with the salaries that they're getting there. And, then they're going to report, obviously, they're going to be County employees through this Grant but they're also going to be reporting to the Cedar Hall Principal, and then the Salvation Army for those parts of the day. And, then there, there's two stipends, one for a person that that's going to be helping coordinate the program. And then, one for the person at Salvation Army, that's going to be supervising them for that part of the day as well. With regard to the Vanderburgh County Cyber Crimes Task Force, same time period, we're funded through October of 2023, we got \$587,000, almost \$588,000 for that. That is a partnership. It looks like we're going to be working with the University of Evansville to bring in four part-time student investigator roles beginning in the fall of 2021 and continuing until fall of 2023. In that instance, students will work for a maximum of 20 hours every two weeks. And, we're going to, pending your approval, we're going to start interviewing people for next fall for that. And, it also funds a Project Director position. And, there is a stipend for technical assistance as well. Again, these are through two federal grants. The Cyber Crimes Task Force is funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance. These are Grants that we've been working on in our office for quite some time. We're happy to get both of them, particularly at the same time because we were trying to look for ways to improve the services that we provide without costing you guys money. So...

President Shetler: Okay. Let's see, I think Joe Kiefer has a question.

Councilmember Kiefer: Hey, hi Nick.

Nick Herrmann: Hello.

Councilmember Kiefer: Hey, I got a question on what the Peacemaker position does. I mean, so, you know, according to your letter, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and Opioid Affected Youth Initiative. So, what kind of qualifications, if you hire somebody, I mean, are these educated positions where they've got some kind of a specialty, I guess I don't understand who's going to be, who would you be hiring for these positions? I mean, I heard you talking about college students but I don't think you're hiring college students?

Nick Herrmann: No, the college students are for the, for the Cyber Crimes Task Force. The Peacemaker are full-time positions. They're not, they're not teachers, you know, they're not licensed teachers, but what they are is they're there in the class, in the classroom, helping the teacher to keep the classroom going. So, if a child has a question, a child needs help, the Grant also provided for several different iPads and software programs to help the kids. But the idea of being the, kind of, while you're at school, you're the teacher's assistant. You, you answer questions, you help the licensed teacher that's their teaching. Continue to be able to, to, to keep the class going while then also being able to help and give specialized attention to, to children. What they found at, at, in the other program at Delaware, that it helped attendance. It helped resolve issues. It gives someone that has time to sit down with an individual child and find out why they're falling asleep, why they're not coming to class, why they're having problems, things like that. And, then also to be able to transition them into the afterschool program where they can help with school work, do activities, things like that.

Councilmember Kiefer: So, why is this coming to the Prosecutor's office? This seems like something that the School Corporation would be implementing?

Nick Herrmann: Well, we are working with the School Corporation. The requirement for the Grant was she had to be a law enforcement office. And so, we're the law enforcement office, obviously the, and then we're working with the Evansville School Corporation on their end. And then, with the Salvation Army on the afterschool and the summer program.

We're able to work with, between all three entities, we were able to provide, I think, an attractive package, which is why we ended up getting the Grant.

President Shetler: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Kiefer: Okay.

President Shetler: Are you finished, Joe?

Councilmember Goebel: The qualifications for the position, this is a Federal Grant, correct?

Nick Herrmann: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Or, these are?

Nick Herrmann: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: So, they set up the qualifications for your hire, correct?

Nick Herrmann: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: And, this is a wash to us on the General Fund?

Nick Herrmann: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Not going to cost us anything?

Nick Herrmann: No.

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: (Inaudible second. Microphone was not on.) I second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion a second. John, you got a question?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Quick question. Who manages the Delaware employees that do this same type of role?

Nick Herrmann: That, that's run through the Dream Center.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah. But they'll essentially be doing the same work.

Nick Herrmann: I, I mean, I can't say exactly the same work, but it's modeled, our programs modeled after theirs. They started there's a couple of years ago. I got a Grant to do that. And, and so...

Councilmember Montrastelle: So that's paid for with a Grant as well, the Delaware?

Nick Herrmann: Yeah, I believe so. But we, we worked with the Dream Center as well in, in setting up the job qualifications and all the things that were in our Grant.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Is it is similar pay than the Delaware employees?

Nick Herrmann: Yes, yeah.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay. This is great. This is really good that you guys, your office sought this Grant and you were successful in getting it, and it's a Federal Grant. And, I suppose if this is happening in other counties within Indiana?

Nick Herrmann: I don't know about other counties in Indiana. What they do is they put out these Grant proposals, they have some, some amount of money that they're going to spend, and then they give out 10 of them or 15 of them, and it's a competitive process than to put your package together. I think, certainly with the help of the people at the Dream Center, being able to model after their program, and then including the Evansville School Corporation and the Salvation Army, I think we're able to (inaudible comment).

Councilmember Montrastelle: What agency within the Federal Government is, it has this money?

Nick Herrmann: This money is coming from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Okay.

President Shetler: Probably Attorney General's office.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I, I just wanted to make a comment if I may? Thank you so much. And, and congratulations on receiving that Grant. As, as a person who recently retired from Cedar Hall, I can tell you from being in the trenches over there, this is right on target with what needs to be done. God bless the kids. They, they come to us with just a myriad of, of issues and concerns. You can't get subs to come into the building. And so, in having a position like this, where the kids have that, that constant in that person, that's there all the time. I, I can see huge, huge benefits, and it's just a win-win for everybody if it's a Grant program. So, thank you for it.

Nick Herrmann: (Inaudible comments. Talking over each other.)

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Awesome.

Nick Herrmann: But we, we wanted somebody to bring that continuity team class and then after school, and then summer, to give somebody that they can, they can have that relationship with and then count on over the course of, at least at this point, 3 years.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Absolutely. Because we work with the Dream Center over there at Cedar Hall as well. And, and, and this is, this is exactly the type of program that we need that, that could really have an impact on juvenile delinquency rate. So, bravo.

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay, Councilmember Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not going to do anything with my motion. I want to keep with it, but is there a, John made a point, is there a coordination between EVSC, the Dream Center, and now the Prosecutor's Office? It seems like we're getting, seems like there should be a clearinghouse or something, a center point for it all.

Nick Herrmann: Well, when you look at Federal Grants, it's interesting because you have to jump through so many hoops to actually be able to apply, you know, to have to be a law enforcement agency that's working with the school corporation, working with, I mean, that's obviously not the Grant that the Dream Center got to go in into their school because they're not a law enforcement agency. So, I mean, it's a matter of, of watching these Grants and, and, and finding one that you qualify for.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Nick Herrmann: Or, making the partnership so that you qualify. Our intention is not to end in, whatever it is, October of...

President Shetler: 2023.

Nick Herrmann: ...2023. Our, our intention is to be able to put together numbers and data to show, you know, it's one thing to go in and make a difference, it's a whole another thing to be able to show that. And, and our intent is to be able to show that, to be able to reapply for the Grant, and possibly if it's overly successful, be able to apply, not only reapply there but then add another school and expand it.

President Shetler: Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes. I just want (inaudible comment) job well done. I know what it takes to get some of these significant grants. And, you mentioned the Salvation Army, they are actively offering afterschool and summer programming?

Nick Herrmann: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: They are? Okay, that's just a name I haven't heard in that, that realm of work. And, then on the Cyber Crimes Unit, you mentioned U of E, is that going to be exclusively to U of E, or you will open that, those internship opportunities to Ivy Tech or USI?

Nick Herrmann: At this point, the only real conversation we've had has been with the University of Evansville. We're modeling that program after two existing programs, one at the University of Notre Dame and one at the University of Purdue. So, we've been working very closely with them to be able to model our program. Notre Dame has actually moved on to Notre Dame's campus. They, they started out being housed in the Prosecutor's Office. And then, as that grew, they moved that to the University. We're going to house this here in, in our in our office, if we can find space, whole another issue, but you know, we're going to house it here and hopefully, it grows. And, I don't know if it continues to be housed here in future years, or if it's something that moves, moves to the University as well. But, but we'd be open, obviously, to working with the other Universities. This, the Cyber Crimes task force is something that, that is really needed. It primarily involves getting into electronics, cell phones, those types of things, and getting that data and being able to use that in our cases, whether to exonerate someone or to prove their guilt. And, and being able to bring in kids that grew up with social media and cell phones and, and have that kind of knowledge and expertise, the Computer Science majors, the all the, all those types of people and be able to bring their expertise to the table has, has really paid off in the other two counties that have done this. And, we're very fortunate to receive this because all of the, all the equipment, I think we're about a hundred and \$150, \$180,000 into equipment for this in the Grant. And, I'm very thankful not to have to be here today asking you for that money, because I don't know how that would've gone, but, so, so we're happy to be able to bring that in and upgrade the technology, and then to be able to work with the University, and get experts in and let them build their resumes and their credentials while, while we're getting great use out of it.

President Shetler: Okay. So, Councilmember Goebel, I just want to clarify the motion. Was that D and E then?

Councilmember Goebel: That's correct.

President Shetler: Okay. All right. So, do I have any other questions? So, Nick, it looks like you're going to get, get her birthday present here.

Nick Herrmann: Thanks.

President Shetler: So, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: Happy birthday.

Nick Herrmann: Thank you.

(Motion approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR/SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETATION FYND – REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY FOR OFFICE MANAGER, ENGINEERING & INFORMATION TECH, AND ASSISTANT TO SURVEYOR

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that under F, Surveyor has three vacancies, I move that we approve all three vacancies.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: (Inaudible second. Microphone was not on.)

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any questions? Comments? Seeing, hearing none. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: The motion carries.

Councilmember Goebel: I was going to say so long to the outgoing Surveyor.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah, Jeff has to, to...

President Shetler: Yes, Jeff.

Jeff Muehler: Thank you. I wish you all luck. I appreciate working all of you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Jeff.

Jeff Muehler: I'll see you around, okay?

President Shetler: All right, take care. Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: God bless you.

(Motion approved 7-0)

**PUBLIC DEFENDER – REQUEST TO ALLOW SPECIAL STEP 3 PLACEMENT FOR
PUBLIC DEFENDER 10001420-142168**

President Shetler: Next is a Public Defender request.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, this one, did we not have this before us a few months ago? Or am I thinking of another?

Steve Owens: No.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. So, what they're asking for here is, is to skip the initiation salary and bump it to the Step 3 which was about a \$16, little over a \$16,000 jump.

President Shetler: Steve is on the line I think?

Councilmember Raben: Steve, is this, so you've got an employee with 20 years of criminal investigation experience. Is that 20 years with Vanderburgh County?

President Shetler: Steve might have to unmute if you're, yeah there you are. Okay, gotcha.

Steve Owens: No. Am I on? It is not 20 years of experience with Vanderburgh County. Some of it is with Vanderburgh County. Some of it was with another County. This person has been employed with Vanderburgh County for not the last 10 years in a totally different position, and has retired from that position and has agreed to, if we can get to the salary level we need, has agreed to come to our office. As you may recall, this was a Step 3 position when Mr. Parkhurst had the position, before he passed away. I set it in at that level again from the 2021 budget, but because we had not filled it by the time you adopted the budget you knocked it back to the initiation and six months Step increase. So, the lady that would fill this position, there's a couple of things, she's got a number of years of experience, she's been employed with Vanderburgh County for about 10 years. She has recently retired, and therefore when she would start in January, the County would not have to contribute to 11.2% PERF since she's already drawing PERF. We would save that money.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, to me, this seems like a pretty significant jump. I didn't do the math on it, but it's what is that going to be 20, roughly 25% increase?

Steve Owens: Well, it's hard work. Jim, I think (inaudible comments).

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible comments) What qualifications does this individual have to have compared to somebody sitting in a chair across the room from him?

Steve Owens: Well, the Public Defender Commission sets out certain qualifications that our attorneys have to have. This person has the qualifications to fill all major felonies up through murder. We had tried to interview some earlier or people that had just gotten out

of law school and didn't get too much of a reception from people who wanted to come down here and fill that beginning position. It also limits the number of cases that a person can handle in terms of being less serious on the felony level. You set it in at \$59,861 for 2021, which is as I recall, is the six-month Step increase. And so, by my calculations, that's about a \$10,726 difference for the year. Not including the PERF and FICA. Obviously, we're in the same boat, everybody else's in terms of the additional funding we have available to us whether there is enough money in that line item to start paying first Step 3 in January. That'll get us through most of the year and we may have to come back and ask for an appropriation. We may not. I can't tell you at this point

Councilmember Montrastelle: Tom?

President Shetler: Yes, John?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Steve, is this position a full-time position, or will this position work the caseloads that you have in your office, but still able to do some of their private practice or what?

Steve Owens: No, this is a full-time position, no private practice.

Councilmember Goebel: And Steve, this is, it fits the qualifications for State reimbursement. Is that correct?

Steve Owens: Yeah, we need to fill this position to maintain compliance.

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

Councilmember Raben: I mean, I, I still think we ought to arrive at a figure that's not so significant. I mean, the person, I mean, the person doesn't have 20 years' service with Vanderburgh County. So, I mean, we're, we don't have the obligation that, I mean, I get it, but this is a big jump. Would you feel comfortable letting them skip the six months and starting to meet 59,861?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That's where they're at now. (Mic was not on.)

Councilmember Montrastelle: That's where they are now? Well, there's the initial salary of \$54,500. Right?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Are they going to start at the \$54,500 or are they going to start the 59,861 Steve?

Teri Lukeman: A brand new hire would start at \$54,500 on January 1st.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah.

Teri Lukeman: And, then after six months, then they would go...

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible comments. Microphone was not on.)

Teri Lukeman: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible comments. Microphone was not on.)

Teri Lukeman: Yes. So, we budgeted for the six months, but they would, they begin. It would begin at \$54,500.

Councilmember Montrastelle: I'm more inclined to say let's just start more what we're budgeted at, and let's live within our budget.

President Shetler: So, Steve, the salary level is not dictated by the State Public Defender's Commission, correct?

Steve Owens: I'm sorry, I didn't hear you.

President Shetler: The State Public Defender's Commission doesn't dictate to us the salary level commensurate with the qualification, or the term, the amount of experience or service that they've had?

Steve Owens: The State Public Defender Commission requires that the PD be paid comparable to a similar position in the Prosecutor's Office. So, I think maybe last month or the month before Mr. Herrmann was there were requesting a Step 3, which is five years' experience, and the County or the Council approved a Step 2. This person has 20 years of experience and therefore would be making less than a comparable Deputy Prosecutor.

President Shetler: Yeah, there's examples of times when we've gone up and that we've compromised. And there's examples of times I think the Chief Deputy in the Prosecutor's Office, we basically cut that way back from the request. The person that had, I think multiple years of (inaudible comments).

Councilmember Raben: Well...

Councilmember Goebel: Steve, is this person already retired from Vanderburgh County?

Steve Owens: This person has retired from Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Raben: So, the 59 that is budgeted, this, this, this was an executive position. And now we're doing, making it a PAT? Is this a PAT position we're going to?

Teri Lukeman: No, it's, let's see, it's an Exempt II position.

Councilmember Raben: That's what it was?

Teri Lukeman: It's still is.

President Shetler: It still is, just moving Steps.

Teri Lukeman: He just wants, his request is to allow advanced Step placement.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, yeah, we understand that part of it, but it's still nearly \$11,000 (inaudible comment).

President Shetler: I guess, Steve, the other question that I have is that given COVID, everything that we're hearing from Sheriff's Office, the different judges, is that there's been a, a period of time here where the caseload was significantly reduced because of not as many arrests, people locked down and stuff in their homes, whatever, and I know that's beginning to pick up a little bit, but I don't know that I've heard that it's back to normal. So, I would think that the caseload in your office is down significantly given the fact that everybody else is reporting the same thing.

Steve Owens: Right now, all of our attorneys are operating pretty close to the maximum caseloads. We took Mr. Parkhurst's caseloads, and because of the timing of his death, we started dividing those. The Commission would prefer we immediately fill his position, and assign all those cases to him. We're still getting appointed the cases. We might be down a little. We're not down significantly.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Kiefer: Tom?

President Shetler: Anybody else? Did?

Councilmember Kiefer: This, this is Joe Keifer.

President Shetler: Yes, Joe?

Councilmember Kiefer: Okay, the question I have for Mr. Owens is, so are we going to not be able to hire this person because of this? Are you saying that they're not going to take the position unless they get this advanced Step increase?

Steve Owens: I'm not going to attract this person at the entry-level salary.

Councilmember Montrastelle: What was that answer? I didn't understand.

Councilmember Terry: Me neither.

Steve Owens: I'm not going to be able to attract this person at the entry level salary.

Councilmember Kiefer: But, you can attract them at the, after six-month, Step one?

Steve Owens: I don't know that, Joe.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, Steve, what you do know is that you can attract them at the Step 3.

Steve Owens: I know I can attract them at the Step 3 because I've talked about that with the person.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Have you talked about Step 2?

Steve Owens: I did not.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Kiefer: I think you need to find out what you can get this person for instead of just offering the higher pay opportunity, you know, to have them tell what it's going to take, you know.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make them know that we fund this at the Step 1 level.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion on the floor to fund it at the Step 1 level.

Councilmember Terry: It's...

President Shetler: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Montrastelle: I'll second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second for basically leaving it at a Step 1 position. So... Do I have any questions or discussions about that motion? Seeing or hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed to the motion?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE

President Shetler: Next is the Health Department request.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I will make a motion. Well, not, I want to hear about this one. This is one with the...

President Shetler: The Administrative Aide?

Councilmember Raben: ...it's going to pay a stipend or pay a... No, that's the next one. That's the next one. So, I'll, I'll make a motion to approve H.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second. (Mic was not on.)

President Shetler: I got a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the motion? That's H, the Health Department under the Administrative Aide. All right seeing and hearing none, all in favor, signify by saying, aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

**IMMUNIZATION GRANTS - REQUEST TO MOVE STIPEND FROM 8421
IMMUNIZATION GRANT to 8408 IMMUNIZATION GRANT**

President Shetler: Okay, next is I, Immunization Grants. And that's a stipend, I think that's probably what the same one we've talked about.

Councilmember Raben: Joe, are on the, Yeah, Joe's, I see Joe's in the (inaudible comment).

Councilmember Kiefer: Yeah, I'm here.

Councilmember Raben: Joe, so why are we wanting to go retroactive back to July 10th?

Councilmember Kiefer: That question's for Joe Gries, correct?

President Shetler: Yes. Joe Gries.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, Joe Gries, yes.

President Shetler: Because it's, there's probably, there was a certain amount of money left in that fund, and that's probably figures out to go to that point.

Councilmember Raben: Again though, I mean, just because we've got it, do we have to spend it?

President Shetler: Inaudible comments. Talking over each other.)

Councilmember Raben: We can offset other, other expenses if we've got...

Joe Gries: Tom, can you hear me?

President Shetler: I can hear you now.

Joe Gries: Okay. This is, this is just cleaning up paperwork. This is being moved into another fund so that we can correctly report it for our state and federal grants. This isn't spending any more money or changing anything. We're just moving it from one fund to the next, because there are different, what they call CFEA numbers, and we have to keep those separate, in separate funds. We received part of this grant money from one CFEA and part of the money from another. This is just paperwork.

Councilmember Raben: So, are we actually, so this individual, or this stipend, are we just paying ourselves? Are we, or are we actually going to pay this individual this stipend retroactive to July?

Joe Gries: This, this person has already received those payments. It's just correcting the paperwork, the bookkeeping of it so it's reported in the correct fund before we close out the books for the end of the year so Brian Gerth doesn't get mad at me, and he gets a blemish on his State Board of Accounts audit.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, if it's, if it's like, I mean if that's what it is, that's, that's a little easier to, to understand.

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of...

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll second.

Councilmember Raben: ...I.

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

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE - APPROPRIATIONS

AUDITOR’S OFFICE

President Shetler: Next is the Appropriation Ordinance. James?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first under Auditor is the CARES Act Reimbursement, which is \$465,699. Joe, or Brian, I’m sorry, Brian, do you want to address that?

Brian Gerth: I can, it’s just kind of the, I sent everybody an email on that discussing, this is really an accounting clean up with the CARES Act funding. These expenses were mostly all PPE related, and some projects at the Jail would have been covered by the CARES Act, but the way, you know, the IFA basically, that the Indiana Finance Authority, came back and was wanting us to seek reimbursement for payroll expenses. These expenses were the ones that kind of got caught in the (Inaudible). So, this is just cleaning this up. By doing this appropriation, we’ll put those monies back into those COVID grant funds and zero them out.

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I’ll second your motion.

President Shetler: Okay, we’ve got a motion and a second. Any questions/comments?
All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thanks, Brian.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001020-382000	CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT	465,699	465,699
TOTAL		465,699	465,699

(Motion approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Sheriff, Overtime in the amount of \$68,000. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

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

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thanks.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001050-130000	OVERTIME	68,000	68,000
TOTAL		68,000	68,000

(Motion approved 7-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Coroner we have a request for Autopsies in the amount of \$16,720. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Kiefer: Second.

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

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Hi, Steve. Say hi, Steve.

Steve Lockyear: Hello.

Councilmember Raben: Hi, Steve.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001070-365000	AUTOPSIES	16,720	16,720
TOTAL		16,720	16,720

(Motion approved 7-0)

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval for the Election Office. They have two requests, one for Overtime in the amount of \$10,000, and the other is Contractual Services, Legal Advertising, and Inspector for a total of \$27,700. I'll move approval of both items, for both requests.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second for approval of the Election Office. Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: No real big question, but in one of the rationales it says that the expense is due to the larger than anticipated voter turnout. Actually, we were less than in '16, I believe, but we still are funding more?

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Councilmember Goebel: That's different.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Councilmember Kiefer: Can whoever is answering that question please speak in the mic?

President Shetler: Carla was...

Carla Hayden: Can you hear me?

President Shetler: Yes, we can, Carla.

Carla Hayden: Okay, I was to turn my page here. Most of those expenses have to do with the counting of ballots, not the actual Election Day turnout. It's the turnout for the early voting was where we ran into a lot of those expenses.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, I'm just reading on Election Office 121, well, 11/12 is the date, it states that larger than anticipated voter turnout. I know we had more absentees, and if that's the case, I have no further questions. I just, Carla, we had less voting in '16 than we did in '20, or more in '16 than we did in '20, is that correct?

Carla Hayden: There was slightly more, but the expense to have it was more in 2020 than it was in 2016 because the in-person now requires that we have envelopes, and we have, all of those have to be counted, run through a scanner, as opposed to 2016 when the in-person votes were all just recorded on the machine.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, that's understandable. And, by the way, where I voted at ONB, that group did an outstanding job, and they helped out. So, I think the process was good. Thank you.

Carla Hayden: Thank you.

Councilmember Montrastelle: So, Carla, did you have a larger staff for this election?

Carla Hayden: We did. We, because normally the people in the Election Office also do the early voting like we had over at Old National Events Plaza. That's usually in the Election Office. So, we had to have a staff over there, plus the staff in the Election Office. So, we did have to have more staff, and there's no way that the staff that I would normally have had would have been able to take in the number of people who voted before Election Day. We still would have had to have extra people, but we also didn't have the space for the people in the Election Office either. If that makes sense.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions or comments? Let's see, did we have a motion?

Councilmember Raben: I can remake the motion, and, I guess, I should have stated too, there is an offsetting repeal for \$10,000. Is that correct, Carla?

Carla Hayden: (Inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, okay, so, I make a motion that we approve both Election Office requests.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have a motion and a...

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: ...second. Any other questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001210-130000	OVERTIME	10,000	10,000
TOTAL		10,000	10,000

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001210-353000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	25,000	25,000
10001210-342000	LEGAL ADVERTISING	1,500	1,500
10001210-121116	INSPECTOR	1,200	1,200
TOTAL		27,700	27,700

(Motion approved 7-0)

COIT-COMMISSIONERS

President Shetler: Next is the repeal that you were speaking of.

Councilmember Raben: Well, next is the Commissioners COIT.

President Shetler: Oh, the COIT, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: They are requesting Postage in the amount of \$40,000, and I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

COIT - COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
49981300-312000	POSTAGE	40,000	40,000
TOTAL		40,000	40,000

(Motion approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE - REPEALS

CLERK

President Shetler: The next is that repeal.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll make a motion to approve the Clerk repeal in the amount of \$10,000.

President Shetler: So, we have a motion and a...

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed to bringing money back into the coffers?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: Okay, hearing none, the motion carries. Thanks.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001010-101164	CASHIER	4,000	4,000
10001010-101128	SR CLERK/SMALL CLAIMS	2,000	2,000
10001010-101153	CASHIER/SMALL CLAIMS	1,000	1,000
10001010-101148	COMMITMENT CLERK	800	800
10001010-313000	TRAVEL & MILEAGE	1,600	1,600
10001010-101136	ADMIN RECEPTIONIST	600	600
TOTAL		10,000	10,000

(Motion approved 7-0)

TRANSFERS

Councilmember Raben: I don't know if everybody's comfortable with this, there is literally dozens of transfers, which is just routine this time of year. Everybody trying to clean up their budgets and their line items. So, I'll make a motion that we approve all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

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

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001010-101164	CASHIER	976	976
To:			
10001010-101131	M/T CALENDAR CLERK	976	976

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001010-101139	CIRCUIT SUPERIOR COUNTER CLERK	200	200
To:			
10001010-101160	ASST. CHIEF DEPUTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT	200	200

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001010-101153	CASHIER/CHILD SUPPORT	2,700	2,700
To:			
10001010-101112	CHIEF DEPUTY	2,700	2,700

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001020-102143	BOOKKEEPER	4,996	4,996
10001020-102142	BOOKKEEPER II	7,299	7,299
10001020-102115	BOOKKEEPER CLAIMS	3,043	3,043
To:			
10001020-197100	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	15,338	15,338

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001030-191000	PERF	10,668	10,668
10001030-191000	PERF	820	820
To:			
10001030-197100	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	10,668	10,668
10001030-190000	FICA	820	820

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001070-365100	BODY TRANSPORT	3,502	3,502
To:			
10001070-107121	ASSISTANT CORONERS	3,253	3,253
10001070-190000	FICA	249	249

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001210-121113	ABSENTEE TEAMS	5,000	5,000
To:			
10001210-121115	ASST CANVASSING BOARD	30	30
10001210-121121	BALLOT AIDS	4,670	4,670
10001210-190000	FICA	300	300

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001210-121113	ABSENTEE TEAMS	335	335
To:			

10001210-121117	ELECTION JUDGE	335	335
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ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001210-121113	ABSENTEE TEAMS	100	100
To:			
10001210-360000	RENT	100	100

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001360-136135	BAILIFF	500	500
10001360-136137	PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATOR	2,900	2,900
10001360-136162	STAFF ATTORNEY	5,500	5,500
To:			
10001360-390300	PETIT JURORS	8,900	8,900

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001360-313000	TRAVEL	500	500
10001360-331000	TRAINING & EDUCATION	420	420
To:			
10001360-390300	PETIT JURORS	920	920

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001370-305000	PATIENT/INMATE CARE	7,000	7,000
To:			
10001370-394100	GUARDIAN AD LITEM	2,000	2,000
10001370-379000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	5,000	5,000

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11350000-353000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	300	300
To:			
11350000-315000	COMMUNICATION	300	300

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11350000-475900	OLD STATE RD BRIDGE #1581	1,500	1,500
To:			
11350000-426000	ENGINEER EQUIPMENT	1,500	1,500

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11590000-115933	ENV HEALTH SPECIALIST	3,704	3,704
11590000-115934	BOOKKEEPER/INSURANCE	3,704	3,704
To:			
11590000-115939	ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	6,200	6,200
11590000-190000	FICA	984	984
11590000-191000	PERF	224	224

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11690000-353000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	2,000	2,000
To:			
11690000-361000	LEGAL SERVICES	2,000	2,000

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11690000-200000	MATERIALS	4,000	4,000
To:			
11690000-425000	EQUIPMENT	4,000	4,000

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11690000-200000	MATERIALS	63,000	63,000
To:			
11690000-352000	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	40,000	40,000
11690000-223000	GARAGE & MOTOR	20,000	20,000
11690000-319000	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	3,000	3,000

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11760000-200000	MATERIALS	12,185	12,185
To:			
11760000-185000	UNION OVERTIME	10,000	10,000
11760000-190000	FICA	765	765
11760000-191000	PERF	1,420	1,420

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11760000-200000	MATERIALS	1,000	1,000
To:			

11760000-376000	OCCU-MED	1,000	1,000
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LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

SHERIFF'S OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
10001050-105080	DEPUTY	1,754	1,754
10001050-105131	DEPUTY	8,774	8,774
10001050-105140	DEPUTY	2,382	2,382
10001050-121000	COLLEGE INCENTIVE	4,582	4,582
10001050-175000	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	9,748	9,748
10001050-199000	EXTRA HELP	15,000	15,000
To:			
10001050-130000	OVERTIME	42,240	42,240

RIVERBOAT-COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11911300-311200	INFRASTRUCTURE	60,000	60,000
To:			
11911300-361000	LEGAL SERVICES	60,000	60,000

RIVERBOAT-COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
11911300-311200	INFRASTRUCTURE	50,000	50,000
To:			
11911300-320000	UTILITIES	50,000	50,000

(Motion approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next we'll go to amendments to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone has been given a copy of the amendments to the salary ordinance. Or, Teri's coming around with them, I'm sorry. So, we'll wait till everybody gets them, in case there's any questions.

Carla Hayden: While you're doing this, this is Carla Hayden back. I accidentally got disconnected. I didn't hear if that got approved or not, the appropriation.

President Shetler: We took your \$10,000 repeal and we denied the others. No, just kidding. We approved both. We approved the appropriation and then we also took your \$10,000.

Carla Hayden: All right, thank you all very much. Merry Christmas.

President Shetler: Merry Christmas to you.

Councilmember Raben: You're going to give us a clean copy when?

Teri Lukeman: (Inaudible. Not at the microphone.)

Councilmember Montrastelle: You know, I want to say something about the Postage. You know, the absentee ballots cost us a lot more money, because of Postage. Brian, is that reimbursable through CARES?

Brian Gerth: Nope.

Councilmember Montrastelle: No, okay. That's all.

Carla Hayden: This is Carla again. I will say that I have applied through the Secretary of State's CARES Act grant that they received for some reimbursements, probably about \$80,000. Now, I have no reason to think that I would get \$80,000, but I have put in for, for example, the extra people we had to hire, the excess above what our normal absentee voting by mail has been over the last two Presidential elections, which is about 10,000 more ballots. So, I've put in for about \$80,000, we'll see how much comes back to us.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Carla, you know, when you speak with your fellow colleagues across the State, are they doing the same? Or is this something that you took upon yourself to do?

Carla Hayden: Are you talking about applying for the CARES Act money?

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah, yeah.

Carla Hayden: Yes, my fellow Clerks are doing the same. My understanding is, is that the Secretary of State was awarded a sum of money. I don't know how much that sum is, and then we were encouraged to apply for additional expenses for 2020 that were above what was budgeted. So, I've put in, like I said, I put in for \$80,000, we'll how much of it comes back to us. I know we did get a little bit of what we requested back in from the Primary, but it is certainly what all we requested.

Councilmember Montrastelle: All right.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: All right, I will go back...

President Shetler: Are you ready to go, James?

Councilmember Raben: ...to the salary ordinance then.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Everybody has been given an updated copy of this, because of the changes we made on Superior Court and on the Public Defender. So, again, everyone has this in front of them. I'm going to move that the amendments be approved and ask that the document be entered into the minutes.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

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

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(None opposed)

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION

President Shetler: A couple of housekeeping things real quickly. I do want to tell you that the December 16th Personnel and Finance Committee meeting is being canceled because of lack of business. So, that's one. Two, a reminder that the upcoming next meeting will be the County Council meeting on January the 6th, and that will be at 3:30 in the afternoon. Is there anyone in the public that wishes to address Council? Seeing none.

PLAQUE PRESENTATION TO COUNCILMEMBER KOEHLER LINDSEY

President Shetler: Well, I would like to take this opportunity to give to Angela, you know, I've known Angela since she was very, very little. I served with her father for several years as I was on the Park Commission and he was on Council, and then I served with him as a Councilmember on the City Council as well. So, I was at their house often and saw Angela grow up, along with her brother, David. So, she has served as Personnel Chairman for us back in '13 and '14. She was Council President '15-'16, and Personnel Chairman again through '17 and '18, and she served as Vice-President this past year. On behalf of the County Council, I would like to present you this plaque, which is very, very nice. We can't hug, shake hands, or anything like that, so.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Well, thank you very much. Thank you.

President Shetler: You're very welcome.

(Applause)

President Shetler: Well, thank you for your service, Angela. You've been an outstanding member and it's been a real joy. So, I'm proud to have served with you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you very much. If I may, I'll just say real quickly that it has been my pleasure, and my privilege, and my honor to serve these, well, the past nine years with all of you here in this Council Chamber. I have very much appreciated the help and the support from each and every one of you, and I just, I have thoroughly enjoyed my years of public service. And, I'm just looking forward to the next opportunity that I know that the Good Lord has in store for me. So, thank you all. God Bless you.

Councilmember Terry: Thank you, Angela.

Councilmember Kiefer: Hey, I would like to make a comment as well. Oh, after James.

Councilmember Raben: I just wanted to echo all of Tom's points and tell you it has, it's been a real pleasure serving with you. You always offered a lot of good comments and opinions, so, again, thank you. We're going to miss you, and I'm sure your next journey will be just as exciting, if not more.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, James.

President Shetler: Joe?

Councilmember Kiefer: Thank you. Angela, you know, we all love you. We think you're awesome, and not only did I have the pleasure of serving with you on County Council, but I was able to sit with you for eight years on the City Council. I absolutely have enjoyed my public service life being able to do that with you. It's been a tremendous joy being able to be your friend and also serve with you, our public, our great community here. So, thank you, Angela. Thank you very much, and I'm sure this County Council would have some nice board appointments if you're interested in doing something like that.

Councilmember Montrastelle: Yeah.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

President Shetler: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I think I might be retired.

Councilmember Kiefer: I thought maybe another term on Area Plan might be something you would be interested in.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I think you're cutting out there, Joe.

(Laughter)

President Shetler: He was muted at the last moment, wasn't he?

Councilmember Kiefer: Yeah.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shetler: All right. Any other business to come before the Council?

Councilmember Kiefer: Let Angela make the last motion ever for this year.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: All right, are you ready?

President Shetler: I'm ready.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion for approval.

President Shetler: Adjournment?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Adjournment and approval. Approval of adjournment.

President Shetler: Yeah okay, All right. So, we have a motion for adjourning. I'll see you guys all January 6th.

Councilmember Kiefer: All right, thank you. Merry Christmas.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.)

SIGNATURES

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James Raben

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