

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 7th day of January, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by County Auditor Suzanne Crouch.

Suzanne Crouch: Good afternoon. I don't see a deputy here so we will go ahead and open the meeting, the first meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council for the year 1998. I'd like to ask the Council Secretary to take the attendance, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	X	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON		X*
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	X	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY		X
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	X	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	X	

\*Councilmember Sutton arrived shortly after election of the County Council President.

Teri Lukeman: Let the record show that Councilmember Sutton and Councilmember Hoy are absent.

Suzanne Crouch: Please join me for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COUNCIL ATTORNEY**

Suzanne Crouch: The Chair will now entertain nominations for the President of the Vanderburgh County Council for 1998.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to nominate Russell Lloyd, Jr. for President of the County Council.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Suzanne Crouch: We've had a motion and a second, thank you. Is there any discussion? Are there any further nominations? Do I have a motion for nominations to be closed, please?

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

Suzanne Crouch: Alright, and I'd like the Council Secretary to do the roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Suzanne Crouch: Congratulations, President Lloyd. If you'd like to take the hot seat?

President Lloyd: I'd like to thank you all for showing this confidence in me and I welcome any of your questions at any time. We'd like to use the same rules that were established last year under President Wortman, so raise your hand to be recognized by the Chair. We'll continue with the roll call votes and, as you know, five votes for the salary ordinance. I'd like everybody to treat each participant with respect and I plan on moving through the agenda. The next order of business would be the election of the Vice-President and I'd like to have a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we nominate Councilman Wortman.

President Lloyd: Motion to nominate Curt Wortman as Vice-President. Can I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second by Betty Knight-Smith. Any discussion? Any other nominations for Vice-President? I'll take a motion that the nominations for Vice-President be closed.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Lloyd: Could we have a roll call vote please, Madam Secretary?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

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Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Lloyd: Okay, our next item on the agenda is the appointment of the County Council Attorney. I'll accept a motion for Mr. Jeffrey Ahlers to be County Council Attorney.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we elect Jeff Ahlers as our Council Attorney representative.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and seconded by Councilman Bassemier. Any other discussion? Do we need a motion that the nomination be closed?

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Lloyd: Second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay. Madam Secretary, please call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Ahlers, you're our counsel for another year. Congratulations.

Jeff Ahlers: Thank you.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
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President Lloyd: I'll take a motion for the approval of the minutes from December 3rd, 1997.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Lloyd: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, any changes? For this, let's just have a show of hands. All those in favor, please raise your right hand. Okay, one, two, three, four, five. Okay, minutes approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

President Lloyd: Okay, the next order of business would be the appointment of committee chairpersons and the president will appoint as the Personnel Chairman, Councilman Ed Bassemier and I'll appoint as the Finance Chairman, Councilman Jim Raben.

**APPROPRIATION REQUESTS**

**A) TREASURER (2)**

President Lloyd: Our next order of business will be the Appropriation Ordinance. I'd like for the Finance Chairman, Councilman Jim Raben, to go ahead and read those and make the motions, please.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first on the agenda is the Treasurer's Office, Printing, in the amount of \$2,000. I move that that be approved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion for approval by Councilman Raben, seconded by Councilman Wortman. Any discussion? Okay, Madam Secretary, can we have a roll call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

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Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

**TREASURER**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3410	PRINTING	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL		2,000.00	2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Raben: Next on the agenda, again is the Treasurer's Office, Bank Service Charges in the amount of \$2,200. I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Okay, no discussion, can we have a roll call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3999	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	2,200.00	2,200.00
TOTAL		2,200.00	2,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

### B) COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Next on the agenda, County Assessor, Computers in the amount of \$3,500. I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we've got a motion by Councilman Raben and seconded by Councilman Wortman. Any further discussion? Hearing none, could we have a roll call please, Madam Secretary?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-3370	COMPUTERS	3,500.00	3,500.00
TOTAL		3,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

### C) PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Next is the Prosecutor. This line is Deputy in the amount of \$8,689. I would like to move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion for approval by Councilman Raben,

seconded by Councilman Sutton. Any further discussion? Madam Secretary, could we have a roll call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Lloyd: Motion passes six/zero

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1190-1080	DEPUTY	8,689.00	8,689.00
TOTAL		8,689.00	8,689.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**D) VOTERS REGISTRATION**

Councilmember Raben: Next is Voters Registration, line 1220-1110-1220 and 1220-1120-1220, each in the amount of \$2,242 for a total of \$4,484. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion for Voters Registration. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: I talked with Ms. Kirk and she said she wanted to withdraw that or delay it until next month and that was this afternoon.

Councilmember Raben: We can do that. That wasn't brought to my attention, but we can do that.

President Lloyd: Okay, that wasn't brought to my attention, either.

Councilmember Smith: That's what she told me. She said she was

sick so she asked me to -- or she wanted to delay it until next month, and another thing for the full Council to be here.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion and a second for \$2,242 in each line item. Do you want to withdraw your motion if the presenter wanted to withdraw theirs?

Councilmember Raben: I'll withdraw. Let's do this, the Auditor's Office says it would make it much simpler if we simply set this in at zero today and let her refile, so I'll withdraw my motion and make my motion that we set both these line items in at zero.

President Lloyd: Okay, you withdrew your motion and made a new motion. Is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll withdraw it.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, you withdraw your original second. And then Councilmember Smith, you second his motion to set this in at zero?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

President Lloyd: Okay. Is there any other discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, could we have a roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion to set it at zero passes six/zero.

**VOTERS REGISTRATION**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**



1220-1110-1220	BOARD MEMBER	2,242.00	-0-
1220-1120-1220	BOARD MEMBER	2,242.00	-0-
TOTAL		4,484.00	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**E) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Lloyd: County Commissioners?

Councilmember Raben: County Commissioners, line 1300-3841 in the amount of \$991,548; 1300-4231 Transportation Services in the amount of \$14,478. I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion and a second to approve. Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: How much more money is going to be needed for that Daylight Sewer Project or does anyone know?

Councilmember Raben: Mike --

Councilmember Smith: Will this finish it up?

Councilmember Raben: This is really...I think we're still in phase one right now, if I'm not mistaken. But right now...

Councilmember Smith: We appropriated some -- there was some appropriated in the summer.

Councilmember Raben: This is a reappropriation, though.

Suzanne Crouch: This was appropriated, but they weren't able to let the contracts out in order to encumber the money so it rolled back and you're just appropriating it back out.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, there is -- I know they did run into some snags, but I think this is going to take care of the bulk of it.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other discussion? Hearing none, could we have the roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion passes six/zero.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3841	DAYLIGHT SEWER	991,548.00	991,548.00
1300-4231	TRANSPORTATION SVCS	14,478.00	14,478.00
TOTAL	TOTAL	1,006,026.00	1,006,026.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

#### F) AUDITORIUM

President Lloyd: Auditorium?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, line 1440-1910 in the amount of \$3,000. I move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben and seconded by Councilman Sutton. Do we have any further discussion? Okay, hearing none, Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

AUDITORIUM		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1910	PERF	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL		3,000.00	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, before we move on to the next one, since we're on the Auditorium and before we move on to the next one, I was wondering if the -- I thought I saw Bettye Lou -- if, Commissioner Jerrel, would you happen to have any information maybe you could share with us on the Auditorium situation what the staff that we had over there, what the questions that we had maybe earlier, and there hadn't at that time been a final decision made about what placements or what status they would hold once the Auditorium would close. If you could maybe share some discussion on that.

President Lloyd: Would you state your name, please?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Bettye Lou Jerrel, County Commissioner. I wish I had the numbers. We did a buy out last week for each of the employees, the accrued amount of money they had coming, and they all had their check last -- a week ago and then they worked sixteen hours in 1998 and then they received any accrued benefits from that time because I don't know -- it would be maybe an hour or two of vacation, personal and sick days, and they will receive that check this Friday. The termination letters were mailed last summer in compliance with the existing statutes because we no longer own the facility. The building is owned by the Building Authority now and until such time as the bonds are paid off. There are no employees working anymore.

Councilmember Sutton: The employees that were let go, were there any other opportunities or provisions made for other placements in other departments or openings throughout --

Bettye Lou Jerrel: There were no other openings, but we did indicate, we sent a letter to them last summer and we sent a letter to them this week volunteering to assist them in any way that we might be able to, but there are no slots open.

Councilmember Sutton: How many persons would have been affected by that?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: There were six altogether, and some people have found positions, so there won't be -- and I'm assuming others are also getting themselves prepared to go to work elsewhere.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, I might add to Councilman Sutton, I did call Steve Utley, the Building Authority Manager, and I had asked him about this, so he told me to follow up with him on whether we can have a meeting with him or get some input from him on the relationship that -- I know we had had questions in these meetings before about that, so I was going to work on that and see if we can get some information from him.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I guess I'm just recognizing there

has been a transition there, but still, we haven't ever had up to this point as far as I can recall my time on the Council, which hasn't just been a long time, but I can't recall us ever terminating the employment of anyone or placing them in a layoff status for any particular reason along this line and the questions that I guess I asked earlier in the year were related to what provisions we were going to try to make to try to get them placed in some permanent positions with the county, since they were county employees and like I said, I just really hated to see -- just really am kind of disappointed that we were unable to be able to do that and they were really, ultimately let go and put on termination status. Now that it's owned by someone else there's no guarantee that they can -- if they don't find employment in the interim, there's no guarantee that they will actually be able to get employment when the Auditorium is officially completed.

President Lloyd: I did ask him about that and he indicated that they couldn't do anything as long as they were county employees because the Building Authority would hire their own employees. Question?

Councilmember Smith: Ms. Jerrel said that if there was something come up, that they would be able to go to work, but what about their longevity, Bettye? Would they, I mean, the longevity, some of those people have been over there so many years that if they lose one payroll, you lose your longevity and that's the sad part about it and I think, what was there, six of them? So there's five of them that I know that's probably not working. One of them I know got a job, but then if they get a job this summer or this spring when construction opens up some place within the county, then I'd like to see those people's longevity go ahead because they can't -- they don't have any choice on it. When we give it back to some other people within this building, those men haven't had a choice of working anywhere else and some of them have been there twenty years.

President Lloyd: Okay, I appreciate that. I think we need to get back on our agenda, but I did talk to him and those men, I guess, were eligible for other jobs within the county, too. So that's something we need to look at. But anyway, why don't we go ahead and move on to the CCD Funds, the County Commissioners.

#### **G) SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS/CCD FUND**

Councilmember Raben: Okay again, these are both reappropriations as well. The first one being 2031-1310-4120 in the amount of \$178,000. I would like to move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we've got a motion by Councilman Raben and seconded by Councilman Wortman. Any further discussion?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, Mr. President. That title County Commissioners should be Superintendent of County Buildings, if you would make a correction there, please.

President Lloyd: Okay, are you talking about that line item?

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Councilmember Raben: The way it's headed, it's under the County Commissioners.

President Lloyd: Okay, that heading should be Superintendent of County Buildings.

Councilmember Smith: Doesn't it all come under the County Commissioners? What difference does it make? That still comes under the County Commissioners and they voted on it, where they put the money.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I think it has to be listed like that. That would be like (Inaudible - microphone not on). Somehow or another it has to be listed like that, I think. It still comes under, like you say, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next would be Burdette, 2031-1450 --

President Lloyd: We need to vote on that first one.

Councilmember Raben: We can take them both together if you want.

President Lloyd: Okay, do you want to add to your motion?

Councilmember Raben: No one seconded my motion yet, have they?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's vote on this one.

President Lloyd: Okay, we're voting just on Superintendent of County Buildings, \$178,000. Madam Secretary, could we have a roll call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS/CCD    REQUESTED                    APPROVED**

2031-1310-4120	BUILDINGS	178,000.00	178,000.00
TOTAL		178,000.00	178,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

#### H) BURDETTE PARK/CCD FUND

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Burdette, line 2031-1450-4120 in the amount of \$500,000. I would like to move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion and a second on Burdette Park. Any further discussion?

Councilmember Smith: That is the money that was promised to be put back into that account, right?

President Lloyd: That's correct.

Councilmember Smith: Any maybe we can add to it this year. This was taken out from '97.

President Lloyd: Right, this was the money that the Commissioners indicated to the Council they would put back in there.

Councilmember Sutton: For possible use as the multi-purpose building.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other discussion? Okay, Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd like to point out that I'd like to see the Commissioners plan for Burdette, the overall plan, and I guess I'm concerned about this amount -- whether that building would work into that plan. So, I'd like to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

President Lloyd: Okay four to two: two no's and four yes's. The motion passes.

BURDETTE PARK/CCD		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1450-4120	BUILDINGS	500,000.00	500,000.00
TOTAL		500,000.00	500,000.00

(Motion carried 4-2. Councilmember Wortman and President Lloyd opposed.)

**D) COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

President Lloyd: Next is the Reassessment Fund.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first would be account 2492-1090-3310 in the amount of \$20,000; 2492-1090-3371 in the amount of \$6,500; account 2492-1090-3372 in the amount of \$1,500; account 2492-1090-3370 in the amount of \$35,000. I would like to get this on the floor by making a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, could we have Cheryl --

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to ask her.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, second then.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and seconded by Councilman Bassemier. Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, if we can let's allow the County Assessor to step forward.

Cheryl Musgrave: Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Cheryl, there's two things on the computers. Although I set in that figure just to get it on the floor, that money has been encumbered, so that should be set in at zero, correct?

Cheryl Musgrave: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: Then on Training, was there not a different figure to be set in?

Cheryl Musgrave: Five thousand.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Then I'm going to amend my motion to read 2492-1090-3310 be set in at \$5,000 and line 2492-1090-3370 be set in at zero if my seconder would amend his motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: I guess I have a question. Does the hardware and software go to the computer? Six thousand five hundred and fifteen hundred on those two different accounts, would that be related to the file server?

Cheryl Musgrave: No.

President Lloyd: Okay, so the new motion is Training \$5,000,

Hardware \$6,500, Software \$1,500, and Computers zero. Is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

Councilmember Smith: We have the computer over here on the end of the page, the same line item at \$3500, so...

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Smith: I know, but it's still in the same number, the same line item number, 3370.

Councilmember Raben: This one is under Reassessment, which is account 2492.

Councilmember Smith: But should they be in the same line item number, if one is in the Reassessment account and one is in the County Assessor's account, should they be under the same line item?

Councilmember Raben: I'd have to refer that to the Auditor.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman? If you noticed, the Reassessment Fund is 2492 and I think that over there comes out of the General Fund, that 1090-3370, I think, and then the Reassessment would be 2492-1090-3370, see, on that. I think that's --

President Lloyd: So it's the same line, but it's different accounts or funds.

Councilmember Raben: I don't know if that answered your question or not, Betty.

President Lloyd: Any further discussion? If not, Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?



Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion passes four to two.

<b>COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>	
2492-1090-3310	TRAINING	20,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1090-3371	HARDWARE	6,500.00	6,500.00
2492-1090-3372	SOFTWARE	1,500.00	1,500.00
2492-1090-3370	COMPUTERS	35,000.00	-0-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>63,000.00</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>

(Motion carried 4-2. Councilmembers Smith and Sutton opposed.)

**J) BOARD OF REVIEW/REASSESSMENT**

President Lloyd: Next is Board of Review.

Councilmember Raben: Board of Review account 2492-1091-3310 Training in the amount of \$1,800; 2492-1091-3370 Computer in the amount of \$1,000; account 2492-1091-3371 Hardware in the amount of \$1,000, for a total of \$3,800. I would like to move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: We have a motion from Councilman Raben and seconded by Councilman Wortman. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, could you call the roll call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Lloyd: Okay, four to two, the motion passes.

**BOARD OF REVIEW/REASSESSMENT                      REQUESTED                      APPROVED**

2492-1091-3310	TRAINING	1,800.00	1,800.00
2492-1091-3370	COMPUTER	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1091-3371	HARDWARE	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		3,800.00	3,800.00

(Motion carried 4-2. Councilmembers Smith & Sutton opposed.)

#### K) PIGEON ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT

President Lloyd: The next is the Pigeon Township Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: That has been withdrawn, so that would be all zeroes.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1150-1120	COORDINATOR I	21,639.00	-0-
2492-1150-1920	INSURANCE	7,542.00	-0-
2492-1150-1900	FICA	1,656.00	-0-
2492-1150-1910	PERF	1,299.00	-0-
TOTAL		32,136.00	-0-

#### TRANSFER REQUESTS

President Lloyd: Next we'll go to the Transfers.

Councilmember Raben: I can take these all as one if the body wishes. Is that fine with everybody if we lump these together or do you want to take them individually? What is the pleasure?

Councilmember Wortman: Excuse me, Jim. I think we've got the Coroner to put in here yet.

Councilmember Raben: A late transfer.

Councilmember Wortman: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Prosecutor's Office, we have a transfer from account 1080-1980 to account 1080-3901 in the amount of \$7,000; Circuit Court from account 1360-1960 to account 1360-3944 in the amount of \$30,000; Superior Court from account 1370-1803-1370 to account 1370-3944 in the amount of \$10,000; Supplemental Adult Probation from account 2600-1980 to account 2600-1960-2600 in the amount of \$3,000; and we have a late transfer for the Coroner's Office from account 1070-1130, 1070-1180 to 1070-1140 and 1070-1190 each in the amount of \$3,949.36. I would like to move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion for approval of transfers,

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Councilman Raben; second by Councilman Wortman. Any further discussion? Okay hearing none, Madam Secretary, would you call the roll, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

<b>PROSECUTOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1080-1980	OTHER PAY	7,000.00	7,000.00
TO: 1080-3901	WITNESS FEES	7,000.00	7,000.00

<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1360-1960	SPECIAL REPORTER	30,000.00	30,000.00
TO: 1360-3944	SPECIAL REPORTER	30,000.00	30,000.00

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1370-1803-1370	LEGAL/TRANS/PAUPER	10,000.00	10,000.00
TO: 1370-3944	SPECIAL REPORTER	10,000.00	10,000.00

<b>SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2600-1980	OTHER PAY	3,000.00	3,000.00
TO: 2600-1960-2600	MEDICAL DIRECTOR	3,000.00	3,000.00

<b>LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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<b>CORONER</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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FROM: 1070-1130-1070	ASSISTANT DEPUTY	3,949.36	3,949.36
1070-1180-1070	DEPUTY CORONER	3,949.36	3,949.36
TO: 1070-1140-1070	ASSISTANT DEPUTY	3,949.36	3,949.36
1070-1190-1070	DEP. CORONER/HISTOTECH	3,949.36	3,949.36

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Lloyd: Okay, motion on all the Transfers passes 6-0.

<b>COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS JOB RECLASSIFICATIONS</b>
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President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda is Community Corrections Job Reclassifications. We have someone from the Commissioners and the Commissioners County Attorney to speak to this. Please state your name.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: My name is Bettye Lou Jerrel, County Commissioner. With me is Harris Howerton, Director of the Community Corrections Program and Joe Harrison, Jr., the County Attorney. We're here to talk to you today about a couple of things, but we're very pleased to announce that we have reached an agreement with the union on the contract at the SAFE House and we did it before the end of the year when it expired and you all were very much a part, Mr. Wortman and Sandie Deig were there. Mr. Wortman spent the biggest part of two weeks ago Friday, I think most of an eight hour day and we had a good session. I'm going to let Mr. Harrison who was there and also -- right now I'd like for Mr. Harrison to walk through the pages and what we're requesting.

Joe Harrison, Jr: Hi, Joe Harrison, Jr., County Attorney. I think you all have a copy of the agreement that was actually signed I think on the 5th of January. The agreement essentially is the same as it was for the last three years. It's a two year contract as opposed to a three year contract. Do you all not have a copy of it in front of you?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

President Lloyd: We don't have it in front of us, we're looking.

Councilmember Wortman: It's in the packet.

Joe Harrison, Jr: If not, I'll let you have mine.

President Lloyd: It's titled Collective Bargaining Agreement Board of Commissioners and Chauffeurs, Teamsters, Helpers 215. It was in the materials for today.

Joe Harrison, Jr: The agreement, again, is a two year agreement. It's going to expire at the end of 1999. Essentially it's the same as the last three years, although there are a couple differences. The people who work out there are going to be basically, for the time being, are going to be divided into two categories. There are seventeen individuals who are working out

there who are going to be considered step employees. Those employees were receiving step for the last several years. They are listed on Exhibit A. Those employees are not work release officers, but they are cashiers and secretaries and a number of Harris' support staff for the most part. When those people leave the employment of the county their replacements will go on the longevity system that is followed by the work release officers and a couple of the other positions out there. There are essentially 24 or 25 or so of those that are on longevity, whereas there are 17 or so that are on the step category at this time. Attached as Exhibit B is a reclassification for many of the employees out there. There was a need to title these individuals in a better fashion. So what's been done and what is attached and what was agreed to as Exhibit B is the new job classification for the individuals who work out there. The ones that are marked with a double asterisk are essentially new titles. These are not new employees, these are the same employees who have been working out there, but have a new title. The new classifications need to be approved by the Council so at some point there will be an amendment. Technically what you'll be doing is amending the Salary Ordinance to reflect these new classifications but I would ask that you all approve Exhibit B as submitted, then the County can place the individuals in the right classification. There will be a point when there will be a request to the County Council to fund some of these individuals with additional funds based upon either step or a longevity increase which they would be entitled to receive as per the union contract. There is a difference in the union contract in that those on longevity were receiving \$465 every three years. That has been increased to \$500 every three years for three years of service. As far as any other questions are concerned, I'd be glad to answer those, but the financial issues I think I've addressed unless Harris and Bettye Lou can think of any others. But the main thing that you all will need to do is to approve Exhibit B as an amendment to your ordinance and then down the road there will be an additional appropriation request I'm sure for some additional funding to slide into those new slots that have just been created for the employees that work out there. If there's any questions I'd be glad to try to answer them or Harris or Bettye Lou will. Harris may have a few comments as well.

Councilmember Sutton: Joe, how different, when you're talking about this Exhibit B, at our Job Study meeting, it's been probably a couple of weeks ago, are any of these positions tied into those positions that were considered back in there? There was a great amount of discussion at the Job Study meeting about these reclassifications and the affect that it would have on some -- there were some pay increases and then others there were some decreases in pay. So are we talking about the same group of people?

Joe Harrison, Jr: Yes. There was one individual who was going to, because of the classification change, who was going to receive a substantial reduction, \$5,000 or so. That is not going to happen. This individual is going to retain the position that he has had the last couple of years and Harris is giving that individual additional responsibilities and he will stay where he is, so he will not be reclassified. That is the last position on the list, the DISP Technician, so that is one

of the issues that came in. There was some discussion about reclassifying that position but that's not going to happen now. The other changes in here were consented to by the union and some may be making a little more money and some may be making a little less, but it wasn't such that they had a problem with it because they entered into the agreement and they were comfortable with everything, plus the longevity was increased from \$465 every three years to \$500 and then the step system that is in place will be in place for the 17 employees that are considered step employees.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess one of the questions that had arisen was I guess related to the changes and I guess from what I am hearing you say, I guess I am to be under the impression that none of these positions would experience necessarily a decrease in pay. I guess probably more than anything the question is related to the thought of if there was a situation where someone would experience a decrease in pay that there wouldn't be a change there necessarily, but if that person were to leave that position, then that position would revert to the classification or the range that would be appropriate for that position so therein you wouldn't have a person damaged by just an administrative change, is really what we're doing here. So if there are some on this list that are going to experience a decrease whether it is small or whatever, I'd like to maybe get an idea of which ones of those through there would experience a decrease.

Harris Howerton: Yes, there are a number of those and, for example, a Caseworker who is in the union will receive a decrease of \$190 and that is one of the individuals who was acting as a Caseworker but was in a pay slot that was originally Administrative Assistant Specialist. Because that person no longer does that job, is --

President Lloyd: Excuse me, we need to change the tape.

(Tape changed at 4:17 p.m.)

President Lloyd: Okay, please proceed, Mr. Howerton.

Harris Howerton: There is an individual who will receive a \$1,599 cut in pay and that person is a Central Records Clerk. That person was originally a COMOT VI and the Oliver System rated them as a COMOT V. Now those are probably representative of the most dramatic decreases in pay. There are some who will receive an increase in pay, not real dramatic. For example, one of the individuals who was being paid as a Work Release Officer who is in the union and that person will receive a \$93 a year pay increase because he is now a Caseworker classified as such.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: All of these were negotiated and approved by the union and the contract has been signed by them, so we're just asking for you to approve what they have negotiated and agreed to.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to (inaudible - microphone not on) Mr. Sutton. This was brought to the Job Study and it was re-commended by (inaudible) Tim Deisher, and I also am in favor

of it. Mr. Howerton said at the meeting these changes are (inaudible).

President Lloyd: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Do we have a motion on the floor?

President Lloyd: No, not yet.

Councilmember Sutton: When these came before the Job Study, there were a number of different types of positions and the votes were in a lot of different directions on that. I don't know if maybe for the record if any indication would be made on those, if that's even necessary, but there were some of those that the Job Study Committee was not in favor of and some that they were fine, they didn't have a problem with. So I guess by going ahead and approving what we have here before us is really, not that the Job Study necessarily has to dictate what we do, but really is kind of contrary to what we voted in at Job Study.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, since you all didn't have a quorum that day and we wanted to get the contract completed, the attorneys and the union representatives moved ahead because they wanted to reach an agreement and they negotiated all of these numbers.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we had a meeting that day.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: What?

Councilmember Sutton: I said we had a meeting that day.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, you did, but --

Councilmember Bassemier: There wasn't enough people there. We went ahead with it. I think we had -- we were one short, but we went ahead with the meeting just to kind of get it in the open and give Mr. Deisher a chance to explain it and for anybody to ask questions. You're right, Mr. Sutton, we all wasn't in agreement of it and I'd like to rephrase what I -- I'm not back pedaling, I did approve it, but there were some that didn't understand it, either. But we did discuss it.

Councilmember Sutton: I've got minutes here that were taken from that meeting. We were in that meeting, oh, probably an hour and a half. If that wasn't a real meeting why were we there for an hour and a half?

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, if you remember, you were late. We were hoping that you would get there sooner, but when you showed up, you were late. But I thought since everybody was there, I did chair that meeting, I thought everybody was there. We did give up our time, why just cancel it? We had some questions. You all enjoyed it. I enjoyed it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we took votes at that meeting. I think there was a question about what a quorum actually was for that meeting in terms of whether we had what would be enough to conduct business in the meeting and really, the word quorum simply means a pre-decided number to conduct business.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I realize that and we weren't sure, as we discussed, before we got -- we weren't really sure, but after checking later we found out with Mr. Harrison we did not have a quorum, but nothing was hurt. I think after the meeting we all understood it a little bit better, so...

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess this is the first time I've heard this. I sat in that meeting. I was under the impression I was in a real meeting.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, it was. It happened. It was a meeting, all I can say was that after it was over with we checked on it and there wasn't enough. We weren't sure because whatchama-callit quit, the judge.

Joe Harrison, Jr: Judge Lockyear.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, Judge Lockyear --

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I'm not an attorney, but it's just like your board, you have seven members and I don't care if two of them are wherever, you still need four votes to pass something. So if you've got thirteen or fifteen or however many you've got on your Job Study, you need one more than half.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well see, it was a question for me because Judge Lockyear resigned, so there was a question. Do we count him or we don't count him. We did not have counsel present, so...it didn't hurt anything.

Councilmember Smith: If you took a vote on it, it's illegal.

Joe Harrison, Jr: No. The only thing I want to say is it has to do with the votes and I wasn't there, so I don't have any idea. It's not illegal, but if you don't have a majority number available for the votes -- let's say there were only four of you here today, four is a quorum, okay. I'm sure you had a quorum for the meeting, but you may not have had enough people voting on a particular issue and I don't -- certain matters you may have discussed may have passed. Certain others may not have technically passed. I don't know, I don't have any idea what the totals were on the votes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, as you know, the final vote is up to us anyway.

Joe Harrison, Jr: It's just an advisory --

Councilmember Bassemier: The final vote is up to us anyway. It's not anything that's binding, it was just --

Councilmember Sutton: Actually, Mr. Bassemier, if you look on Exhibit B that was given to us on page 23, it clearly says that,

"Salaries subject to recommendation by County Personnel Administration Committee and final approval by the Vanderburgh County Council."

If, given what you have said, that was not an official meeting, then these matters have not been reviewed or discussed before



that body, before the Personnel Administration Committee.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We're here for final approval today.

President Lloyd: Correct. Let's ask Mr. Ahlers.

Councilmember Sutton: You're wanting to make final approval, but the process would be that the Personnel Administration Committee would take action and consider those matters and take action on them and then the County Council then, in turn, would make a final decision based upon those recommendations. We don't have any recommendations from the Personnel Administration Committee based upon what I am hearing today.

President Lloyd: Let's ask Mr. Ahlers to comment on this.

Jeff Ahlers: With regard to this union contract, all that is necessary is for this Council to approve it or not approve it. I mean, that's the final authority on it so it really doesn't matter what occurred, if you did or did not have a quorum. Like Mr. Harrison I wasn't there either, so I'm not sure what the bone of contention is, but ultimately, it's this body that approves or disapproves it and that's all that needs to be acted upon at this time.

Councilmember Sutton: But we're not -- we're -- my point is we are -- I'm not saying we are circumventing, but we are omitting part of the procedure is what I am saying.

President Lloyd: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I don't think there's anybody that questions that this hasn't been a good job worked out with the union and with the Commissioners, but if we have meetings that they say, well, it doesn't make any difference, then why spend your time? And I don't agree with you, Mr. Bassemier. When you come to a vote, it's supposed to be a quorum and if it isn't, then it's illegal.

Councilmember Bassemier: Can I --

Jeff Ahlers: It's not illegal.

Councilmember Smith: As far as I'm concerned -- we can vote on it now --

Councilmember Raben: Could I have the floor just a moment?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, wait a minute, she took a shot at me--

President Lloyd: Okay, let's have Mr. Bassemier and then Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, at the meeting Mr. Howerton was there and I asked everybody that was present at the time, do you want to go ahead and go along with the meeting? Everybody said yes, so I just went along with everybody's -- whether we had a quorum or not, I did not know because Judge Lockyear, he quit, he resigned, so we went along. Everybody gave up their own

time, what was hurt? I mean, I gave up my time, I mean, I didn't try to do anything wrong here.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Betty, you might quickly read through this, okay? But there was not a vote taken. There was some discussion as to whether or not there was a quorum present. We don't have any attorney that sits on that board, so we didn't really have anybody to lean to.

Councilmember Smith: I sat at that meeting and there was a vote taken, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Uh, I don't think --

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, I know a vote -- it's not reflected in these minutes, but there were votes taken on each of the items. Now the minutes that I see here officially, they indicate that -- there's this asterisk at the bottom,

"\*The County Attorney has ruled that a quorum was not present so this meeting was not official."

Therefore, nothing else is indicated on there, but there were some other matters that were considered there. I don't think my issue is necessarily with the contract. I think they've done a fine job and I commend them. It takes a lot of effort to do what they have done in presenting this here. I commend them for it, but I'm just saying if we've got a process, I don't want us to get into changing the rules as we go along because we may have something that may not have fallen exactly where we wanted it to fall. That's really my issue and my point here.

Harris Howerton: Mr. President, may I make a comment?

President Lloyd: Sure.

Harris Howerton: This was the first opportunity that I had to play a complete role in the whole process of the negotiations. I was there for every meeting, I was kept informed of everything. I, in turn, had the opportunity to be with the Commissioners to report and to hear their input and what they expected. What we have here, folks, for you all to decide on is a good faith effort on both sides to come up with an agreement that they can live with and that we can live with. If you all don't take action today what you will do is you will find us at odds again for another month, two months, three months, with the union being upset about the pays that they have agreed to not being correct on their first paychecks and the uncertainty as to whether or not we're going to live up to our end of the bargain, and I don't want to live that way. I put up with that for a couple of years on the old contract with my employees upset and disgruntled on a day to day basis because they didn't trust me, they didn't trust you, they didn't trust the Commissioners to fulfill their end of the bargain and I'm asking you, please look at this today as something that they have signed, the Commissioners have signed. Both parties want you to approve it. Consider it that way.

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President Lloyd: Okay, thank you, Mr. Howerton. That's well spoken. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I agree with you, Harris, and I think we should move on with it, and I don't have any objections to that. My point was, don't say that it's legal and then it's not legal and all that. That doesn't have anything to do with your contract --

Harris Howerton: I didn't say that.

Councilmember Smith: No, I know you didn't. So I would like to make the motion that we approve it.

President Lloyd: Okay, we've got a motion. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Wortman: I second it.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mrs. Smith, second by Mr. Wortman. Any other discussion? Mr. Ahlers, did you want to make a comment? No?

Councilmember Bassemier: One more. When you read the minutes, when I recommended it, I did not say the Job Study recommended it, I said Ed Bassemier recommended these changes.

Councilmember Raben: We are approving the classifications.

Jeff Ahlers: Only the classifications. If you're not changing salaries then it only takes four votes, if you're only doing the classifications part.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? Okay, Madam Secretary, could we have a roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is Amendments to the Salary Ordinance and that would be Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: First would be the -- I would move that the Prosecutor be set in as previously approved; Circuit Court as previously approved; Superior Court set in as previously approved; Supplemental Adult Probation as previously approved; Community Corrections, the classifications on Exhibit B be set in as approved. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll second that.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and seconded by Councilman Wortman. Any further discussion? Hearing none, could we have the roll call, Madam Secretary?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED 1998 SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is Approval of the Amended 1998 Salary Ordinance which is the blue book and I will turn that over to Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I move to approve the Salary Ordinance dated January 7, 1998 as presented today with the following exceptions included in the salary amendments made during the meeting today and one exception would be on page 23 of 28, line 1970 Temporary Replacement, it should read zero. The Council will review pages seven and eight of Exhibit F within the next 45 days. I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, please call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be Old Business. Does anyone have any old business?

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A) APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS**

President Lloyd: We'll move to the next item on the agenda, New Business and the President has the appointments for the County Council. The first item would be the 1998 County Council Liaison Appointments. I'll go ahead and read those for the record. Councilman Ed Bassemier: Airport, Sheriff, Surveyor, Knight Township Assessor, Community Corrections, Circuit Court and Superior Court. Councilman Phil Hoy: Auditorium, Health Department, Hill-crest Home, Coroner, Treasurer, Convention & Visitors Bureau, City/County Purchasing and Legal Aid. Councilman Russell Lloyd, Jr.: Auditor, Voters Registration, Central Dispatch, Center Township Assessor, Evansville Urban Transit Study and Scott Assessor. Councilman Jim Raben: Burdette Park, County Assessor, Perry Township Assessor, German Township Assessor, Armstrong Assessor and County Recorder. Councilwoman Betty Knight-Smith: Drug and Alcohol Deferral, Veterans, Union Township Assessor, Co-Op Extension, Building Commission, Pigeon Township Assessor and Levee Authority. Councilman Royce Sutton: Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Human Relations, Welfare Department, Area Plan Commission and Weights & Measures. Councilman Curt Wortman: County Commissioners,

County Clerk, County Highway, Cumulative Bridge, Local Roads & Streets and Superintendent of County Buildings.

#### **B) APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is appointment of the Personnel Administration Committee, also known as Job Study. That would be the second sheet in that group. The County Council Personnel Chairman is Ed Bassemier. The following people would serve on the Job Study Committee: Russ Lloyd, Jr., County Council President; Jim Raben, County Council Finance Chairman; Royce Sutton, County Council Minority Party Representative; Bettye Lou Jerrel, County Commissioner Representative; Judge Robert Lensing, County Judge Representative; Paul Hatfield, Democrat Elected County Officeholder; Betty Hermann, Republican Elected County Officeholder; Doug Brown, Executive Classification Representative; Eric Williams, POLE Classification Representative; Wallace Corbitt, PAT Classification Representative; and Teri Lukeman, COMOT Classification Representative. Others to attend that meeting would be Sandie Deig, County Council Executive Assistant; Sarah Nunn, County Council Secretary; and Mr. Jeffrey Ahlers, County Council Attorney.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President? If I could, I would respectfully request that we make a switch on that and for the Personnel Administration Committee, Job Study, if Councilwoman Betty Knight-Smith could go in the slot where I am and then West Side Improvement, I guess, -- well, we haven't gotten to that, but if we could make a switch on that, if that's fine with you.

President Lloyd: That would be fine with me. Is that okay with you, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

President Lloyd: Okay, so we're going to have one change to the Job Study sheet for County Council Minority Party Representative would be Betty Knight-Smith, so we need to get that corrected and we'll get that out to the Council.

#### **C) OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is Other Appointments, 1998 County Council Appointments and the first one is Alcoholic Beverage Commission, ABC, and the nomination is Mr. Frank Daugul. This is one that has to be voted on, so I would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Sutton. Any further discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I would just like to state that I've sat in on some of those meetings and from what I've seen, that guy does an outstanding job. He really heads those meetings well and I think he's an excellent choice and I would hate to disrupt that.

President Lloyd: Thank you, Mr. Raben. Any other discussion? Okay, Madam Secretary, if we could have the roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Daugul is appointed with a six/zero vote. The rest of the appointments, I will go down the list. You will notice that some of those don't expire at this time, so I am not going to read those. Area Plan Commission, Curt Wortman; Auditorium Advisory Board, Phil Hoy, Louis Iaccarino, Jr.; Burdette Park, Marion Deig, Michael Jordan; Central Dispatch, Russell Lloyd, Jr.; Convention & Visitors Bureau, Gloria Altman and David Dunn; County Council Attorney, he's already been voted in, Jeffrey Ahlers; Data Processing Board, Sandie Deig; Economic Development Commission - Vanderburgh County, which is a new commission that we established at our December meeting, Albert Umbach, Jr., Evansville Urban Transportation Study, Russell Lloyd, Jr.; Human Relations, Sandra Shauntee; Museum Board, Joy Payne; a new commission that's been established Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Advisory Committee, a few appointments, Phil Hoy and Phil Bruner; Solid Waste Board, Curt Wortman; Southern Indiana Mental Health Board, John Koehler; and West Side Improvement, you had indicated that -- who wanted to be on that? Mr. Sutton. Okay, West Side Improvement, there was going to be at a later date, we now have Royce Sutton. Okay, those are the appointments.

**D) APPROVAL OF 1998 COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda --

David Coker: Could we make a statement possibly?

President Lloyd: What I'd like to do, you can make a statement

under new business, but I'd like to get through the rest of the agenda and then after the last item of new business then you can come forward. So we'll call you in a couple of minutes. Okay, item D under New Business would be approval of 1998 County Council meeting dates. Do we need a motion for that?

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve the dates as submitted.

President Lloyd: I asked Mrs. Deig, did you say there was a change in February or has that been corrected?

Sandie Deig: No, that will be for the filing date when you're through with the new business.

President Lloyd: Okay well, this is the County Council 1998 calendar. There's been a motion, do we have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: All those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**E) AZTECA MILLING COMPANY  
LENGTH OF DEDUCTION RESOLUTION (continued on page 34)**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is Azteca Milling Company Length of Deduction Resolution.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Robling is not present.

President Lloyd: Is Mr. Robling here?

Councilmember Raben: No.

President Lloyd: This is a resolution from the County Council granting a deduction from property taxes for a period of ten years for Azteca Milling Company located at 15700 Highway 41 North. Does anyone want to speak to this?

Councilmember Raben: At this point is it going to hurt if this is deferred until we have someone from DMD present, or not?

President Lloyd: Mrs. Deig indicated she was going to go call them and see if we can get them up here.

**G) HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
PERMISSION TO HIRE PART-TIME EMPLOYEE FOR GRANT (SHORT TERM)**

Councilmember Raben: We could move on down to G if...

President Lloyd: Okay, that's a good idea. Let's go ahead and skip item E and item F at the present time and move to item G, Health Department, Permission To Hire Part-Time Employee For Grant (Short Term). I'll turn that over to Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: To get it on the floor, I'll move approval that we grant permission to hire a part-time employee for the Health Department.



President Lloyd: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Wortman, and we have a visitor from the Health Department.

Sam Elder: My name is Sam Elder from the Health Department. Normally, as long as it's going my way I don't say anything, but what this is, we have a program with the school system for the pregnant teenagers that's conducted in one of the schools and for a long time we've wanted to set up a formal program for that. Step Ahead has given us the money to do this and one of our part-time employees is going to do it. It will add eight hours a week to her job, she's going to construct this program for these teenage mothers. It's been kind of catch-can, the dietician and the nurses work with them. They teach there through the week.

Councilmember Raben: Sam, you said it's going to add eight hours per week?

Sam Elder: It will be more than that. It will be all according to the money. They figured it out at more hours than that. She just works 20 hours, she's half time and she will not work over 30 hours a week.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, alright. Do we have a motion?

President Lloyd: Are there any other questions for Mr. Elder? Okay, hearing none, could we have the roll call, Madam Secretary?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Lloyd: Okay, the item passes six votes to nothing. Mrs. Deig, did you have anything to report?

Sandie Deig: He's coming right now.

President Lloyd: I guess if any Councilmember wants to take a short recess, we can.

(Meeting resumed)

**E) AZTECA MILLING COMPANY (Continued from page 33)**

President Lloyd: We are under New Business, Item 15 E, Azteca Milling Company, Length of Deduction Resolution and we have Mr. Robling from the Department of Metropolitan Development to comment on that.

Mike Robling: Back in 1994 you established tax abatement status for Azteca Milling Company. If you recall, last summer you went through compliance reviews on all these companies and they reported their investment levels and their job creation and so forth. Based upon the guidelines in the 1992 Tax Abatement Resolution, Azteca qualifies for a ten-year length of deduction for tax abatement on its new manufacturing equipment.

Councilmember Raben: Mike, we're just approving a continuation of that, right? I mean, we're not starting a new --

Mike Robling: You're establishing the length of time.

Councilmember Raben: Is the two years effective 1992 or ten years rather, --

Mike Robling: Well, it's ten years effective from the date they were first assessed and I believe they missed their filing for their first year, so they start on the second year schedule.

Councilmember Raben: Possibly it's 1993, but we're not approving an addition.

Mike Robling: 1992 is when you approved the basic guidelines, this was actually approved in 1994, the tax abatement was, but they were first assessed in '96. They missed filing for '96, but they filed for '97 and so the abatement will actually only end up being for nine years, but it will be on a ten-year schedule.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, with that, I'll move approval.

President Lloyd: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, second from Councilman Sutton. Any other questions on this?

Councilmember Smith: Yes. Isn't this the one that they were having problems with and all the neighbors were so upset with the smell and it was out in Darmstadt, Curt? Did that ever get corrected?

Councilmember Wortman: They're in the process. Of course in the winter, I guess, there hasn't been too much of a smell. I hope that they have been corrected (inaudible - microphone not on).

Councilmember Smith: Because if that's causing all that kind of problem out there, I can't see giving them a tax abatement, and that's the reason I knew it was out in your area.

Mike Robling: You've already granted the tax abatement. You have to decide how long it is. If you don't decide ten it automatically is five, which is the default, I guess.

President Lloyd: I notice on this resolution that in 1994 the County Council did approve (inaudible) Economic Revitalization Area. Is that correct?

Mike Robling: Right.

President Lloyd: So this would be effective 1997 if we approve this or would it be the taxes for 19 --

Mike Robling: It will be for '97 taxes payable in '98.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions? Okay, hearing none, Madam Secretary, could you call the roll, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Lloyd: Okay, the resolution passes six/zero.

**F) PROLAM PRODUCTS, INC.  
LENGTH OF DEDUCTION**

President Lloyd: Okay, next on the agenda we have the Resolution of Vanderburgh County Council Granting A Deduction For Property Taxes for a Ten (10) Year Period for ProLam Products, Inc.

Located at 10245 Hedden Road.

Mike Robling: This is exactly the same situation. You approved the abatement for them in 1994. They've supplied their compliance information and based on that, they qualify for a ten-year length of deduction for new manufacturing equipment.

President Lloyd: Okay, does anyone have any questions for Mr. Robling?

Councilmember Raben: I move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Sutton. Any other questions or discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

#### **H) FEBRUARY DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPROPRIATIONS & TRANSFERS**

President Lloyd: Okay, the last item on our agenda, which I don't know if you all have it on there or not, but I've got an item H on here and Mrs. Deig wanted to make a comment about the February deadline for submission of appropriations and transfers. Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: I'd like permission from the Council to send a memo out changing the filing deadline in February to February 12 instead of the 15th due to the holiday.

President Lloyd: The government is closed on the 15th, is that correct or...?

Sandie Deig: It's a Sunday and then a holiday.

President Lloyd: Okay, do we need a motion?

Sandie Deig: No, you can just direct me to do it.

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll just go ahead and do it. That completes the regular agenda other than adjournment.

(Tape changed at 4:48 p.m.)

**D) CITIZEN COMMENTS  
RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

President Lloyd: We have some citizens that want to address the Council, so if you'd like to come forward and state your name. Do you know approximately how long your remarks are going to be?

David Coker: Five minutes.

President Lloyd: Okay. Please state your name.

David Coker: My name is David Coker. I'm a resident of Vanderburgh County and the City of Evansville. My purpose here today is to commend the outstanding performance of County Councilman Phil Hoy, who, for the past two years, at least I believe, has been a member of the Vanderburgh County Solid Waste Management Board. As was mentioned in the lead editorial of this morning's Evansville Courier, Phil has steadfastly stood firm and asked the tough, embarrassing questions of an irresponsible municipal contractor which has in recent past taken every advantage of the rather parlous state of our local political culture. As a concerned citizen, he has dared to stand outside the contours of the local political landscape and shine a bright, blinding light into the corridors of power to find that -- surprise, surprise, once again the Emperor and many of his most valued courtiers are found without clothes. My purpose here today is not to pass judgement upon the decision that has been made by members of the Council to remove Phil Hoy from the board. Rather, I would like for us to pause for a moment and consider the signal that this action sends to concerned citizens and what it says about how we measure leadership within this community. As an ordained minister, Phil has, in many respects, taken on the role of the old Biblical prophet Daniel, who lived at the time of the great Babylonian empire. Daniel, who lived at the time -- an attractive, intelligent and uncommonly able statesman, he and his close followers did not bend to the prevailing tendency and would not compromise their closely held beliefs. In accordance with strict Jewish tradition, they refused to eat unclean meat and thrived on a vegetarian diet. King Nebuchadnezzar, when he wasn't dreaming strange dreams was quite suspicious. One day, several years after the old king's death, there was a big party at Belshazzar's palace in celebration of the Pagan gods in which the people believed. Suddenly, amidst the frivolity a mysterious hand began writing strange words on the wall in the King's palace which none of his subjects could read. Belshazzar had his nobles bring Daniel, then an old retiring man, to his castle to interpret the writings. Upon arriving, and after a brief admonition of the king and his subjects, Daniel read the words and interpreted

their meanings. Mene, Mene -- God has numbered your kingdom and finished it. Tekel -- your kingdom has been measured in the balance and found wanting. Upharsin or Peres -- your kingdom has been divided -- in this instance given over to the nearby Medes and the Persians. Indeed, the kingdom's days were numbered, the Persian King Cyrus stormed the ramparts of the fortress Babylon that very night and the king was slain in the siege. There are many similarities between this ancient Bible story and what we witness here in our own time. Here in Vanderburgh County, concerned citizens have looked for real leadership and found it wanting. We have taken a measure of the local community and found it divided. While we may not be under the threat of a neighboring military power, I believe we confront perhaps a more insidious evil here in our own midst -- that of our own personal and community-wide apathy as it relates to local public affairs. Like Daniel, Moses, Job and other Biblical leaders whose stories are recorded in the Bible, Phil Hoy has attempted to direct us on another path. His leadership challenges us to be the best we can be rather than that which we have become all too accustomed. I would sincerely hope that whoever replaces Mr. Hoy on the Solid Waste Management Board will continue this important line of inquiry, I wish to pledge my support to work with this individual in any way possible. As we look toward the future economic boom about to transpire in this region, this growing problem is among the most important currently being confronted in this community. And until the various aspects of this enormous and complicated problem are sufficiently addressed, including the political dimensions, the public who elects you to represent their best interests can have little faith in the quality of our public leadership. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, does any Councilmember have -- oh, you have another citizen comments here? Ma'am, how long is this going to take?

Dixie Wagner: It's probably about two minutes, maybe three.

President Lloyd: Okay, state your name, please.

Dixie Wagner: My name is Dixie Wagner. I live at 8444 Kneer Road in Vanderburgh County. First of all, Mr. Wortman's appointment to the board, I don't have any problem with that. I'm acquainted with Curt and I'm sure he's going to do a very capable job. I do have a question, though. It was my understanding that it was Mr. Hoy's desire to stay on the board. Is that correct?

President Lloyd: That was a Republican caucus decision and that was his desire.

Dixie Wagner: His desire was to stay on the board?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Dixie Wagner: Okay, then I'd like to read a statement. First of all, I would like to say that Mr. Hoy's removal from the Solid Waste District Board contrary to his wishes seems rather strange. Mr. Hoy, unlike some other members of that district board, has made every effort to become knowledgeable about the

issues that come before that board. I believe, with that knowledge, he came to realize that Vanderburgh County continues to have serious problems in regard to the management and disposal of solid waste within its boundaries. He also, I believe, came to realize that some of the practices occurring at the Laubscher Meadows Landfill were not in the best interests of Vanderburgh County or its residents. Mr. Hoy made a practice of asking tough questions in an attempt to get to the core of the problem and he pushed hard for solutions. I'm sure his efforts to move beyond the status quo may have made some members of the Solid Waste Board uncomfortable, specifically those members who would prefer to allow Browning-Ferris Industries to continue to operate in a manner that is environmentally and economically detrimental to this county and its residents. As I said before, this removal seems strange to me. Mr. Hoy was an excellent representative of this Council on the Solid Waste Board and his actions came out of true concern and his desire to serve the interests of all Vanderburgh County residents and to work towards bettering this community. With that said, I'm hopeful that, as Mr. Hoy's replacement, Mr. Wortman -- and I have no doubt that you will -- will continue the practice of asking the tough questions and working toward solutions to the problems this county faces in regard to solid waste. The solid waste problems cannot be solved by inaction or indifference. They cannot be understood by examining just one side of an issue. There are people in this community that have a wealth of knowledge in regard to the complexities of this issue. I urge Mr. Wortman to listen to the views of those people. I, personally, have spent the last eight years gathering information on landfill operations and activities here in Vanderburgh County, initially as a member of Citizens Opposing Landfill Expansion and more recently as a board member of Valley Watch. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with Mr. Wortman to discuss this issue and move toward solutions to the problems we face. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, thank you very much. Would any other Councilmember have any comments?

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a comment.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm going to address both of these speakers. Going down to the final wire, it is the decision made by the Council President who gets these appointments and I've known Russell Lloyd for years and I know there wasn't anything political on this. We all turn in our job assignments, what we'd like to have, what liaison assignments we'd like to have, and I think Mr. -- in fact, I know Mr. Lloyd, he looked at everybody's assignments and last year they stuck me on an assignment which was the Job Study. And I was a little concerned about it, I wasn't very happy about it, I've never served and I've served on the Council going on five years and I wasn't too sure if I really wanted that board, but I'd never served on it. After it was all said and done, I'm glad the President put me on that board, because I learned a lot on it and I think we all need to take turns on these job assignments and I know for a fact there wasn't anything political. Mr. Hoy got some of his assignments that he asked for. I got a couple

that I wanted that I didn't get and I'm not upset. I think we all need to take a turn. In fact, this time I thought I wanted to be President of the Council and I thought well, maybe I was a little upset, but I'll get my turn. I didn't see nothing political there. So, I don't know -- these articles I'm reading in the newspaper with Mr. Hoy, I don't really know where he's coming from. When he was the President of the Council, in fact, I was one of the guys that recommended him for the President and he took Ms. Jerrel off that board and she was doing an excellent job. I mean, it's the President's call and she sure didn't cry that there's some foul play here. All I can say is, everybody gets a turn at something and I'm sorry you can't get all the assignments. I think Mr. Hoy wanted three or four assignments, he got a couple of them that he asked for. I didn't get all of what I asked for, but we all should take turns and there's nothing -- and I'm telling you as a Republican, and as a friend of Phil Hoy, I see nothing wrong here.

Councilmember Smith: As a Democrat, I will have to say that I think Russell Lloyd was as fair as anybody could be in passing out the assignments. I asked for some that I didn't get and we worked a couple of things out and I think if anybody would have gone to Russ, I think he would have been just as fair. I worked with his father and his father was fair, too. I don't think there was anything political about it, I think it's just they pass them around so you serve on different committees. That's just the way it is. When I was on the City Council for 13 years, I served on every board there was there and they switched us around and I think this was nice that he did it this way and we all get an opportunity. Thanks, Russ.

President Lloyd: Thank you. Any other comments? I just might state, every Councilmember, there's a number of boards that we are asked to serve on and every one of us has a board we don't want to be on, but that's just the way it is. You need to -- and I believe we need to rotate these around. I appreciate your cooperation and I'm looking forward to having a good year with you all. We have a Council goal to once again lower the county tax rate. I will entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mrs. Smith made the motion, second by Jim Raben. All in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Lloyd: Adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.)



VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 4, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 4th day of February, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

President Lloyd: I'd like to call to order the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council, February 4th, 1998. Is there a member of the Sheriff's Department here to open the meeting, please?

(Meeting opened by Asst. Chief Deputy Brad Ellsworth)

President Lloyd: We'd like to go ahead and take a roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
President Lloyd	X	

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is the Pledge of Allegiance. Everybody please stand.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 17, 1997 - SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 7, 1998 - COUNCIL MEETING</b></p>
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President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is approval of the minutes from December 17th, 1997 and January 7th, 1998. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Wortman and second by Councilman Sutton. Any discussion or corrections? Seeing none, I'll just call for raise your hands for approval. Okay, we've got seven-zero -- approve the minutes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p><b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b></p>
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**A) RECORDER**

President Lloyd: Moving along our agenda, we go to appropriation ordinances, the first item would be the Recorder.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that we approve the Recorder's request in the amount of \$3,831.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilwoman Smith for \$3,831. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, could we have the roll called, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>RECORDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1040-1180-1040	U.C.C. DEPUTY	3,370.00	3,370.00
1040-1900	FICA	258.00	258.00
1040-1910	PERF	203.00	203.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,831.00</b>	<b>3,831.00</b>

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**B) SHERIFF DEPARTMENT (TWO REQUESTS)**

President Lloyd: Next we go to the Sheriff Department.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve 1050-1510-1050 in the amount of \$7,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Sutton. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, could we have a roll call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1050-1510-1050	COLLEGE REIMBURSEMENT	7,000.00	7,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Lloyd: The third item on the agenda would be another from the Sheriff's Department. I'll entertain a motion to that.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that we approve 1050-1130-0053 for \$1,695.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Bassemier. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0053	PATROLMAN	1,695.00	1,695.00
TOTAL		1,695.00	1,695.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### C) JAIL

President Lloyd: Okay, next on our agenda is the ordinance for the Jail. I'll take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that we approve 1051-1130-0300 through 1051-1130-0336 in the amount of \$3,058.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we've got a motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Bassemier. Any discussion? This is related to the new contract. Hearing no discussion, let's have the roll call vote, Madam Secretary, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 4, 1998**

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1051-1130-0300	CORRECTION OFFICER	105.00	105.00
1051-1130-0301	CORRECTION OFFICER	12.00	12.00
1051-1130-0302	CORRECTION OFFICER	105.00	105.00
1051-1130-0303	CORRECTION OFFICER	108.00	108.00
1051-1130-0304	CORRECTION OFFICER	210.00	210.00
1051-1130-0305	CORRECTION OFFICER	98.00	98.00
1051-1130-0306	CORRECTION OFFICER	168.00	168.00
1051-1130-0307	CORRECTION OFFICER	18.00	18.00
1051-1130-0308	CORRECTION OFFICER	140.00	140.00
1051-1130-0309	CORRECTION OFFICER	78.00	78.00
1051-1130-0310	CORRECTION OFFICER	105.00	105.00
1051-1130-0311	CORRECTION OFFICER	140.00	140.00
1051-1130-0312	CORRECTION OFFICER	18.00	18.00
1051-1130-0313	CORRECTION OFFICER	70.00	70.00
1051-1130-0314	CORRECTION OFFICER	70.00	70.00
1051-1130-0315	CORRECTION OFFICER	35.00	35.00
1051-1130-0316	CORRECTION OFFICER	140.00	140.00
1051-1130-0317	CORRECTION OFFICER	113.00	113.00
1051-1130-0318	CORRECTION OFFICER	105.00	105.00
1051-1130-0319	CORRECTION OFFICER	109.00	109.00
1051-1130-0320	CORRECTION OFFICER	105.00	105.00
1051-1130-0321	CORRECTION OFFICER	80.00	80.00

1051-1130-0322	CORRECTION OFFICER	105.00	105.00
1051-1130-0323	CORRECTION OFFICER	93.00	93.00
1051-1130-0324	CORRECTION OFFICER	35.00	35.00
1051-1130-0326	CORRECTION OFFICER	104.00	104.00
1051-1130-0327	CORRECTION OFFICER	38.00	38.00
1051-1130-0328	CORRECTION OFFICER	104.00	104.00
1051-1130-0329	CORRECTION OFFICER	35.00	35.00
1051-1130-0331	CORRECTION OFFICER	35.00	35.00
1051-1130-0332	CORRECTION OFFICER	99.00	99.00
1051-1130-0333	CORRECTION OFFICER	105.00	105.00
1051-1130-0334	CORRECTION OFFICER	35.00	35.00
1051-1130-0335	CORRECTION OFFICER	69.00	69.00
1051-1130-0336	CORRECTION OFFICER	69.00	69.00
TOTAL		3,058.00	3,058.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

#### D) PROSECUTOR IV-D

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda would be Prosecutor IV-D.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve 1081-1250-1081 in the amount of \$2,164.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we've got a motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Sutton. Any discussion? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Today I met with Mr. Doug Brown in the Prosecutor's Office and he will submit a new job description for the secretaries in the Prosecutor's IV-D Office to be considered by the Job Study and for approval by the Council. He's also preparing a change of name for the paralegal secretary to be submitted to the Council for their approval.

President Lloyd: Thank you. Councilman Hoy?

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Councilmember Hoy: No, I just wanted to call attention to the communication from Mrs. Deig and Mr. Wortman has done that.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I'm glad we were able to kind of get that resolved. I know we had quite a few questions at our last Council -- not necessarily particularly related to this request, but more so to the description of the position and, I think, the distinction between secretary and paralegal, I think we've really kind of gotten that clarified with some of the information we've gotten since our last meeting. So, I think that's probably the area of concern we had back at budget hearings and then the other concern that was expressed last week. So I think if we can get to a point where we can get to a common definition where we all can really get to some clarity, I think that will help in a lot of different ways and when we have any requests related to paralegal secretary or secretary or whatever the position may be called.

President Lloyd: I appreciate you guys working on that to help clarify that. Any other discussion? Okay, Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

<b>PROSECUTOR IV-D</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1081-1250-1081	PARALEGAL SECRETARY	2,164.00	2,164.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,164.00</b>	<b>2,164.00</b>

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**E) PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**



President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda would be Pigeon Township Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve 1150-4220 in the amount of \$8,000.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I second the motion, but open it for discussion.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: We asked them to go out and get some bids and I think Paul, I was down at Paul's office and they've got some information to pass out to us and I think we need a little bit of time to look at it. I've already looked at it, but you all haven't for the amount of money to see which one is the best buy. Also, the discussion was rental, and if you'll look at the second area there for the lease, it would cost a lot more to lease than it would to buy. So, they've done quite a bit of work to get us these figures, so...

Paul Hatfield: Let me tell you what I want.

President Lloyd: Would you state your name please, sir?

Paul Hatfield: My name is Paul Hatfield. I'm the Pigeon Township Assessor. I want the Xerox. It's \$9,240. We have \$500 in the account. If you approve this \$8,000 I will be able to transfer about seven hundred and some odd dollars from another account which will make the \$9,240. Now, the reason I say that is because I've talked to Betty Hermann and she has just bought one and it is a very good copier. Let me point something out to you, and the first thing, if I was sitting where you were sitting, I would say yeah, but, we've got a Sharp up here for \$5,929. It's a piece of junk. I won't have it, I won't buy it. It also has a five to seven year life where if you go down the line, just to the Xerox, you've got an eight to ten year life and if you go across on the Sharp, if you lease it, then of course you're paying quite a bit more money on a lease agreement, but you don't own it. It goes up a little bit more if you're on a lease to buy on a thirty-six month deal. Now, you can do the same thing on a Xerox if you want me to lease it, and the money is just about the same. But let me tell you, at the end of that period of time of forty-two months, we don't own it. The rest of these are all fine, now if you have any trepidation about the Xerox, then you tell me what you want me to get and then when it breaks down, I'm going to come up here looking for you.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I made a call and that Xerox that does everything you want it to do, it's a document feeder, document sorter, three year warranty, it can be had locally for \$5,299. I won't say the company, but you can buy it there.

Paul Hatfield: Well, you find him and send him to me, because I haven't found him. I'll get it. And why would that be, Phil?

Why would that --

Councilmember Hoy: The retail on that list price is about \$8,500 and it's simply a volume dealer, that's all.

Paul Hatfield: Is it the same kind of Xerox I'm talking about?

Councilmember Hoy: It does everything you want it to do.

Paul Hatfield: No, wait a minute. How can you say that? You don't know what I want it to do.

Councilmember Hoy: You came and you said that you wanted a document feeder, a document sorter, a copier that would copy 11 x 17, and you wanted a warranty, and it includes all that. In fact, it includes the stand, the toner cartridge, delivery and installation for \$5,299 -- Office Depot.

Paul Hatfield: I'll do what you tell me to do, but I'll tell you this: it had better work.

Councilmember Hoy: It's a Xerox.

Paul Hatfield: How come you didn't do that with Ms. Hermann?

Betty Hermann: (Inaudible - comments not made from microphone.)

President Lloyd: Come to the podium, please, and state your name.

Betty Hermann: Okay, number one Mrs. Hermann didn't come to Council for funding, she paid for it out of her Recorder's Perpetuation.

Paul Hatfield: How come you didn't buy it at that price?

Betty Hermann: Mine was not at your price nor was it at his price. I can't quote just exactly, but I think it was something like \$7,000. I'll check and see, though. So it was purchased two years ago and it is a wonderful machine. It is absolutely wonderful.

Paul Hatfield: I thought it was last June.

Betty Hermann: No, it's been a little bit longer than that.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Paul and Betty and Phil, is the model number the same?

Betty Hermann: I don't know.

Councilmember Wortman: That would be what you would have to compare with, I would say.

Councilmember Hoy: We don't have a model number on the Assessor's sheet here. I went strictly by what was needed, I also talked to another Assessor's Office where they paid even less and said it was quite adequate. It's the Center Township

Assessor's Office.

Paul Hatfield: Yeah, they got a Canon. I don't care. It's fine with me if that's what you want to do, just give it to me, appropriate the money and I'll go buy the damn thing. But I'll tell you this: it had better do what you say it's going to do. We put out a lot of copies, a lot of copies. And let me tell you something else: you guys are nickel and dimeing this thing, but somebody can come up here for \$5,000 for a rinky-dink seminar and you'll give it to her. I'm just telling you, it's nickel and dime, but you don't nickel and dime everybody, so this is fine. You make the motion, I'll go with it.

Councilmember Hoy: The motion is on the floor for \$8,000, I can't make a motion --

Councilmember Raben: Could I -- could I step in and say something here? Paul, would it be possible to give you time to check out that copy machine? Could we delay action today?

Paul Hatfield: No, I don't want you to delay action. I need a copier. Now, you guys don't come through my office much, but you should. I'll tell you this: no, I want the money now. We'll go buy this thing and let's hope it works out. If not, I'll be back. The one we've got now breaks down all the time. We can't have that. We can't have it. So it's up to you.

President Lloyd: How much of a price difference are we talking about with the two copiers, approximately?

Councilmember Hoy: \$5,299.

Paul Hatfield: Is that with a maintenance contract?

Councilmember Hoy: Three year maintenance contract, it includes the stand, the toner, installation, three year warranty and everything you asked for, and it is a Xerox.

Councilmember Sutton: Maybe in relation to the comment that Mr. Wortman made to ensure that maybe we are comparing the same machine, I mean, is it possible that we can or someone can make a call. I mean, both of those places would probably still be open and with --

Paul Hatfield: No, come on. Just appropriate the money and let me go buy it and we'll see what happens.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Hatfield, let me finish what I was saying. Thank you. We could very well come back if it's not the same -- no, I'm talking about today. I mean, someone could easily make a couple of phone calls while we are -- we've got several things on the agenda here and make the appropriation at whatever it is that you are asking for. If it's the same machine, maybe look at the amount that Mr. Hoy was looking at so that we could make sure that we are comparing the same thing. Obviously, if we're not looking at the same machine, you're not looking at getting the same quality at what you're looking at. I think you've got a certain quality level you have in mind and that's the issue --

Paul Hatfield: I'll tell you what, you make the call or have somebody make the call and let me know. Just let me know.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I don't know who would make the call, but --

Paul Hatfield: I don't either.

Councilmember Sutton: But, like I say, I think what we're trying to do here is just trying to make sure that you get the machine that you want and maybe at the best price the county can possibly get that machine. I think both of those goals could be achieved.

Paul Hatfield: I'm waiting.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman had a comment.

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, I would say, if Mr. Hatfield goes ahead with his first motion and then if he's got any money left over and he can buy this machine, compares the model numbers and all that, and it is the same thing, he'll bring it back or give it back.

Paul Hatfield: In fact, I'll tell you what I'll do, you appropriate this money and I'll check what Mr. Hoy has said out, and if there's any money left, I'll give it back to you. How's that?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'm not going to guarantee this is the same machine, but this machine does everything that you asked for the machine to do.

Paul Hatfield: Have you got a machine like this?

Councilmember Hoy: No, but I'm looking at it.

Paul Hatfield: Then you can't tell me it will do everything that I want it to do.

Councilmember Hoy: You came in, your deputy came in and gave us a list. I wrote that list down and I went and shopped at two places. Your deputy shopped another place, too, because we shopped at the same place, and I don't see those figures on here from another place where they were offering you a \$16,000 reconditioned machine for --

Paul Hatfield: Well, Mr. Hoy, all you have to do is ask to make an amendment to this motion and get what you want.

Councilmember Hoy: I know parliamentary procedure.

Paul Hatfield: Well, I'm just pointing it out to you. I'm trying to move it along.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Raben, I would like to make an amendment to your motion that we allow \$5,500 for the purchase of this copier.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I mean, we could give it a little

more cushion in case there is something left out, but I'll --

Paul Hatfield: Why don't you take my deal? My deal is you appropriate the eight, I'll certainly look into this matter. If it meets the requirements that we need, I'll be glad to purchase it and I'll give you the money back.

Councilmember Sutton: It sounds fair to me.

Councilmember Raben: That's fine. We'll go with that. I'll leave the motion as it is and you repeal whatever savings there is in that there.

Paul Hatfield: You know, it's kind of like buying shoes. You buy a pair of shoes and wear them a couple days, if you don't like them, send them back.

Councilmember Raben: I have complete faith that if there is a better deal out there, that you will repeal the money. So I'll leave the motion as is.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a lot of items on our agenda, so is there any other discussion? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Hatfield, we're really not trying to hurt your feelings and Mr. Hoy was just trying to help you out really. He's not making anything off of this. He was just trying to help you out. You asked him to help you out last week and I don't care what you do. I mean, really, if -- all I can say is he's just trying to help --

Paul Hatfield: I want to check it out to make sure it does what I want it to do.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know, but I was going to say, you're trying to pick on old Phil over there. He's just trying to help you out.

Paul Hatfield: That's nice. Give me the money.

President Lloyd: Okay, why don't we go ahead and have the roll call on the original motion.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Paul Hatfield: Thank you very much.

<b>PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1150-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	8,000.00	8,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,000.00</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>

(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Hoy opposed.)

President Lloyd: I want to stop here for a second; I'm a little remiss. We do have some students out in the audience and I'd like to recognize them. Is there someone that's representing them? Where are you guys from?

Unidentified members of audience: North High School.

President Lloyd: Government class?

Unidentified members of audience: Yes, Mr. Beadles.

President Lloyd: Mr. Beadles? Okay, well, we appreciate that you guys came down to the Council. I hope you're getting credit for this! We're very conscious of the taxpayer's money and we're trying to save them every nickel and dime, as you can tell. So we're glad you're here and we hope you enjoy the meeting.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'd just like to make a comment about the taxpayer's dollar. I'd never have gotten that sucker by my board of directors, I can tell you that. And when I buy a piece of equipment, and I resent what his deputy said last week when she talked about us buying junk. We can't afford, as a charity, to buy junk. And what I looked at is not a piece of junk and it does everything the man listed and I'm a little tired of the attitude toward us because we're trying to watch the dollars. Thank you.

**F) VOTERS REGISTRATION**

President Lloyd: Let's move along to the next item on the agenda. It would be Voters Registration.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1220-1110-1220 and 1220-1120-1220 set in at the amount of \$4,484.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Wortman. Any discussion? Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes five to two.

VOTERS REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1220-1110-1220	BOARD MEMBER	2,242.00	2,242.00
1220-1120-1220	BOARD MEMBER	2,242.00	2,242.00
TOTAL		4,484.00	4,484.00

(Motion carried 5-2. Councilmembers Bassemier and Raben opposed.)

**G) CIRCUIT COURT**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is Circuit Court. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that 1360-1650-1360 and 1360-1900 be approved in the amount of \$3,044.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilwoman Smith. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1360-1650-1360	PROBATION OFFICER	2,828.00	2,828.00
1360-1900	FICA	216.00	216.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,044.00</b>	<b>3,044.00</b>

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**H) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is Community Corrections.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve 1361-1140-1361 through 1370-1910 in the amount of \$7,840.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Wortman.

Harris Howerton: Mr. President, I'm sorry to interrupt and I apologize, --

Councilmember Raben: Before you speak, I need to amend my motion. My motion should read 1361-1140-1361 through 1361-1400-1361 in the amount of \$8,106.

President Lloyd: Okay, and we have a visitor. Mr, Howerton, did you want to make a statement?

Harris Howerton: Yes, I'm sorry and it does not apply to these right here what we're talking about. I'm Harris Howerton, Director of Community Corrections. In the Supplemental Adult Probation Fund that you'll be looking at next, 2600, line item 1500 the A & D Secretary for \$2,844. We need to withdraw that. I was told late that there is an error there. There's a problem. The union has told me that and I don't know what it is, so I would like to just withdraw that when we get to it so there's no --

Councilmember Sutton: Which? One more time.



Harris Howerton: It's in the Supplemental Adult Probation request for transfer, and I just want to let you know before we get there and you're conducting business, and then I come up and -- too late.

Councilmember Raben: And which line is that, again, Harris?

Harris Howerton: It's 2600 account, line item 1500, the A & D Secretary.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: I was looking for it, but it's a transfer. It's not an appropriation.

Harris Howerton: It is and I just wanted to, before, you know, I didn't want to sit back there on my hindquarters and let you all conduct business on it and then jump up here and try to catch you. So I'll get out of your way for now.

Councilmember Smith: We're still on the appropriations, though. I was looking for that line item.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Howerton, you're asking to set that in at zero, so we would reduce the Other Pay by that corresponding amount is what you're asking?

Harris Howerton: Yes.

President Lloyd: Okay, well, we will get to that.

(Inaudible - microphone not on.)

Councilmember Raben: That's what we're trying to find out.

President Lloyd: That was Mr. Wortman. Okay, we have a motion and a second. Do we have any other discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, could we have the roll called, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

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Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1140-1361	SECRETARY	759.00	759.00
1361-1150-1361	INTAKE CLERK	4,131.00	4,131.00
1361-1160-1361	VERIFICATION OFFICER	52.00	52.00
1361-1170-1361	TRANS. OFFICER	104.00	104.00
1361-1180-1361	ADMIN. ASSISTANT	1,343.00	1,343.00
1361-1190-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	31.00	31.00
1361-1210-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	35.00	35.00
1361-1220-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	70.00	70.00
1361-1230-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	35.00	35.00
1361-1240-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	105.00	105.00
1361-1250-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	105.00	105.00
1361-1260-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	52.00	52.00
1361-1300-1361	COUNSELOR I	915.00	915.00
1361-1310-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	63.00	63.00
1361-1330-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	35.00	35.00
1361-1340-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	35.00	35.00
1361-1350-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	61.00	61.00
1361-1360-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	35.00	35.00
1361-1370-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	35.00	35.00
1361-1390-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	35.00	35.00
1361-1400-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	70.00	70.00
TOTAL		8,106.00	8,106.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**D) SUPERIOR COURT**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is Superior Court.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve 1370-1630-1370 through 1370-1910 in the amount of \$7,840.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Wortman. Any discussion? Okay, I don't

see any discussion, Madam Secretary, could I have the roll call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Okay, the motion passes seven to zero.

#### **SUPERIOR COURT**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1370-1630-1370	PUBLIC DEFENDER	757.00	757.00
1370-1640-1370	PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,668.00	1,668.00
1370-1670-1370	PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,668.00	1,668.00
1370-1700-1370	PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,129.00	1,129.00
1370-1730-1370	PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,668.00	1,668.00
1370-1900	FICA	530.00	530.00
1370-1910	PERF	420.00	420.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,840.00</b>	<b>7,840.00</b>

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

#### **J) COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is County Council and this is related to employee terminations. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Hoy: I move that we appropriate to 1480-1971 \$15,000; 1480-1900 FICA \$1,149; 1480-1910 PERF \$900; 1480-1911 Sheriff's Retirement \$1,050, that total of \$18,099.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Hoy and second by Councilman Sutton. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. On this here, I know last week we had made some mention that we've got some others that are coming up here soon. And the concern is from a timeliness standpoint, although we actually make the cutoff time-wise to be within compliance of the Department of Labor standards here, again, obviously, we definitely want to be in compliance here, and that is a real issue and we're not going to have enough, obviously, based upon what we've got here today. Sandie, if you could maybe give us an idea of what we're looking at timing wise.

Sandie Deig: Yes, Councilman. No, it will not be enough. I have also put in an emergency transfer for today for \$15,000. That will leave me a balance of, I think, \$5,400 if I receive the transfer. I received another payout this week from another deputy sheriff. I talked with the Commissioners to ask their pleasure of paying them so we would have it in a timely fashion. The deputy did agree to take the balance at the present time, the \$5,400, and he will accept the balance of that payment when our appropriation is approved and he said he would sign a waiver to that. Then I will have about \$.13 left, I think, if you approve both the transfer and appropriation. Does that answer your question?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I guess it does, but I guess though maybe this person may agree to this arrangement, you know, are we still within compliance, I guess that's the issue.

Sandie Deig: Well, the Department of Labor told me that it would be -- not to make a habit of it, but I have no money to pay him and that with the gentleman agreeing to it, that nothing would happen at this point, but that I shouldn't make a habit of it and so I will have to file another appropriation. But no, we are not in compliance giving it to him in two separate payments.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: On the Council agenda, the last item, a late transfer, we do have money being taken from the Council insurance account to go into the termination pay account and that's also to cover some of this, but, I mean, we are going to have to make an appropriation to have sufficient money to do this. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Sandie, I have a request for transfer here. It's dated 1/29. Now that's besides the figure that we've got here of \$18,000. It just seems like that every month this is coming up and, you know, if we're going to do it this way there should be enough money put in there and let's don't do it every month. I mean, we've got \$18,099 here, we've got another one for the next month, the \$15,000, and this is not the way to do it. She shouldn't have to come back. I think the county policy should be changed, but until that gets changed, we are stuck with this. And if we're going to do this, let's put enough money in there that she doesn't have to do what she's not supposed to do.

Councilmember Raben: The only thing is, we can't do that today. That will have to be advertised because we can't exceed this amount today.

Councilmember Smith: I agree with that, Jim, that you can't, but on the next one that's coming up. I'm just saying let's put more in it than the \$15,000 --

Councilmember Raben: Put \$50,000 in it --

Councilmember Smith: Yeah, because we're doing this every month.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Smith: Are you going to take this one back then, that we were giving -- oh okay. Well, then we're just going to vote on the \$18,000 today.

Sandie Deig: I think it's a total of \$30,000: fifteen and fifteen -- or eighteen and fifteen.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, I see it down here at the bottom of the page.

Councilmember Wortman: I spoke with Sandie and your point is well taken and Jim here, of \$50,000, because I asked her if I recall, to send a memo out to all department heads what they anticipate on retirement for this year, so we've got enough. You never know, we might have to increase it to seventy-five, see. But they've got to be -- the first pay period, isn't it, Sandie, according to the Department of Labor?

Sandie Deig: The next scheduled payroll that we have after we've been given notice we're to pay them.

President Lloyd: Okay, I think those are good comments and we do need to fund that account properly. Any other discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

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Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1971	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	15,000.00	15,000.00
1480-1900	FICA	1,149.00	1,149.00
1480-1910	PERF	900.00	900.00
1480-1911	SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT	1,050.00	1,050.00
TOTAL		18,099.00	18,099.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**K) HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

President Lloyd: Item K on our agenda is Health Department. I'll take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I move that we approve 2130-1510-2130 in the amount of \$17,333.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Wortman. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, could we please have a roll call vote?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2130-1510-2130	SECRETARY/HCP	17,333.00	17,333.00
TOTAL		17,333.00	17,333.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**L) LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is item L, Legal Aid/United Way, and I'll take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve 4290-2600, 4290-3250, and 4290-3280 as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and --

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, we need to turn to the next page so I need to amend that motion to read -- there's also 4290-3700 and 4290-3730. I move that those also be added to this motion.

President Lloyd: What was your total for the request?

Councilmember Raben: The total request is \$4,721.

President Lloyd: Okay, on mine it's all on one page.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, mine is too.

Councilmember Raben: Mine's not, mine's on two pages.

Councilmember Hoy: As the seconder of that motion, if that's an amendment, I'll accept that amendment so that we include them all.

President Lloyd: Okay. There should be five accounts.

Councilmember Raben: The end result is the same, mine had three accounts on one page and two accounts on the second page, so...

President Lloyd: It always helps to be looking off the same page. Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Madam Secretary, could you please call the roll call?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

<b>LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
4290-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	500.00	500.00
4290-3250	LAW BOOKS	500.00	500.00
4290-3280	EXAM. RECORDS/AUDIT	2,500.00	2,500.00
4290-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	750.00	750.00
4290-3730	CONT. EDUCATION	471.00	471.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4,721.00</b>	<b>4,721.00</b>

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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President Lloyd: Okay, at this time we are now ready for transfers. I'll take a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move that we approve all transfers with this correction, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, account 2600-1980, my figures are, it should read \$1,621 to accounts 2600-1400-2600 and 2600-1440-2600, for a total of \$1,621.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion.

Councilmember Raben: And all others as submitted including the late transfer for the County Council.

President Lloyd: Okay, the Chair will entertain a second.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second and then I'd like for you to read those figures on the Circuit Court again.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the figure should read \$1,621.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, could you please call the roll call vote?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

<b>CLERK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1010-3120	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	70.00	70.00
TO: 1010-3700	SUBSCRIPTION/DUES	70.00	70.00

<b>COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1230-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	500.00	500.00
TO: 1230-3370	COMPUTER	500.00	500.00

<b>CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2600-1980	OTHER PAY	4,465.00	1,621.00
TO: 2600-1400-2600	QUALIFIED MED. AIDE	1,043.00	1,043.00
2600-1440-2600	MEDICAL ASSISTANT	578.00	578.00
2600-1500-2600	A & D SECRETARY	2,844.00	-0-

<b>CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2760-1990	EXTRA HELP	1,844.00	1,844.00
TO: 2760-1110-2760	COOK	1,051.00	1,051.00
2760-1120-2760	GUARD	662.00	662.00
2760-1900	FICA	131.00	131.00

**LATE TRANSFER**

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1480-1920	INSURANCE	15,000.00	15,000.00
TO: 1480-1971	TERMINATION PAY	15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PROSECUTOR/AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll move on down to item 7 on our agenda, Prosecutor/Amendment to Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move that this be approved. And I'd like to make note that this is paid out of the Incentive Fund and this is not General Fund monies. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion from Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Wortman: Second it.

President Lloyd: Second by Councilman Wortman. We have the Prosecutor here...

Stan Levco: You guys seem to be doing pretty good so far, so I don't want to say anything.

President Lloyd: He's available for questions. Do we have any questions about this amendment or for the Prosecutor?

Councilmember Wortman: All I can say, I think his Incentive Fund is running pretty low so he's going to utilize it. He's been very good throughout the years with it when he did have it. I'll have to give him credit for it.

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll go ahead and have a roll call vote on this, Madam Secretary.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero. Thank you, sir.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda, Amendment to the Salary Ordinance and for that I would ask for the Finance Chairman, Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make it sweet and simple. I move that all salaries be set in as previously approved today in the appropriations and the transfers.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll second that motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, you have amendments to the Salary Ordinance. We have a motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Wortman. Any other discussion? Hearing none, we would ask Madam Secretary to have the roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Lloyd: We have to pause for a minute to change the tape.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A) AZTECA MILLING COMPANY (SEE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON PAGE 43)**

President Lloyd: We are at the new business portion of our agenda and before we get into the business, I'd like to make a statement. At the County Commissioners meeting last night, we had a number of people talking about the abatement that the Council granted for Azteca Milling. The County Commissioners have indicated they were going to work with the residents and try to formulate a plan on this and so I have received a memorandum from the President of the County Commissioners, Mrs. Jerrel, and she indicated to that effect what the plan is and they are going to give Azteca 60 days to come up and work on this problem that's caused the residents out in the north side of the county the smell problem. So I've got that memo and I'd like to distribute it to the Council members. Councilman Hoy had indicated that he wanted to make a statement prior to the rest of the new business.

**B) SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, President Lloyd. I think it's always good to share good news and awards that we receive. I went to the 55th Annual Conference of Indiana Soil & Water Conservation Districts held in Indianapolis last month and the Vanderburgh County Soil & Water Conservation District won the Indiana Soil & Water Stewardship Week Promotion Award. We also won the Goodyear Conservation Awards Program, which meant that we were the number one district in the state. I've mentioned this before, but in addition to being number one in the state, I think it's good for our citizens to know that this county is visited quite often by districts from other states because not only do we have the best district in the state, we probably have the best district in the midwest. The final recognition was one that probably should be shared with a lot of people and that is we did hold the midwest conference here and we were recognized for holding the best conference they've ever had in the midwest in the history of this organization. And let me remind you, it's 55 years old, so that's no small accomplishment. In fact, they are holding it in Ohio next time and they are going to copy what we did here, it was done so well. So, I think those are nice accolades for us to receive from the state, from Goodyear and from our fellow districts. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Thank you very much, that's very well deserved. I appreciate that.

**C) PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION/PETE McCULLOUGH AND CAROL HALLER  
D.B.A. LEISURE LIVING WEST**

President Lloyd: Okay, the next item under new business would be Preliminary Resolution/Pete McCullough and Carol Haller D.B.A. Leisure Living West and this would be a preliminary resolution on tax abatement. We have Mr. Robling here. Could you state your name, please?

Mike Robling: Yes, Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. Leisure Living West proposes to construct 116 to

133 one and two bedroom apartments for persons 55 and over. The projected investment of the project is five to six million dollars. The project proposes to create one full-time and two part-time jobs upon completion. No mention is made in this application concerning these units being made available specifically for low income or any specific income group. The project site is located immediately north of the vacant K-Mart store on North St. Joseph Avenue. While the area is not experiencing rapid growth, I don't feel that it's undesirable for or impossible of growth or normal development. They also state in the application that one and a half acres of the site fronts on St. Joseph Avenue and would be made available for commercial development. It is my recommendation that the Council not approve this economic revitalization area. In the event you should choose to do that, I have also made some suggestions as to conditions that you might put on this abatement if you do choose to approve it, especially in light of the recent situation with the residential development on Green River Road.

President Lloyd: Okay, does anyone have any questions for Mr. Robling? Yes, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Mike, did you say there is no mention for low income or --

Mike Robling: Yes, there is no mention whatsoever about low income on the application.

Councilmember Smith: Alright, and, you know, I talked to you about another problem. Is there anything in this that can -- one of the persons coming for a tax abatement has raised their prices quite a bit and I talked to Mike about it and he said there was no ties in that. Is there any way to put ties in here for this?

Mike Robling: That's why I have suggested that if you do approve this you put some sort of -- add special conditions to the -- well it would be a part of it that would be something that you could look at as a part of the compliance review later on to see whether they complied with their...generally their compliance review looks only at job creation and or investment. And if you added some special conditions you could use that as another test as to whether they've complied or not.

Councilmember Smith: Well, on this job creation it's only for like a couple of people, but to build low income housing or to build housing for elderly people there still should be some kind of tie that they can't keep, after they get it they can't keep jacking their rent up.

Mike Robling: Right. In the past, any tax abatement that's been approved by either the City or the County Council has been some type of low or moderate income housing stated up front that way. This application makes no --

Councilmember Smith: I don't particularly agree with you that this might not be a distressed area because the K-Mart has been out of business for several years and it is, there's no development out there at all. But I do feel that if we do this

we should put some kind of ties that after they get it and they get it all built, they can't keep raising the rents on the people because that is a problem. I don't know for sure how to do this because this is already written up but I think we need to do something to assure this.

Mike Robling: You could approve the preliminary resolution and then it could be modified in the confirming resolution that these conditions could be added to the confirming resolution that would come back next month.

Councilmember Smith: The confirming resolution, do you do this in your office?

Mike Robling: Right.

Councilmember Smith: Then I think maybe if we specify this, if it's agreeable to the rest of you that we put some kind of ties in there that it will be some kind of a percentage rent, not just because they are 55 and older.

Mike Robling: I would also suggest that if you approve it, that we carve out the one and a half acres for commercial development. Specifically, there's a possibility that commercial land could go for retail development and tax abatement is not allowed on full retail development outside incorporated areas. So that would be another condition I would suggest.

Councilmember Smith: I just hope you all -- you realize what I'm talking about. I had some calls from people that were on social security and their rent had come up \$20, \$30, \$40, and every year they do this and then it ceases to be what they can afford. Most of your older people are on set incomes and they don't raise it that fast with the social security increase.

President Lloyd: Are you talking about the property that was abated by the Council, Mrs. Smith? Okay. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I know that housing plays a very important part of economic development and we've had some requests in the past before Council for housing related type of projects to receive tax abatement, but you know, really, I guess with this project here it does present some problems for me being that there really is not any part of this project that really allows for or has a percentage of the units for low income persons and I think the purpose when we do grant a tax abatement: one, is to create economic development in an area that may be distressed and then another reason is just to spur additional development. I'm not really -- and then as well, helping areas that may not actually see development in some very specialized cases. I am not really seeing that being the case with this particular request, and the number of employees that we're talking about here, obviously with an apartment complex you aren't going to have a great number of employees. You are limited in terms of wages and benefits and all in terms of what you can do, but I just don't see where this project fits within our scope of -- you know, just for tax abatement. Without allowing the income segment or percentage of in a project, this could be upscale, I guess, if they really wanted to get to that point, apartment

complexes. I don't think we'd feel comfortable granting tax abatements for an upscale apartment development. It just doesn't seem to be the proper thing to do.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? I would remind Council that on a past abatement on a similar project, Mr. Robling advised us that their department said no because of some of the things that already have been said plus generally, these kind of things don't fall within the purview of what this was set up for and we got ourselves into, I think, we were okay, but I think we realized that we probably shouldn't have approved that one. It has nothing to do with the quality of the project or the people proposing it, I just think that we've already broken the precedent or the advise one time, and it would not be wise to do it again.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Hoy, I think the one you're talking about, it's out on Green River Road, and if I remember correctly they did employ several employees, I think like 20, so I think this one here is only going to employ three. So I don't think we're hurting too bad on that one out there because this is all set up, these bonds, to give jobs. So we're not hurting too bad on it, but I agree with what you say.

President Lloyd: I guess one question I would have, we have some of the applicants here, someone that represents them. What Mr. Robling had mentioned about possibly putting some conditions on the abatement, would you be interested in pursuing that or is that amenable to you? Please state your name.

Edward Johnson: I'm Edward Johnson. This is Pete McCullough and Carol Haller, who are the applicants and who will operate Leisure Living West. Certainly on the commercial we have no problem with carving that out. We'd be willing to discuss with Mr. Robling or you or anyone any reasonable other restraints but let me say, if I can just have a couple of seconds. First of all, it was not set up, the project is not set up for low income people. It's set up basically for the middle-class person who retires or a couple that retire, they're over 55, and that's where the need in Vanderburgh County is. It's not the low income and it's certainly not the fat cats, it's that group in here that are looking for some individual living. Where we think that the Council should really take a look at us because we've got some viable arguments and that number one, you're right, we're only going to have about two full-time and maybe three part-time employees for the 116 units after completion. They will be people, we will target 55 and older to work there because we think it fits. Secondly, in order to get this project, we're going to invest between five and a half and six million dollars. It's going to be over a two year period and you're going to have a build out, not only with that kind of investment, but you're going to have a build out with a crew of eight to ten people, Vanderburgh County people or local people, working over a two year period each week. So we think that's -- and the other thing, and Betty Knight-Smith said this but my one thing I wanted to impress is, in order to get into the issue of are we in the ballpark, is this what you do with tax abatement, we have to show an economic revitalization area. And I think now with that K-Mart, if you drive out St. Joe northbound from Diamond, that place is just like a tomb. It sticks out with

almost no activity there. And not only will we be using this eighteen acres to develop it, but can you imagine what that will do for the K-Mart for the next person -- it won't be a K-Mart obviously, but whoever else goes in there -- to have that kind of single family development for people 55 and over, middle-class folks? That's going to be a real boon to that area. And without that development, now I don't know what's going to happen. That's what we wanted you to consider and we think because of that, because of what we can do for that area, we clearly fit within the economic revitalization, making it an economic revitalization area, and we will be providing a substantial amount of investment and jobs for the two year period and then we will have two full-time, three part-time which we will target 55 and over. So we think that it makes a lot of sense to do it. And we ask your favorable approval. And to answer your question, Chairman Lloyd, we will definitely be willing to work with Mr. Robling and you to come up with anything that's reasonable.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: When we're talking about low income, I don't necessarily mean the poor, I'm talking about most of your people on social security are on set incomes and when you say 55 or older, that's the group of people you're going to get into. But when you are on a set income, you might consider it low or whatever, but they still are on a set income and that's my point of if we do a tax abatement, I think that we should take care of the people that are on set incomes. You mentioned setting aside a percentage of them, there used to be, Mike, if I recall, on the Council they had to have 20 percent. Wasn't that 20 percent of the apartments had to be set aside for handicapped or --

Mike Robling: It was set aside for economic development bond issues and I --

Councilmember Smith: But it was like 20 percent, so if you take 20 percent of 116, you come to six apartments for elderly or low income people which are handicapped, because there are a lot of handicapped people out there that need apartments. So if you divide 20 percent into 116 or 133, you come to five or six apartments. And if you're not willing to do that, you know, I guess I've got a problem with it.

Edward Johnson: We would be willing to talk about that. Twenty percent of 116 would be about --

Councilmember Smith: Five and a half or six if you --

Edward Johnson: Twenty percent would be about 24. But we would be willing to talk about that and it's something we don't -- and we will specific about it. We won't just talk in generalities. I'm not prepared today; I didn't realize that was going to be an issue. I'm not prepared today to say. But I think setting aside that for handicapped people or perhaps lower income than the middle-class people we're going to target, I think we can do that. I think we can at least talk about it and see if it will fly as part of the project.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?



Councilmember Wortman: In your application review here, it was recommended that this area not be approved. Why did you try to come before us then if it's recommended not be approved?

Edward Johnson: I was not aware until today, but even if I had, I would have come and asked that you listen to our arguments because I think they make a lot of sense.

Councilmember Sutton: What type of -- it says in your application that you are going to provide services for the residents -- what type of services are you -- could you speak to that?

Carol Haller: Primarily, there will be social services, we will also -- community groups, you know, travel, arrange travel, parties, that type of thing. Also we would have available extra housekeeping services, homemaker services if they need them. We're trying to form a real community and try to meet all of their needs, or help them meet all of the needs as much as possible.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess looking at each application, I know when people talk about tax abatement it gets people kind of excited and people hear about it and they want to find out, but I guess if we get a similar development or a development later on down the road that looks like this, again, we're faced with the same type of decision here. What do we do? Do we go ahead and award tax abatement, do we not go with it and, you know, what are we setting ourselves up for in terms of these types of development? I guess that's kind of some of the issues that maybe I'm kind of looking at. I know that there is definitely a need in that market in terms of for multi-family types of development. There are limited type of opportunities out there in that regard. But just precedent setting type of actions that will cause us to really question what we did now as opposed to down the road or something like that, it's just something that I really just have some caution about.

Councilmember Wortman: In reference to this, I think if we continue on, there's going to be a lot of these come up, be bombarded with these projects. And some of the reason is, I think, in normal apartment complexes there's a lot of children involved where the elderly don't like to get involved with them. I think that's one of the problems. I think that that's why it goes here. So I do think this is the coming thing, but it's a tough decision to make whether the Council wants to continue. Once you get started, why it's going to be rough to stop. So, unless a person could postpone it and talk about this more, find a little more out about it if you want to, a little more research, but it's up to Council.

Councilmember Raben: I think maybe that may be in our best interests to give Mike a little more time to work out maybe an alternative plan because it may pass today or it may die today, but maybe it would ease everybody's mind here if we saw what the option was and we could postpone it until next month.

Mike Robling: If that's the approach you want to take, those negotiations could take place and then could be put in the confirming resolution rather than put the whole thing off

essentially two more months. It could still be resolved in a month by your action on a confirming resolution.

Councilmember Hoy: Correct me, Council and Mrs. Deig, if I'm incorrect, but I think all of our motions have to be positive motions. Is that correct?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: So in order to move this along today, I'm going to move that we approve this so that we can see if we get a second, get discussion and get a vote.

Councilmember Smith: I agree with Jim --

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me, point of order, I put a motion on the floor and before any discussion can take place, you have to --

Councilmember Raben: I'll second the motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Now we can discuss.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Hoy made the motion and Mr. Raben seconded it and now Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I would like to see it delayed and come back so we actually know what we're voting on and while ago I was dividing 20 into 116 instead of multiplying, and we're talking about 25 to 26 apartments for elderly or --

Edward Johnson: All 116 are handicapped accessible.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, but I think that needs to be in the commitment, because if you don't you get into a problem that they keep raising their rents and whatever and they can't afford it and I have a problem with that. I would like to see it delayed, that put in the project before I vote on it.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Robling, I believe, clarified that and, Mr. Robling, tell me if I'm not saying this correctly because you do this for a living and I don't, but my understanding is if we don't vote today, it will delay it, you still could put conditions on it for the confirming resolution later?

Mike Robling: Correct. It would come up at the March meeting.

Councilmember Hoy: At the March meeting. And then if those things are not satisfactory to this Council we'd still vote it down in March. Is that correct?

Mike Robling: Correct. Or you could modify it again.

Councilmember Sutton: Just one for one more point of clarification. I'm not a fair housing expert or anything like that and I don't know if there may be one in the house, but in terms of limiting the units based upon age, are there any restrictions on being able to do that? How are you able to do that and keep it age specific in that particular matter without violating maybe some fair housing laws?

Mike Robling: I'm unclear on that issue right now. I know there are some federal restrictions on discriminating against tenants in a housing project based on familial structure or whatever, which causes a problem for limiting projects to specific age groups. I'm not well versed in that but I know there are some concerns like that and federal fair housing requirements. That would be an issue that would need to be further checked. The issue that Mrs. Smith raised about setting aside a percentage for handicapped, that doesn't really accomplish a lot because under state law, at least I think ten percent of all units in a new project have to be handicapped accessible anyway. So you are not getting a whole lot.

Councilmember Smith: They've changed the laws in the last fifteen years and I didn't know that they had changed it to that effect, which is good.

Councilmember Raben: Well, Pete and Carol, this project, I'm sure, is worthy of our total cooperation but what you have to understand is the scrutiny that we put ourselves through on a similar project over the last couple of years and there's been some very controversial things cross this desk and that was probably, what I thought at the time was very minute, but it turned out to be one of the issues that created the most phone calls to come through my home. So I think we're all walking on egg shells here. We don't want to start something that we're not willing to finish, but yet we don't want to deny something that may be a very worthy project. I hope you understand where we're all coming from here. But I know Councilman Hoy said that we have to make a decision one way or the other today, but can we not simply, as a Council, defer this today?

President Lloyd: It's my understanding we can, but right now we have a motion and a second to vote on it.

Councilmember Raben: I might ask, if at some point, if they regroup in between DMD and Pete and Carol, suppose it was voted down today, it takes two -- its got to be approved twice, right?

President Lloyd: Two readings, right.

Councilmember Hoy: And then you've got the confirming resolution.

Councilmember Smith: I don't think they can bring it back for at least a year, isn't that right?

Councilmember Hoy: If there is a negative vote, that's true.

Councilmember Raben: Right, and then it has to be approved twice.

Councilmember Hoy: I am just going to say what I'm feeling. I happen to know two of the three there and I think I know all three of you and I think it's a good project, but if you come back six months from now I'm probably going to vote no for a number of reasons, and one is I don't think it's the kind of project we should approve and growing in me is a lot of opposition, not only from me but my constituents, to any kind of abatement because we have been -- it isn't fair to people who

are already established, who have already established apartments. That's true of business as well. I don't think I've heard more criticism since I've been a Councilman -- I'm in my sixth year -- on any other issue than this one of just tax abatement in general. And so that's where I am on it. The rest of the Council may not be. You all know my reputation. I'll walk on eggs.

Councilmember Bassemier: My own personal opinion, I think we ought to give these folks another chance or at least next month. They, what I just understood was they didn't even know that Mr. Robling's department failed it. They did not know this, so Betty brought up some good points, and they're willing to work out some details and I think you all should have a chance anyway to present this to his department. So if we shut it down today we close the doors on them for a year. So I think we ought to at least give them a chance. They've got attorney's fees involved and we all know that's not cheap, so let's let them work out all the details first and then decide next month. That's what I'd like to recommend.

Councilmember Sutton: What Mr. Robling shares with us is just a recommendation. We don't necessarily have to, though he puts in a lot of time and effort into it, we don't necessarily have to go with what he may recommend. We don't necessarily have to put in any clauses or changes or anything, it's really surely in our hands based upon how we feel is the most appropriate decision on what we should do. And if we want to put some additional conditions, we can do that. If we don't want to do that, that's in our hands, too. But like I said, that's just merely a recommendation from the Department of Metropolitan Development.

Councilmember Bassemier: I understand that, but his department, to me, carries a lot of weight and they did a lot of research to come up with that conclusion, so maybe they can work something out and Mike can work out some more details on this. But when he tells me he's going to deny it, to me, he carries a lot of weight. I'm not saying I'm going to vote his way all of the time, because I haven't, but I think we need to let these folks work it out with them. Maybe he can come up with some ideas and thirty days won't make a difference. But if we kill it today, it's dead for another year.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think if there are some other conditions or issues that are prevailing on this Council, it would be the proper thing for maybe members of Council who would like to see some additional measures put into it, to then in turn meet with Mr. Robling or whatever and make those wishes known. Just merely having Mr. Robling to go back and make some revisions, again, kind of defeats the purpose of what he's trying to do for us, and that's assist us with more information. I think we're at the point now where we need to make a decision either with Mr. Robling and giving him what things what makes this proposal more palatable or denying it.

Councilmember Bassemier: I have no problem with that. All I am saying is if we kill it today, they won't have thirty days, it's done. But they're just asking for another thirty days. I'll agree with you and if they've got some more information to give that department, I think you ought to have the chance to get it.

But, like you said, it's our decision and I'm going to vote in favor of it right now, but you all can do whatever you want to do.

President Lloyd: The Council Attorney and I were talking and I'm not sure, I don't think we have a rule about having to wait a year.

Jeff Ahlers: It's my understanding, we went through this approximately one year ago. I don't remember which one it was, and we checked and I think what Mr. Robling is referring to is City Council has a rule that you have to wait a year, but County Council, we have no rules and there's nothing in the statute because I was thinking we let somebody else bring one back. I think we talked about making a rule but then people saw pros and cons and decided unless there were a lot of abatements coming up that we didn't -- am I wrong, Mr. Robling? But I don't think this body has a one year rule, do we?

Mike Robling: I don't know what your rules are. I think what Betty is thinking of is the City Council approval about rezonings.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, you went through that and I checked and so I think that they can regroup and come back. There's nothing in the statute that I'm aware of that prevents that. Is that your understanding, too, Mr. Robling? So it's just merely if this body has a rule that would prevent them from regrouping and coming back regardless of the outcome. Is that right?

Councilmember Smith: Last year, you're right, Jeff, when that came up the Area Plan Commission and the City Council had a rule as a year. And if you recall, I asked that we get together and have some rules and regulations of this Council because if not, they'll be coming back every month or every week or whatever they can get us to accept it. There isn't a rule here, but you were supposed to write out something and we were supposed to have a meeting, and you were going to be the chairman of it, Curt, and it never came about, because I said this Council needs some rules and regulations to go by. So I don't think they ever made any.

Jeff Ahlers: No, I don't think there was but I think what you were talking about, too, went beyond, I don't know if it was on this so much as it was that issue you brought up with regard to people coming up with appropriations and can they come up every month if it's denied or a transfer if denied or whatever, can they keep coming back every month and seeing them. So I think the rules that you were talking about were broader and think everybody discussed the pros and cons of having them and so I'm not sure where that is. But just to respond to this question, my point was I don't think that, to my knowledge, there is any rule preventing them from coming back.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, two comments. I'm not comfortable with -- we do have some rules in this Council that we do follow and they are in print and we have voted on them. It's not as if we operate with no rules. And without research into the decisions of this body, I would hate to sit here and say that we have not set this rule because we've been operating -- whether or not we have a rule, I don't know -- but we've been

operating under it for six years almost.

Councilmember Smith: Eight years.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, that's been my information, Mrs. Smith, so I think that's another issue that we definitely need to address is putting together a committee. I think it's a good idea that we do that. I'm going to leave my motion on the floor.

President Lloyd: Any other questions or comments.

Carol Haller: Could I say something? I just want to say, the reason that we applied for tax abatement was we didn't realize it was such a hot topic, that you had had so many problems with it because we're very similar to what the operation is on the east side except we wanted it on the west side. And I don't know how much you're aware, but there's a real crisis right now for apartments on the west side especially geared to the elderly with USI having purchased Golden Towers. They're all being given their notice; they have to be out this summer and it's our understanding that to apply for tax abatement, you can't get a building permit before that. So the longer we delay and wait and all, these people are calling me and saying when are they going to be ready, when are they going to be ready? So that's kind of where we're coming from.

Councilmember Wortman: One quick thing, tax abatement, to me, I hope, and I'm trying not to drift away from the general meaning of tax abatement, I think we've got to be careful, drift away and try to get some other things in the outlying areas to bring it in to it, and it's really not meant for this type of thing. And I think Mr. Robling based it on that, that's the only thing and depressed areas and all this, which it may qualify and it may not. But it should help employment and everything else, I think. This is kind of the purpose of the tax abatement.

President Lloyd: Okay, we've got a motion and a second, so I guess we need to vote on this unless the motion maker wants to withdraw his motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'm going to leave it on the floor and also then when we get down to other business, I think we need to discuss researching our rules and guidelines and all of that to see where we really are. If the Council feels favorable towards this they can vote yes today and then have some conditions put in later. I mean, that's -- if we don't vote today, we're putting them behind another month.

Edward Johnson: We'd just like to have, on behalf of the petitioners, we'd just like to have the thirty days to see if we couldn't work out something with Mr. Robling that we could come back here and then you all could have the full thing and take your vote.

President Lloyd: Well, that's right. It has to have two readings, so this would be the first reading and if it fails here, then it's done for a period of time, and if it doesn't fail then it still has to come back for another reading before it gets approved. Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I'd like to hear the motion again to make sure everybody is clear on it.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, one of our rules -- thank you, Mr. Bassemier -- is that our motions have to be -- you cannot make a motion to say we do not approve of this. We have to make a motion to approve and then that has to be voted up or down. So my motion is to approve and it has a second.

President Lloyd: Are you finished, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm finished.

President Lloyd: I was waiting for him to say something. Okay, one other side issue, we did have a tax abatement last year where no motion was made and it failed, so there was one that had no motion at all, everybody just sat around and looked, so why don't we go ahead and have the roll call vote on this motion.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I'm going to vote yes because I feel like they can come back with something that's feasible that we'll all agree to.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm going to vote no because I don't feel that it really meets the definition of what we define as tax abatement and in terms of stimulating job growth and economic development from that standpoint. I just don't feel like it really meets that definition. Though the project may be a worthy project, it just does not -- I don't want it to be a precedent setting project.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I am going to vote yes also, I think you all need thirty more days. This does not mean I am going to vote yes next week, but I want to give you all thirty days to work something out.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I am going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: I am going to vote yes and then I'd like to see what you come back with in thirty days. So is that five to two? Motion passes. So we'll look forward to you working with Mr.

Robling.

Edward Johnson: See you next month. Thank you.

(Motion passes 5-2. Councilmembers Sutton and Hoy opposed.)

**D) WESTWOOD HILLS SUBDIVISION - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE  
OF BARRETT LAW BONDS**

President Lloyd: Ordinance authorizing issuance of Barrett Law bonds, Westwood Hills Subdivision.

Councilmember Wortman: I'd like to make a motion we approve this. I might state that it is not the taxpayers money. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Wortman and second by Councilwoman Smith. Any discussion? I believe you've got the ordinance in front of you. Feel free to read it. Madam Secretary, we'll have the roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**E) WELFARE TO WORK**

President Lloyd: The next item, Welfare to Work, that was a presentation made at the January 28th meeting.

**F) LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT**



President Lloyd: Item D was an appointment that was left off the appointments in the first meeting in January which is the Library Board appointment and that appointment is to Mr. Sam Clifford and that is for a four year term.

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**A) COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

President Lloyd: Now we'll move on to Item 10, Old Business. I have one item. What you have in front of you, the corrected list with all the Council appointments and then Mrs. Deig was kind enough to put together a list of all our appointments that include the ones for more than one year which is how Mr. Clifford slipped through. We missed that one. It was a four year that came around, so that was kind of hard. But this list will give you the terms of the appointments, so that should be very helpful to you. Do we have any other old business?

**B) COUNTY COUNCIL RULES COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Hoy: I would like to make a motion that you appoint a committee from this Council to set up some suggested rules for operation, looking at rules from the past so that we do know where we are on the kind of thing we've been discussing today. That's a motion.

Councilmember Smith: I second that motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion and a second on setting up a rules committee to be appointed to look at the County Council rules. Any other suggestions or comments? I guess we can vote on whether we want to have a rules committee or not.

Councilmember Hoy: That's what I'm asking you to do.

President Lloyd: Okay, so why don't we just have a show of hands. Who wants to have a rules committee for County Council? Okay, we've got four --

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible - microphone not on) so you can raise your hand.

President Lloyd: Well, that might be the next question.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to, but I think Job Study is going to keep me busy this year.

Councilmember Smith: That wasn't the question. It's do you want this.

President Lloyd: Do you want a rules committee?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I thought you were saying would we serve. Yeah, we tried to get this several years ago when one outfit brought it back three or four times in four months.

President Lloyd: Okay, I believe those that wanted to have a

rules committee were Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Sutton, Councilman Hoy and Councilman Raben and the other three were opposed. So that passed four to three. I guess the next thing I would do would be ask for volunteers. Who would want to serve on the Council rules committee? Would they like to raise their hand? Okay, Mr. Hoy, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Sutton...and I guess the president should be on there so I'll go ahead and -- we'll make a note of that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I have a second motion.

President Lloyd: Anyway, I'll plan on serving on that and we need to schedule a meeting to do that.

**C) REQUEST BUILDING AUTHORITY TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL REGARDING STATUS OF VANDERBURGH AUDITORIUM**

Councilmember Hoy: The reason I want to make this into a motion, I've asked for this about three or four times now. So I want to make a motion that where it's most convenient, either at the Personnel & Finance meeting or at the next Council meeting, that we as a Council invite the Building Authority in so that we have clarity on the status of the Auditorium Convention Center and that's it. Period, that's it.

President Lloyd: Okay, are you requesting that we invite them in to just --

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, sort of -- if you'll get a second I'll comment on it.

President Lloyd: Are you making it in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Hoy and second by Councilman Sutton.

Councilmember Hoy: The question has come up, Mr. President, I think we're fairly clear on the ownership and all that, but I think it would be good for this Council to look at future funding, what part we're going to have in it, what part the Commissioners are, because obviously, the county still has a part in it. The Commissioners are monitoring this. I was at the Commissioners meeting Monday night and they have a schedule and all. So it's just a matter of us having clarification from the Building Authority so we know where we are and we're not second guessing ourselves. That's the only reason for doing it.

President Lloyd: Is that something that we'd want to have at Personnel & Finance?

Councilmember Hoy: You could schedule it. Since it's not going to require a vote, I was just suggesting you schedule it in the meeting where we might have a little more time because I have a notion that we're going to be looking at -- the Commissioners may be pushing us -- well maybe not at the next meeting -- on

Azteca -- I was thinking -- but that might take a lot of time and we want to allow enough time for that.

President Lloyd: We had a motion and a second. Is there any other discussion on having the Building Authority come in and inform the Council? Okay, if not, why don't we just do a show of hands. Who would like to have the President contact the Building Authority to get them to come in? Okay, we've got Councilman Sutton, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Hoy and Councilman Raben, so that's a majority. So I'll call Mr. Utley and talk to him about that and see if we can get him in at the next meeting, possibly.

Councilmember Smith: I think everybody voted on it, Russ.

President Lloyd: Oh, did you vote on it, Ed? I'm sorry, Councilman Bassemier. Well, I didn't on it. Okay, any other old business? If not --

Councilmember Smith: Motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: Wait a minute. I just have a couple of things real quick. I was going to ask, Suzanne, when we will get an idea on what our unappropriated balance will be -- since we haven't gotten them as of yet.

Suzanne Crouch: As soon as the state gives us the certified budget order and tax rates which, by law, they are supposed to do by February 15. We're still waiting, Mr. Sutton, so hopefully I will have that by March.

Councilmember Sutton: Are they giving us any preliminary indications on any of the numbers there?

Suzanne Crouch: The information was very, very preliminary and very, very iffy. It depends upon the state budget order and tax rates, so at this point in time I believe everything will be as healthy as it has been in '97, but I don't have any real numbers until I get the state approval. So if I would get that before the Personnel & Finance meeting, even though usually we make them available for Council meetings, I'll get that to you for that meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, then there was one more thing. In our packet there was a note, a memo, talking about, I guess what Sandie passed around about the Commissioners meeting on the 23rd concerning this Azteca situation. I guess they're inviting all the Council to attend that meeting in relation to those issues. I don't know what direction or turn it may take. It's a pretty important decision, some things that have to be made there, but at the same time, in terms of the tax abatement and questions surrounding their tax abatement, that's maybe another issue that the Council, we have had a chance maybe to talk about that and before the Commissioners would take any action or anything like that, obviously this body would have a full discussion of those matters and talk about those since we are the ones who are making the decisions on tax abatements.

President Lloyd: The Commissioners can't revoke any tax abatements, it's got to be us.

Councilmember Sutton: Right. Well, it was banded around the room about revoking that and the Commissioners don't have the ability to do that.

President Lloyd: Correct. Any other discussion? I guess we have a gentleman here. Would you like to state your name? Did you want to make some remarks?

**AZTECA MILLING COMPANY (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 27)**

Bruce Ungethiem: Yes. My name is Bruce Ungethiem. I'm with the group that did make the presentation on Azteca. Councilman Sutton was a good lead-in because that's what we basically are here to do. You'll notice that we did not bring our whole entourage and we're not going to spend a whole lot of time because we know your time is valuable. Basically we want to give the Council a heads-up as to what is going on. I didn't know that Commissioner Jerrel was going to send a note so I wanted to come here to request the Councilmembers that they review the minutes of the Commissioners meeting on Monday night, that they make themselves aware of the history of this situation and that they understand that on the 23rd, the Commissioners meeting on the 23rd, that Azteca will be required to come in and have a plan together with an end date for resolving that problem. What we've also asked of the Commissioners, that if that does not occur that they then come with us to the March 4th meeting to County Council at which time we will request that the tax abatement be pulled from Azteca. I realize that is this Council's responsibility and not the Commissioners responsibility. We're here today just to ask you to look into this to be prepared that if on the 23rd Azteca does not come forward with a plan that is acceptable to the Commissioners, that we will be back before this board on the 4th and requesting the tax abatement withdrawal. The other thing that I would like to do is I would like to understand more about the bond issue and the lease arrangement that was made with this particular agreement. The bond issue, I'm not sure who holds that bond issue. There has been talk of the Vanderburgh County Authority of the Vanderburgh Commission and that Azteca is actually a sublessee to the Commission on that particular bond issue. My question to you is who has that paperwork and where can we get a copy of it?

President Lloyd: Okay, I'm not sure. I don't know if any other Councilmen want to answer that.

Councilmember Wortman: The Auditor has that and by the way, all the minutes of the Commissioners meetings are presented to all Councilmembers.

Councilmember Hoy: The only thing about those Commissioners minutes is that they are done verbatim and it will be a while before we see them. I think Council will want to look at that. The other question that came up in the Commissioners meeting, and this is an assignment for our attorney, Mr. Ahlers, and I think Mr. Harrison will work with you on that, and that is there is some question about what is the legal procedure to remove an abatement. Can it be removed after its been voted? I personally don't have clarity on that and I'm not sure any of us do, so we need a piece of research on that.

Councilmember Sutton: Remember last year, we had a session where we had a list of the companies that had received abatement and it was like a benefits statement in terms of their performance on all of their intended and the promises they made, basically, to receive the abatement. That is the only procedure that I can recall or that I am aware of that we would have had an ability to either rescind an abatement of some type. Outside of that process, I think we do need some additional research to clarify it and make sure we are on sound footing if that is the case. If there is a question about whether we will or we won't, I would hope that we would get a presentation rather than just pieces of paper placed in front of us telling us to rescind it or approve it or whatever. I would hope we'd have enough information to make a wise decision.

Councilmember Hoy: Exactly. I was at the Commissioners meeting and I was not at the last Council meeting because I was ill and Council voted to continue the abatement and that's where the legal question comes in. If that's been put in place, then...I'm not sure. I don't know. That's why we have lawyers.

Bruce Ungethiem: That's also the reason why we're here is so that we can prepare for that meeting on the 4th, so this question isn't raised on the 4th and we say, oh it will be another month. If we wait another month and another month and another month, we'll soon get into the summer season again and we'll soon be in the same situation we were in last season where you can't sit outside your house without smelling Azteca.

President Lloyd: I know, well, Mr. Sutton made reference to it, September 3rd is when we reviewed Azteca and three other companies and there was a prolonged discussion, questions about them about how they were addressing that problem. So I don't know if you had ever seen the Council minutes about that.

Bruce Ungethiem: I have not seen the Council minutes on that, but I do know that since September 3rd, they've been in violation twice more and they've been issued a cease and desist unlawful order from IDEM for dumping 200,000 gallons of water on the property, some of which went into the ditch and onto other people's property.

Councilmember Smith: At the time when we approved that abatement they had the big chief or the president of the whole company up here and that problem out there was discussed and he said at that time that he would stay here and he would see that problem was corrected, because that's what he stood right here and told you.

Bruce Ungethiem: Okay, would you tell me who that person was? Frank Herrera?

Councilmember Smith: I don't remember what his name was, but it would be in the minutes of the Council meeting, but I don't remember what his name was. But he was the president of the company and they had brought him in here.

Bruce Ungethiem: Was it Frank Herrera?

Councilmember Smith: I don't remember.

Bruce Ungethiem: He's chief financial officer for Azteca.

President Lloyd: Right, I believe that was him.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. DeLucio is here. He can answer that. He's the attorney for Azteca and that might help us out.

Marco DeLucio: Very briefly, I'm Marco DeLucio. I'm the attorney for Azteca. Mr. Herrera was here in September, but I believe the president of the company you were referring to was probably Mr. Garcia, I think, is his name. He is with MRV, the entity that was operating the waste treatment facility.

Councilmember Smith: Wasn't he here at the time?

Marco DeLucio: I think both Mr. Herrera and Mr. Garcia were here at the time.

Councilmember Smith: I didn't remember their names, but I knew that...

Marco DeLucio: And I think that what they have done to address the problem and that's where we're at right now is they hired a consultant after meeting with the neighbors. The consultant recommended several things but told us to evaluate two things and that report came in November and that's what they've been doing. We told the Commissioners on Monday night that that field work was just completed last Friday and that we would anticipate a decision after they evaluate the information within the next couple of weeks, so that's when the Commissioners told us to come back on the 23rd with our plan and we agreed to do that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, that meeting a few months ago, it was in September, I think somebody said. You know, when we were looking at the report on abatements, at that time in addition to the problems of the smell and all, we were also dealing with Azteca's promises on -- that's why that among the three others popped up in our minds because they had only invested 63 to 64% of the money they said they were going to invest within two years, and then consequently, the hiring was only at 63 to 64% and so that was at issue then. The other thing that I've requested of -- I talked to Mr. Fluty in the Auditor's Office, and asked for an amount of how much abatement they have enjoyed in terms of dollars and I know they'll get that figure to us. But I think that's an important thing to look at also. Thank you.

Bruce Ungethiem: One other request, there are two entities that are listed on this lease that is attached to the bond and I believe that's the Vanderburgh County Authority and the Vanderburgh Commission or Redevelopment Commission. I would request that you also make them aware of what is happening and that they may well be required to speak to that lease on the meeting of the 4th. It is my firm hope that I won't be here on the 4th. I hope we can resolve this, but we will not stop until we've got the quality of life that we had before Azteca came. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, thank you. Any other comments? I'll take a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: County Council is adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.)

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 25, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met for a special meeting the 25th day of February, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr. at 3:15 p.m.

President Lloyd: I'd like to call the special meeting to order, appropriation for the purpose of providing funds for Westwood Hills Subdivision, Barrett Law Project. This will be the second reading. Madam Secretary, could you call the roll, please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier		X*
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	

(\*Councilmember Bassemier arrived shortly after attendance called.)

<b>WESTWOOD HILLS SUBDIVISION - BARRETT LAW PROJECT FINAL READING</b>
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President Lloyd: The ordinance in front of us, I'm going to read the title of it. It's twelve pages and then I'll ask for a motion and a second.

"The ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Council authorizing the issuance of bonds for the purpose of providing funds to be applied to pay off certain Barrett Law Project and incidental expenses in connection therewith and on the account of the issuance of the bonds."

I would ask for a motion for that.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Raben. Any further discussion? Hearing none, -- the total dollar amount is \$138,396 for Westwood Hills, Barrett Law. Yes, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: You need to ask if there is anyone in the audience, to be legal, who wishes to speak for or against this.

President Lloyd: Okay, is there anyone in the audience who wants to speak for or against this Barrett Law Project? Seeing none, then we would close discussion and I'd like to have a roll call vote, Madam Secretary, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?



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Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes 7-0.

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
<b>5041</b>	<b>WESTWOOD HILLS SUB./ BARRETT LAW</b>	<b>138,396.00</b>	<b>138,396.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>138,396.00</b>	<b>138,396.00</b>

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

President Lloyd: I see no other business. I'll ask for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Hoy and second by Mrs. Smith. We're adjourned, the special meeting. We'll have a regular meeting at 3:30.

**(Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Vice President Curt Wortman

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MARCH 4, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 4th day of March, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m. by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

President Lloyd: I'd like to open the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council, March 4, 1998. Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call, please?

Roll call was taken by Council Secretary Teri Lukeman.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda would be the Pledge of Allegiance. Could you please stand?

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)**

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 1998</b></p>
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President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda would be approval of the minutes from the February 4th meeting.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Hoy, second by Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven/nothing. Minutes approved.

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

President Lloyd: Before we go to the appropriation ordinance I have a presentation. This is a Council tradition. The Council President receives a lot of information. He is contacted by a number of people to kind of facilitate the work of the Council, so there's a lot of responsibility that goes with that. Last years' president was Mr. Curt Wortman, so I have a plaque here that I'd like to present to him for his service to the Vanderburgh County Council.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, everybody. I try to do the best I can, be fair and as honest as I could be. I appreciate it, but you've been good participants and we all worked together and that's what the mission is all about, to protect the taxpayer. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Curt, one thing, that gavel is attached to that plaque there, so you can't use it on me now!

President Lloyd: I watched how Curt counted the votes, too.

### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

#### A) COUNTY CLERK

President Lloyd: We'll move to number five, which would be the appropriation ordinance and the first item would be the County Clerk.

Councilmember Wortman: The County Clerk, we've got Maintenance Contract there, we've got Office Supplies. When I make this motion, I'm in reference to using the Incentive Fund that she has. This early in the stage of the year with both requests for appropriations, why it's a little early and I think both of them should be set in at zero. So I'll make a motion that 1010-3540 Maintenance Contract be set in at zero; 1010-2600 Office Supplies be set in at zero.

President Lloyd: We have a motion. Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Wortman. Second by Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: On this last week, I guess, we had a number of questions in particular we had on the Office Supply area and I guess the impression -- I don't know if there is anyone here from the Clerk's Office -- I guess the request was really related to what the anticipated cost would be for the year, correct?

President Lloyd: Please state your name for the record.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell and I have Sue Hall here with me. I'm sorry, Mr. Sutton, I didn't hear you.

Councilmember Sutton: The question is that the appropriation request that we see here before us, that was the \$43,000, was that for what the anticipated cost would be for the year, if I am correct?

Marsha Abell: Yes, that is correct.

Councilmember Sutton: And I guess looking at maybe where we had been historically on this particular area, I guess, we had used Incentive Funds in the past to try to pick up this particular area and --

Marsha Abell: A portion of them, yes.

Councilmember Sutton: And so just kind of a, you know, I guess even here, I don't know if we might be a little early in anticipating what the needs will be, but maybe a little early in terms of requesting something that's large or I guess that's probably more of the concern.

Sue Hall: Last year we spent \$39,000 out of the Incentive Fund just on Office Supplies.

Councilmember Smith: Marsha, the \$12,000 probably won't be enough for the Maintenance Contract, but you said some of the typewriters and that sort of stuff you took out. So, you'll probably have to come back later on in the year because the \$12,000 may not be enough but

right now it's a little early. Okay?

Marsha Abell: When are they due?

Sue Hall: I pay those at the first of the year and I've made some negotiations with some of the contract holders to have a reduced amount. Our toner was included in our monthly contract instead of being additional.

Councilmember Smith: I can't hear you.

Sue Hall: With some of the vendors I have made negotiations where instead of being charged additional for toner, that's included in our monthly contract so that we wouldn't have to spend \$100 a month on toner. It would just be in the basic contract amount or reduce the cost per copy, trying to get some of the costs down for the coming year.

Councilmember Smith: And they also get a dollar a page for every copy that you sell, so that money comes back into the County General Fund, so she'll probably have to come back from that \$12,000 later on in the year because that \$12,000 probably won't be enough money.

Councilmember Bassemier: What will this do to your office if this is set in at zero? How much will that Incentive money last you?

Marsha Abell: How much are you setting in at zero? I didn't get a copy of this. I don't know how much you're setting in at zero?

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, it looks like they're setting both of them in at zero. Is that the motion?

Marsha Abell: Is that \$43,000?

President Lloyd: The request is for \$6,700 Maintenance Contract; \$43,000 Office Supplies, and the motion was for zero on both of them.

Marsha Abell: There will be no money in the Incentive Fund. There's not that much there.

Councilmember Wortman: If I recall, Mr. Chairman, I think they've got a balance of \$39,000.

Marsha Abell: Well, \$43,000 is more than \$39,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Now, if I remember last week, you said you was going to use it for training, some of this money requested in the supply account?

Marsha Abell: That's correct.

Councilmember Wortman: That would come out of the Commissioners, really, it should. That shouldn't come through you because all of the training for all of the employees up here should come through the Commissioners and that's why I did that. So \$39,000, being that it's the beginning of the year, I would suggest that you use that Incentive Fund and then we come back and if you run out of money then we can (inaudible).

Marsha Abell: How about if I suggest that I'll use the same percentage as has always been used in the past because the Incentive Fund isn't as much as it used to be. I'll use the same percentage.

Councilmember Wortman: But the only thing is, you were budgeted \$30,000 in the supply account and \$12,000 in the maintenance, and this is only the third month of the year.

Marsha Abell: As I recall when I was here on budget time I was told that I wasn't being

budgeted enough for the whole year on that and also on the Bond & Fine salaries, and I was told that I'd have to come back, so we put together an honest budget when we submitted it last year and it was chopped. I can't chop away at order books and things that the court requires, but if you'd like to put the court stuff in somebody else's budget, I'd be thrilled to have the judges have to pay for the order books and different things, but there's stuff like that that I have no control over those things.

Councilmember Wortman: Last year on your Maintenance Contract, your actual was \$10,000 and then your supply account, Office Supplies, was \$30,000 and you only used \$29,000 according to this budget book.

Sue Hall: There was money still encumbered to one of the vendors at the end of year that was held over for this year.

Councilmember Wortman: Do you know how much that was, Mrs. Hall?

Sue Hall: It was around \$1,000. It might have been \$1,025. I can't be exact on it without my book in front of me.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, that wouldn't be too far out of line, then see, thirty and twenty-nine, so we're getting there.

President Lloyd: Did you have something, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: It seems to me we might want to add, if Mr. Wortman would take an amendment, to add something at least to the Maintenance Contract today. Would you be willing to take an amendment on the Maintenance Contract?

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, let me ask a question before I accept that, Mr. Hoy. Mrs. Abell, on this Maintenance Contract now, will that complete all your contracts? There will be no more coming back on the Maintenance now?

Sue Hall: None anticipated. I've tried to figure as close to the penny as I could for the remainder of the year and that's after I've negotiated with some of the vendors on reducing our costs.

Councilmember Wortman: I would amend my motion on the Maintenance Contract only.

Councilmember Hoy: How much do you wish to...

Councilmember Wortman: Set it in at \$6,700.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Would the seconder agree to that?

Councilmember Smith: I've got a question. If last year it was \$10,000, we've already put \$12,000 in, we're talking about \$18,000 and she said she had eliminated some of that, so I didn't understand why she would need \$18,000. That's the reason that I seconded your motion. So you're talking about \$18,700 in the Maintenance Contract and the Maintenance Contract has never cost that kind of money.

Sue Hall: Mrs. Smith, part of the Maintenance Contract was paid out of the Incentive Fund last year whenever we did the funds and the contract account, then I finished up the year paying out of the Incentive Fund.

Marsha Abell: Mr. Lloyd, out of the Incentive Fund on just supplies, in 1996, six percent of the

Incentive Fund was applied toward supplies; in 1997, 37% of it. Obviously, I have taken a huge percentage of that Incentive Fund money and used it. I'm willing to do a percentage. I just think that just because I have an Incentive Fund say, you're not entitled to supplies, that's fine, but you need to go over and tell all the nine judges that because they're the ones whose supplies -- they're running this court system and I transfer a lot of money into the General Fund every month and we do a lot of business. We're not sitting over there taking those things home. I resent the fact that someone would think that there's some reason we're not entitled to supplies when I'm running the second largest office in the county.

Councilmember Hoy: Mrs. Smith, may I assume that you're not accepting the amendment? Is that correct?

Councilmember Smith: I will accept it but I will vote against it. So I will amend my motion, but I do know that it doesn't take \$18,000 for the Maintenance Contract.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I'm just interested in procedure because we have an amendment on the floor and we didn't have a second.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman? Am I correct, Mrs. Abell, every month you get a certain percentage of the Incentive Fund added to you, correct?

Marsha Abell: The same percentage you get.

Councilmember Wortman: So see, you will be getting more Incentive money all through the months, see. So that's going to come back up.

Marsha Abell: Yes, and every time I'm here you want me to take more out of it, and as you can see, you're putting it at the point, there's none in it now and the training of the staff is not going to come out of the Commissioner's budget. I've already been told there will be no money for training the staff for this new court system, so you're putting in computers that no one knows how to use and other than the training on the system, there won't be any.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, the way the budget process works, you get a budget, you try to live by it and if you run out of money, it's used in an emergency to appropriate more money. Now that's my opinion and I've been on this Council for years and that's always been the policy unless somebody can tell me any different.

Marsha Abell: Well, Mr. Wortman, I'm not here to argue with you because quite frankly, it's not going to make me a bit of difference. We're going to spend what money we have left and when we run out of money, I'm just not going to buy anything. So that's fine. And when the judges complain about it, I'll just tell them I don't have any money. But I would like to point out that when I was here last year, one particular thing was that you budgeted \$15,000 for Bond & Fine people to work at night, which I might add have already brought in almost \$100,000 a year in their work endeavors and you said to me at that time, well, we know \$15,000 isn't going to get you through but you can come back. Well, if it's a six month budget, then I can prepare a six month budget. I prepared an annual budget, it was cut and I knew that at the time it was cut that it wasn't going to work for a whole year. So if you say that when you approve the budget that it's meant to be for a whole year, well, you know, when you cut away at it with no reason, you've been in my office a couple of times, at least last year, not this year, but I thought Ms. Hall told me you were going to be in this week and go over the budget with her and I don't think you two did that. So maybe before you, maybe you'd like to table this and come in our office and look at the supplies before you make a decision.

Councilmember Wortman: You have a motion on the floor?

President Lloyd: Right, a motion and the second was amended.

Councilmember Bassemier: I just have one question, Mr. Lloyd. Ms. Abell, if that \$43,000 is set in at zero, when will you be back?

Marsha Abell: I probably won't come back, Mr. Bassemier. I'll let Judge Knight come back and talk to you about it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thanks.

President Lloyd: I just have a question. In rough numbers, what was the expenditure for Office Supplies last year...or exact numbers?

Marsha Abell: \$39,109 -- oh, I'm sorry, \$69,297.

President Lloyd: Okay, for the whole year, \$69,000?

Marsha Abell: Right.

President Lloyd: Thank you. Any other discussion? Call for the vote, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Are we voting on putting the \$6,700 back in? No.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, actually, --

President Lloyd: They both agreed, so --

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, both of them agreed, so you're voting on the major motion, the whole motion.

President Lloyd: We're voting on the amended motion which would be Maintenance Contracts \$6,700 and Office Supplies zero. That's what we're voting on. Mr. Wortman amended his motion to put \$6,700 back in Maintenance Contracts and Mrs. Smith agreed to that.

Councilmember Smith: I amended my motion and said I would vote against it.

President Lloyd: Right, so we're calling for the vote on this motion. Yes, Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: The only thing is, that's confusing. Like Mrs. Smith votes no, and then the next one would be different, so she'll vote no on both of them --

Councilmember Smith: I just feel like that \$18,700 is too much for the Maintenance Contract, and when you amended it, you amended it to put the \$6,700 back in and I agreed with the amendment, but I told you at the time I would vote against it because it doesn't take that much money.

Councilmember Raben: For the sake of clarification, we could ask the maker to amend his motion again just to include the Maintenance Contract and then we can come back to Office Supplies if that makes it cleaner for everybody.

Councilmember Wortman: I think that would be better.

President Lloyd: Would that be in agreement?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, and I want my motion to include -- first, it would the 1010-3540 Maintenance Contract be set in at \$6,700.



President Lloyd: Okay, and then you're agreeing with that as a separate motion.

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

President Lloyd: Could we have the roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: It's a tough call. I'm going to vote yes on that.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: No. Motion passes four to three.

<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1010-3540	MAINT. CONTRACTS	6,700.00	6,700.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6,700.00</b>	<b>6,700.00</b>

**(Motion carried 4-3. Councilmembers Smith, Wortman and Lloyd opposed.)**

President Lloyd: We have the next motion, Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: I'd like to make a motion that 1010-2600 Office Supplies be set in at zero.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Madam Secretary, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to one.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	43,000.00	-0-
TOTAL		43,000.00	-0-

**(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Bassemier opposed.)**

## **B) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Lloyd: Okay, moving on down the agenda, Item B, County Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 1300-3530 Contractual Services be set in at \$1,500.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, but I still didn't get an answer to my question I had last week related to this particular committee and past experience on this.

President Lloyd: Is there anyone here from the County Commissioners Office? State your name, please.

Tony Gruebel: Tony Gruebel, County Commission Office. Yeah, Commissioner Mourdock was aware of Sue Ellsperman's work. She's worked for Fortune 500 Companies and he's seen her work firsthand and he thought that she would be an excellent facilitator for that committee. So based upon his recommendation, the County Commissioners agreed to award the contract to Ellspermann Associates.

Councilmember Sutton: And the length of this contract is how long?

Tony Gruebel: For four meetings -- four or five meetings.

Councilmember Sutton: So that's already run.

Tony Gruebel: Their fourth meeting is for March 18, but there is talk among the committee members to have several more meetings, so I may have to come back next month to see how much more money we need in addition. That \$1,500 is for these first four meetings and if after March 18 if the jail committee decides to have more meetings then we may have to extend the contract and I may have to come back for an additional appropriation.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Lloyd: You had indicated you voted yes on that?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Lloyd: Please continue.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Yes, motion passes seven to zero.

<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1300-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL		1,500.00	1,500.00

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

**C) COUNTY COUNCIL (TWO REQUESTS)**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be the County Council.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 1480-1920 Insurance be set in at \$15,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Madam Secretary, please call the roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1920	INSURANCE	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL		15,000.00	15,000.00

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

President Lloyd: Next on the agenda...on the County Council, did we take both of those or just the first one? We need to take the second one.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that 1480-1971, 1480-1900, 1480-1910 and 1480-1911 be set in as submitted and you do have a recap on the Termination Pay on your desk there.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben and second by Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>COUNTY COUNCIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1480-1971	TERMINATION PAY	50,000.00	50,000.00
1480-1900	FICA	4,975.00	4,975.00
1480-1910	PERF	2,100.00	2,100.00
1480-1911	SHERIFF RETIREMENT	4,665.00	4,665.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>61,740.00</b>	<b>61,740.00</b>

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

**D) GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: We'll move on to the German Township Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, these are Reassessment Funds: 1120-3370 in the amount of \$2,800. I move approval.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben and second by Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, in the request, the appropriation request, it makes mention of two different things maybe going on here, maybe try to get an idea of specifically if it's just for equipment or is this also service and networking their two computers together? Which direction is this request --

Councilmember Wortman: An additional computer, the way I understand it.

Councilmember Sutton: Only?

Councilmember Raben: And based upon some of the requests that we've dealt with, this is probably a pretty fair deal. I think he shopped this pretty hard.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, this is a very good deal, considering what we've seen before.

Councilmember Raben: We might want to contract him to buy our computers.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, please call the roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1120-3370	COMPUTER	2,800.00	2,800.00
TOTAL		2,800.00	2,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

**E) CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**

President Lloyd: The last item under appropriations would be Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move that 3570-3994 be set in the amount of \$30,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we had a quick second there. I believe Mr. Hoy won in the tie-breaker. Mr. Raben made the motion. Is there any discussion? We had a large contingent here last week from the Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Freedom Festival and we appreciate the information they gave us, and they gave us a nice little packet.

Councilmember Raben: I would still like time to argue road closures, but that's something I'll do in my spare time.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Raben, you can go with me to the, I'm their liaison, to the next meeting and I'll have an ally there.

President Lloyd: Okay, I think we've finished up our discussion. Could we have a roll call vote, Madam Secretary?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'd like to reiterate my support. I think it's a fantastic thing we're able to support here and I still do have that idea you guys got away last week on the fireworks. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero and we appreciate you coming out and we'll look forward to the Freedom Festival this year.

<b>CONVENTION &amp; VISITORS BUREAU</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
3570-3994	MATCHING GRANTS	30,000.00	30,000.00
TOTAL		30,000.00	30,000.00

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

**TRANSFER REQUESTS**

President Lloyd: Now we move down the agenda to item six, Transfers. The first item would be Prosecutor IV-D.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, if this body doesn't say otherwise, I'm going to take these together, okay? Prosecutor IV-D: 1081-3120 to 1081-4210 in the amount of \$2,000; the Auditorium: 1440-2100, 1440-2210, 1440-1750, 1440-2310, 1140-3120, 1440-3190, 1440-3440, 1440-3790 to accounts 1440-3530, 1440-3410 and 1140-3200; and Burdette Park: from account 1450-3590 to 1450-3440 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Hoy.

Councilmember Sutton: Did you include the Assessor's transfer?

President Lloyd: No, we did not.

Councilmember Raben: We have a late transfer and I --

President Lloyd: We can just vote on this one.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, do you know if that finishes up the Auditorium? Is that the only bills we're going to have from the Auditorium this year?

Councilmember Raben: Betty, I certainly would hope so. I can't give you an honest answer on that.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I knew they were closed and I thought this was supposed to finish it up.

Councilmember Hoy: I am the liaison there and, Mrs. Smith, --

Councilmember Smith: You don't know?

Councilmember Hoy: I do believe we're there, but I wouldn't bet you a steak dinner on it. I think we are, though.

President Lloyd: Okay, is there anyone in the audience that wants to talk about the Auditorium? I don't see anyone. Okay, so we have a motion and a second. Why don't we go ahead and --

Councilmember Hoy: Everything has left except the stage and they're just waiting for the horses.

President Lloyd: It's pretty empty. Okay, why don't we go ahead and have the roll call vote on this, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>PROSECUTOR IV-D</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1081-3120	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	2,000.00	2,000.00
TO: 1081-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	2,000.00	2,000.00

<b>AUDITORIUM</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1440-2100	FUEL & BUTANE	25.00	25.00
1440-2210	GAS & OIL	50.00	50.00
1440-1750	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	140.00	140.00
1440-2310	LAUNDRY	40.00	40.00
1440-3120	POSTAGE	1,500.00	1,500.00
1440-3190	SOLID WASTE	499.00	499.00
1440-3440	ADVERTISING	1,500.00	1,500.00
1440-3790	PROFESSIONAL SVCS.	7,612.00	7,612.00
TO: 1440-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	500.00	500.00
1440-3410	PRINTING	85.00	85.00
1440-3200	UTILITIES	10,781.00	10,781.00

<b>BURDETTE PARK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	
<b>APPROVED</b>			
FROM: 1450-3590	POOL OPERATIONS	8,600.00	8,600.00
TO: 1450-3440	ADVERTISING	8,600.00	8,600.00

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

<b>LATE TRANSFERS</b>
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President Lloyd: We have a late transfer.

Councilmember Raben: The late transfer is County Assessor from 1090-1180 to 1090-1970 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Mr. Raben and second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Can somebody tell me what a Network Supervisor is? It's from that, but what is a Network Supervisor?

President Lloyd: The County Assessor is here so we'll ask her that question.

Councilmember Smith: That's a title that I hadn't heard of before.

Cheryl Musgrave: Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. It is the supervisor of the computer network.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM:1090-1180-1090	NETWORK SUPERVISOR	1,840.00	1,840.00
TO: 1090-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	1,840.00	1,840.00

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

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS/AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Lloyd: Next we would have Community Corrections/Amendment to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll take that if you don't care. This is to reclassify a position from Secretary to Administrative Aide and this was recommended by the Personnel Committee and I move approval. By the way, there's no new funds needed here, so...

President Lloyd: Change in job title, is that correct...and class? Okay, any questions on this one? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes, the amendment, seven to zero.

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

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Lloyd: The next item would be number eight, Sheriff's Department/Amendment to Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that we accept the amendment and this is to delete two positions, but I also would like to add with my motion that the existing monies in these accounts not be transferred out.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Raben and second by Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think Tana would like to speak on that, Mr. Lloyd.

President Lloyd: Please state your name for the record.

Tana Bailey: Tana Bailey, Sheriff's Department. This isn't to delete the position, it's to change it to a Patrolman.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, it's a change from Corporal to Patrolman.

Tana Bailey: Yeah, and we need the money there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well again, don't transfer it out.

Tana Bailey: No, but we just need to change it from being a Corporal to a --

Councilmember Raben: Right, and so the motion should read not to delete the position, but to change the position name from Corporal to Patrolman, correct?

Tana Bailey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's the motion.

President Lloyd: You'll keep the same account number, but you're just changing the title, is that correct?

Tana Bailey: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: But there is no money to be --

Tana Bailey: There is money in there.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I mean, there's not extra money --

Councilmember Raben: Excess money, there would be, though, correct?

Tana Bailey: If there is, there would be a little bit.

Councilmember Raben: So the motion still reads that no excess monies be transferred out of those lines. Will you accept that with your motion?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I think we can handle that, (Inaudible).

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

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

President Lloyd: I was remiss in not reminding Councilmembers that these all take five votes, they're all affecting the Salary Ordinance.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PROSECUTOR/AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE/ PART-TIME DEPUTY</b></p>
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President Lloyd: We'll move to item number nine, Prosecutor/Amendment to Salary Ordinance/Part-time Deputy. I'll take a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move to accept the Prosecutor's request to hire a part-time deputy for the remainder of '98 at the salary of \$22,000 without benefits. The funds for this request are going to be paid out of the Incentive Fund for the remainder of '98. Let me take everything that would pertain to them. Also, I would move to accept a name change to Enforcement Officer for the following Prosecutor salaried line accounts and those would be 1081-1110, 1081-1140, 1081-1170, 1081-1190, 1081-1200, 1081-1230, 1081-1250 and 1081-1260, and these name changes were all recommended by the Personnel Committee. I would also move to accept a recommendation based upon the committee to unclassify a position of Deputy Prosecutor, which is account 1080-1010 and again, this salary difference will be paid for the remainder of the year out of the Incentive Funds. The 1998 salary will be \$51,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Do you have anything else to add, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Not at this particular time. Let's take that one.

President Lloyd: Madam Secretary, please have the roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: I'm going to abstain on that. The motion passes six to zero.

**(Motion carried 6-0. Councilmember Lloyd abstained from vote.)**

<b>AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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**A) COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda would be number ten, Amendment to Salary Ordinance and as a reminder these all take five votes. The first item would be the County Council.

Councilmember Raben: I will move that that be set in as previously approved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Raben and second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, please call the roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

**B) COUNTY CLERK**

President Lloyd: Okay, the next item under the amendment to Salary Ordinance is County Clerk. What I was going to mention is, on this item, the County Clerk is asking for some upgrades and some downgrades, a reorganization of the County Clerk's department. She had sent information to all the Councilmembers on this and there was, I guess we had a difference of opinion on that. I had sent a letter to Mrs. Abell questioning the fact that when the Job Study recommended that her department go through with the reorganization and that came before the Council at budget time, the Council decided to not vote for the reorganization and just give each employee in her office a flat three percent raise. In my opinion and I believe in the opinion of the County Council Attorney, we felt that was voting down the recommendation to change and reorganize the County Clerk's department. Now the County Clerk disagreed with my opinion and the County Council Attorney's opinion, so what I would ask the other members of the Council, how do they feel about it and if they want to have a vote on this. I'll remind you that it does take five votes, then you're free to offer a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I talked to you about this and there isn't a position in the Clerk's Office that should be a COMOT II. I agree with Marsha, some of these should be upgraded. It's probably one of the offices that is really, needs to be gone over and completely redone because as hard as those girls work over there, there shouldn't be any COMOT II's in that whole office, and there's three of them. And they've probably got more COMOT III's than anybody and she said that it cost her \$8,000 to have the evaluation done. When I had it done in '89, they went over and sat in there for two weeks and sat with the girls and evaluated each one of their jobs and I guess I just don't think they've done -- whoever done the job study on this -- done a good enough job and I'd like to see Marsha go back and go over the whole office and bring a lot of them up because it needs to be. When you compare that with some of the other offices with the COMOT VI's they've got and that office only has got one COMOT V. There is no COMOT VI's, of course they've got the PAT positions with the Chief Deputies, but I'd like to see them go back over and completely redo. Where this that she gave us, some of them are being cut down and some of them are brought up, but I understand they're all still in the same jobs and I don't think that's quite fair, but I'd like to see it completely redone, Marsha, to bring them all up.

Marsha Abell: Did you not get a copy of it last year? It was done by Tim Deisher of that CPA firm, that's --

Councilmember Smith: We got that, but we didn't vote on that at all.

Marsha Abell: That's what I think, I think you didn't vote on it at all.

Councilmember Smith: We voted, we voted the three percent, but -- because we didn't vote on where that was and I just feel that really should be -- I know they say you wait two years, but when you compare that with the Auditor's Office, the Treasurer's Office and the different offices, they are very underpaid and I lost thirty some odd girls going someplace else for better jobs because they could go downstairs and make \$5,000 more than they could upstairs and had to work one hour longer and do a lot more work. And I told you guys this years ago. And you go downstairs and sit there and work for the judges, it's \$5,000 more money. It needs to be redone.

Marsha Abell: I agree, and I would like to address one thing you said, some of them did go down and I agree they --

President Lloyd: Excuse me, we need to change the tape. Hold that thought.

(Tape changed at 4:10 p.m.)

President Lloyd: Please proceed.

Marsha Abell: I agree that some of them shouldn't go down and I'll tell you that it's just because there's some cooperation in my office that some of them sort of agreed that they would allow that if the others could benefit by getting their pay raised because they all felt that it was an inequity among the ones who do the same work to not be paid the same thing. So it wasn't that I wanted to take anybody out, it's just the only way I could bring anybody up was to bring somebody down because I wasn't going to increase my budget any at all. But that was the reason, it wasn't because of the job, and it wasn't because they're doing less work, it was just simply a matter of balances --

Councilmember Smith: Because they're doing more work. That court system is something else.

Marsha Abell: We hit the 1996 caseload in October of '97.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm taking up here for Mr. Deisher a little bit here, on our Job Study Consultant. I know he spent a lot of time on this and I just want to let everybody know that did pass through Job Study. I think we all voted in favor of it, of the change, and being fair to Marsha here, she kind of feels like it wasn't voted on. And if it's okay, I'd like to make a motion, I know it's going to take five votes to pass this, but I'd like to make a motion just to clear the air that we consider her reorganization plan which Tim Deisher and the rest of it approved during Job Study. I'd like to make that motion.

Councilmember Raben: You're stating to reconsider, do you mean you're wishing --

Councilmember Bassemier: We only gave her a three percent raise and she felt like that she did not get a fair hearing on that. Am I correct on that?

Marsha Abell: Yes, and I'm not asking for any more money at all, I'm just asking that for some of the higher COMOT ratings, the two that I have, be brought down so that everybody is at least a COMOT III and a COMOT IV, so I can move people around in my office. When I've got a COMOT II that does a great job balancing a twenty million dollar child support account, but wants out because she wants to make more money, I'd just be able to move people around better if everybody -- I'd like it if everybody was a COMOT VI and a COMOT V, but I know that's not going to happen, so I'm trying to get everybody at a COMOT III and a COMOT IV. So I'm bringing down the higher ones to bring up the COMOT II's. It makes no change in the bottom line of the budget, the salary budget.

Councilmember Smith: I figured a \$19,000 increase, is what I figured on what you had at the budget time. There was \$19,000 difference.

Marsha Abell: Oh, at budget time, yes. But at budget time, it left the COMOT VI at a COMOT VI and that changed with this proposal.

Councilmember Smith: But that's exactly what you said we didn't vote on.

Marsha Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: Because there was a \$19,000 increase there.



President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I think this -- what you just said and what Mrs. Abell has said points to the problem that we have and that is, my understanding at budget time was we were not only voting the three percent, but we were not voting for your changes and if that's the case, then we have a legal problem because we have to wait two years and I think we've got a real hazy issue here to boot. I'm not comfortable with what's happening with your workers at all and, on the other hand, I don't want us to violate the law and the rules that we have to follow. There's another request that I have, and I know this is probably not the time to introduce it, but could we refer to these persons as women, because we never call the males boys. It has bothered me for six years. I'd just like for us to change that. I mean, these are grown people, this is 1998 and could we call them women instead of -- as we call the men, men. It just seems fair to me. That's the legal problem that I see and if Mr. Ahlers feels that way, if he wants to --

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to -- I'm getting two stories here. Jeff, would you elaborate on this? Is it illegal for us to make this change or...

Jeff Ahlers: I don't know if illegal is the appropriate word to use, but the question is whether or not it's within accordance of your policy. You have a policy effective July 1, 1993 that says that any requests for reclassification that's been before the committee within the last two years will not be considered and that there will be a two year waiting period between requests for the same position classification. If it was not passed at budget time, in other words just giving a three percent raise, then I believe with respect to those positions in compliance with this policy could not be considered again for two years. Do you see what I'm saying? This is a policy. Now, I don't know, I don't have the minutes, it's not an ordinance. I mean, when you say illegal, I don't like to use that word. I don't know what you mean by that. It would be in violation -- it would be contrary to this policy, I guess, is the best way to phrase it. You know, you have policies whether it's employee handbooks and various policies that have been adopted, and to do that would be contrary to what I just read to you. But to go so far as to say it's illegal, I don't like to use that word.

President Lloyd: The Council would be operating within the law, so it's obviously not illegal.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Ahlers, and I understand, it's just like, you know, I don't want sin to go out of style because preachers won't have jobs. And if legal interpretations aren't there, you lawyers won't have jobs. But you hit the right word then. Okay, if you want to talk about legalities, let's talk about our policy. The last thing I want to see at this podium then, if we are violating our policy are people from every other office in this county up here saying, well, you did it for the Clerk's Office, now you've got to do it for us. That's the bind I feel. And Marsha, I'm not against your changes, it's just that was my understanding. If I am incorrect, I mean, if the rest of the Council people, we were all there, do not feel that way, then I'd be comfortable with going ahead.

Marsha Abell: Could I ask a question?

Councilmember Hoy: I haven't heard from the rest of the Council as to what we thought we did in budget hearings.

Marsha Abell: If it was voted on, could you tell me what the vote was? Was it five-four, six-one, three-two, unanimous? I'm talking about the reorganization. What was the vote on the reorganization?

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion, we'll double check the minutes, but the motion was to set it all in at three percent and that was seconded, and I believe that was passed seven to zero, but I could be wrong.

Marsha Abell: That was, but I want to know what the reorganization vote was.

Councilmember Sutton: That didn't come to the floor.

Marsha Abell: That's my contention, Mr. Sutton. It was never brought before this Council in an open vote.

Councilmember Sutton: But even still, we have matters that may come before us that it may die by lack of a motion or a second for some reason or another and never actually receives a vote in and of itself. And it was a proposal that was presented to us and the proposal was not something where we had to necessarily vote on that particular proposal, but we had voted on what we had before us, which essentially was the same as not voting on the proposal that you had presented. I think on the whole, from my standpoint, I think a person's job title and their compensation, there should be some alignment there and it should be -- it should reflect what you do. And when there's inequities, there should be some ways in which those can be addressed, and I think that's why we have the Job Study. But I guess, probably an area where it does concern me, there are some areas where there's going to be some individuals that have pay reductions. Now, you've indicated that you've spoken with those persons and it doesn't pose a major issue for them, but for some people who lose maybe \$100 a month or something like that, that's a big loss. I mean, that's not something that everybody can absorb. I guess, that's where I really have my degree of uncomfortableness is the areas where the positions where the pay is going to be decreased and I wish there were some method where if the job title in some way or another is downgraded, where that pay would be less for that particular job, then the person would still retain their pay level, but if they ever left that position, whoever would come in, the new person, then they would come in at the lower pay rate. And we don't really have that as an option in this situation. I just don't really feel comfortable with that.

Marsha Abell: And I can understand that, and that's one of the reasons I made everyone in my proposal, everyone would be a Deputy Clerk. The COMOT VI person that I have, at one time did over two hundred cases a year. She does fifty a year now. And people used to make a salary shoeing horses, but they don't do it anymore. And if we don't change when jobs change, we're going to continue to have people that are horseshoers, but who is going to handle the computer system? We need to be making changes as the court system evolves and I'm sure the other offices have evolution that they're going through, too. But certainly in the court system, we're going through a huge evolution. There were some thirty-eight things that passed legislature just this term that affects my office. So, I just don't think you continue to pay someone to shoe horses just because you used to pay them to shoe horses, when you're not shoeing horses anymore.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't disagree with you. And maybe to some extent there may be some validity in terms of what you are presenting now today, might essentially be different from what you were presenting at budget time by the mere fact that those positions that you were intending to on the upper scale make some changes to, you are no longer proposing to do that. So there might be some difference in terms of what you're presenting there, and I don't know what ramifications that may have on that particular answer. I don't know if we are looking at the exact proposal that we had at budget time, so therein --

Marsha Abell: Well, and I can give you another example from what the legislature did this time. There's a new job now that my office has to do. Someone in my office is going to have to now keep an entire log of the name, address, eye color and everything else of people that bond out. Well, that's a tremendous job and I'm going to have to give that to someone to do with no compensation. It's not in their job description because that's something we've never done before. It's something that the legislature passed this year. I guess what I am trying to say is that there needs to be some flexibility where everybody's job title is not so precise that they

are not doing something and everybody is not such a different COMOT level that you can't say to someone now, you're going to have to do something additional. Here's something new that came in from the legislature and have them say, well, you know, if I keep getting more job duties I ought to be getting more pay. I mean, there's no question that if they get more job duties, they certainly should be getting more pay, but if everybody is compensated similarly in their COMOT levels within the realm of the court system, then they can distribute those jobs more evenly and love one another rather than having one person loaded down with something new. I mean, if I give that to Bond & Fine, which is where it should be, Bond & Fine is already overworked. I, myself, get called out in the middle of the night. Sue Hall got called out over the weekend. We can't continue to work these people at those rates and keep giving them more work because the evolution of the court system changes. And that's basically what this whole proposal was about, is flexibility of a system that's evolving every time the legislature meets.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I really feel the reason why we're talking about this is, did we really vote on it? And we're wrong if we did vote on it, but I'm going to stick with my motion because I don't feel we voted on it. In all fairness to the Clerk's Office, I feel that we need to vote on it because it's not in the minutes, it's just we agreed to give everybody a three percent, but we didn't mention anything about her reorganization. So whether I get a second on it or not, I'm just trying to be, during the Job Study, I just feel like we need to be fair to Marsha and either vote for it or vote against it.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Bassemier, we had a proposal here during budget session -- and it was a proposal, just that -- to rather than go with a pay increase to make some adjustments to PERF, I think that is what it was, to make it more attractive for employees. We could have done that, we could have voted on that, we didn't. We decided not to go with that particular proposal and went with a three percent increase, so essentially I see those two situations as identical in terms of what we were dealing with.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman? Could I raise a few questions here and, Councilman Sutton, that's a very good point. Marsha, I guess what may help us with clarification as to whether or not we voted on this issue, when you prepared your budget and submitted a budget before us, the amounts, those changes were part of the amounts on the individual line items that were submitted, correct?

Marsha Abell: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and we vote on line items, okay? So, in fact, we did address that. We voted down that request when we took it to the original level plus three percent. So, in fact, we did really address that request. It may not have been in the fashion that you wished it to be, but we did in fact do that. Because, again, we vote on line items and we either set them in at the requested figure, or make adjustments from there. So, in my opinion we did vote on it indirectly, but we did.

Councilmember Smith: I have said before and I'll say it again, the office needs to be upgraded, but I don't believe anybody would be too happy with their salaries cut \$2,000, \$3,000, \$4,000. I think, and I agree that we substituted this book for the red folder that we went by line item on all other accounts. This was brought in and this was everybody's salary and that's what we voted on the three percent. We substituted this book for the big red folder that we had in front of us. Now there is no way that I am going to vote to cut somebody's salary two and three thousand dollars knowing how hard that office is to work in. What I'd like to see is, go back to the Job Study and have them to re-evaluate every job in there because they all need to be upgraded.

Marsha Abell: Who would pay for that? I mean, I don't have any money to pay for it with.

Councilmember Smith: You've already paid \$8,000, I don't feel like he did a good enough job when he only did fourteen, sixteen of them, seventeen?

Marsha Abell: I don't know, I don't remember.

Councilmember Smith: I think every job needs to be looked at.

Marsha Abell: Maybe he'd be interested in coming back and redoing it if he thought the Council was unhappy with it.

President Lloyd: I thought he did the whole department, every job.

Councilmember Smith: What she gave us in that red folder, there was fourteen increases and three or four decreases.

Marsha Abell: I think the rest of them stayed the same. I do have a larger thing that I could provide to you, if you'd like to look at it.

Councilmember Raben: Was it the whole office or was it not?

Marsha Abell: I think it was the entire office.

Councilmember Raben: It was the entire office?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, it was.

Councilmember Smith: And you only came up with seventeen or eighteen changes, but he left three of them at COMOT II's?

Councilmember Bassemier: I wish he was here to defend himself. I'm sure he had a reason.

Councilmember Wortman: The attorney, to me, has spoken and I go by what he said.

Councilmember Hoy: I would remind Council, in defense of Mr. Deishser, that what he wrote went before the Job Study, so I don't think it's fair to lay any kind of blame at his feet. He did what he was asked to do and the Job Study did what they were asked to do.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Bassemier, you made a motion to consider the current reorganization or the old reorganization?

Councilmember Bassemier: The old.

President Lloyd: Is that what you want to do?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, that's what in '97 that we didn't -- I feel like she didn't get a fair hearing on it.

President Lloyd: None of us have that in front of us unless someone pulled their files from 1997 and brought them to the meeting.

Marsha Abell: If you'd like to table it, I can bring them to you the next meeting.

President Lloyd: There was a motion made. The salary effect of that, just off the top of my head was \$19,000 --

Councilmember Smith: Increase.

President Lloyd: -- Increase. Is there any second? Okay, motion dies for lack of a second. Thank you.

**(Motion dies for lack of second.)**

Marsha Abell: Could I do the little housekeeping thing that we did before the meeting, so I'll have it official? I discussed with you the change in the job description of the Assistant Chief Deputy of Elections. As I advised you before the meeting, there had been some changes made in those job duties. The changes were made by the Election Board and was sent to me by the President of the Election Board yesterday. I have the changes here. You indicated to me that if it doesn't change the title nor the salary, that it's alright to change the duties within, without approval of Council?

President Lloyd: I'll have to defer to Mrs. Deig on that.

Sandie Deig: The Council will have to give their blessing to any change, regardless.

President Lloyd: Okay, I made a mistake on that. So we need to consider that at the next meeting.

Councilmember Raben: Could I ask one question? If this is going to be back up for our consideration, Marsha, --

Marsha Abell: Which one are you talking about? I'm sorry, are you talking about the Chief Deputy of Elections or the job reorganization?

Councilmember Raben: The proposal to realign your office, okay, I did not recall having knowledge that the whole office was reviewed either. And I think maybe it was the way it was proposed to us. There may have just been the changes and not everybody else, but if you have the entire review on the structure of the whole office, why don't you send that so we see the whole thing.

Marsha Abell: I can do that.

Councilmember Raben: I was kind of like Betty. I thought there were a handful, you know, fifteen or sixteen jobs that were reviewed and I was not aware that the whole department was.

Marsha Abell: I'm sure the whole department was. Mr. Bassemier, you were chairman of the salary administration committee. Didn't you think the entire office was -- had all been reviewed?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, it was the entire office. A lot of employees stayed the same at a certain level. I think -- I don't have that chart with me -- but I'll just be guessing off the top of my head, but I think there's like (inaudible).

Sandie Deig: No, she completely reorganized the whole office. They were all changed.

Councilmember Raben: Everybody was given the same opportunity to be reviewed? That's the question.

Marsha Abell: Yes, that's correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay yeah, putting it that way.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No, that's been answered. Thank you.

President Lloyd: And then we need to do the --

Councilmember Hoy: May I ask a question of our legal counsel?

Jeff Ahlers: Sure.

Councilmember Hoy: And you may not want to answer this now, because you may want to study it or whatever, but if as a Council we made a request to reopen this or to have it reviewed again, would you still consider that we're still violating our rules?

Jeff Ahlers: What I would do --

Councilmember Hoy: For a two year period.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, obviously, it would be contrary to this policy. What I would have to do, I suppose, is look at the minutes from 1993 whenever it was adopted. I was not here. I don't know if it's a resolution. When you say policy, what form that it was in. I suppose that it's this Council's prerogative to modify its policies at any time. What I'm saying is that, as written now, to bring any position classification before it that was already considered would be contrary to this policy now. Now like I said, I suppose that this Council can modify its policies as it can from time to time like anything else, but it would be in violation as written.

Councilmember Hoy: Is this an ordinance or a policy? I don't know.

Jeff Ahlers: What I have in front of me is called a policy. That's why I said I would have to check the minutes to see if it was ever written in the form of an ordinance. I wasn't here in '93 and I don't know who else was. This just says policy for requesting job classification review. I don't know that that matters in terms of, I mean, it may matter somewhat, but still what I'm telling you is that you would still be contrary to this policy unless it was modified. But I don't think, like I said, if it's a policy it doesn't make it, we used the word illegal. I don't think this --

President Lloyd: We can look at the minutes. I believe the Council did approve it, but we'll need to dig out the minutes and take a look at it. Any other discussion?

Marsha Abell: I wanted to go back to that. Is there any chance that you can make that decision today because we're only looking at two months and they have a real problem down there as to who is signing payroll vouchers and to verify hours and we need some...

President Lloyd: Deputy of Elections?

Marsha Abell: Uh-huh.

President Lloyd: Could you give us a copy of the change of duties for each Councilmember and we can take a look at it.

Jeff Ahlers: Sandie just gave me -- she's a quick study -- gave me copies of the minutes and it was adopted unanimously as a policy.

Marsha Abell: I could, I could tell you real quick, it's just two small things. I mean, I can read you Mr. Foster's. It's only five lines if you're willing to --

President Lloyd: Okay, would Councilmembers be in agreement to accepting the reading to change the job description? Any objection? Okay, proceed.

Marsha Abell: It says the job description as it was written was sent to Mr. Foster and these are his comments when he sent them back. Please find attached the County Council job description for Dan Boerner's job, Dan Boerner being the Assistant Chief Deputy of Elections. I propose we adopt this with the exception we change paragraph one by deleting the words interviewing and hiring. And then he said, please let me know your thoughts. Basically, paragraph one says, duties were direct and supervise work of the Election Office staff including interviewing, hiring, training and disciplining personnel, assigning work tasks, yadda, yadda, yadda. So mainly, what they're changing is interviewing and hiring and that probably is actually in direct violation of the code book, the election code anyway, because the election code book 36-5-23 says that the Election Board will do the hiring of the clerical staff in the Election Office and doesn't address a Chief Deputy of Elections.

President Lloyd: Any questions of Council?

Councilmember Smith: I think the Election Board has to okay it after it's presented to them.

Marsha Abell: This probably was a housekeeping duty that the Election Board didn't want to take, do the hands on, interviewing and hiring. But they're doing that this year, so they're just asking that that be changed so that they're in compliance. And I don't have any problem with it, we just need some verification down there and get that thing running.

President Lloyd: And then if you could make copies available to Mrs. Deig for our records. Does anyone want to make a motion to approve this?

Councilmember Smith: To approve what?

President Lloyd: The five lines of change in the job description.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Mrs. Smith and second by Mr. Bassemier. Any other questions? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, please call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. That's a pretty quick action. Thank you.

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

**C) COUNTY TREASURER**

President Lloyd: Okay, we go to item C, County Treasurer. And I might have a few editorial comments here. This was related to the Job Study meeting from February 26, and there were four jobs in the County Treasurer's Office that were brought before Job Study and they were approved for upgrades. In my opinion, I don't believe they should have been brought before the Job Study because there was no increase in duties or change in duties, they were just brought up because another office had higher COMOT levels with a similar job description and, in my opinion, I don't believe that's right for -- that Job Study should even look at something of that nature. We had, I guess those four employees were sitting in the Job Study meeting for a period of time, so, I mean, I was concerned about the taxpayer. That's who I represent and I didn't feel that was a good use of taxpayer's money. I'm going to stop there and is there someone who wants to make a motion to approve this?

Councilmember Raben: I would like to make a motion, but I think it's important that everybody knows that the Personnel Committee did approve these positions. So I'm going to move to approve the Step III placement for line 1030-1170 Cashier Bookkeeper, the salary be set in at \$23,793; next is First Deputy Head Bookkeeper line 1030-1160, was approved as a COMOT VI, be set in at \$26,268; next Cashier Fund Ledger line 1030-1180, be set in as approved at a COMOT V and be set in at \$24,953; next is Cashier Excise line 1030-1190 as approved as a COMOT V and be set in at \$21,639. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Mr. Raben and second by Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Jayne Berry-Bland: I'd like to make comments before the vote is taken, please, which is probably going to do me in but I can't let this go. I'm glad I have the opportunity, I was not told that this was going to be heard today.

President Lloyd: Please state your name for the record.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Jayne Berry-Bland, Vanderburgh County Treasurer. I did not know that this was going to be heard today. I assumed that it was not going to be heard until April. The communication between the offices is very poor. I'm going to make a statement and I'll stay to reading to this so I don't get off of the issue that I'd like to bring up. The Job Study Committee, which is what we call it here in the Civic Center, is also known as the Personnel Administrative Committee. The Vanderburgh County Salary Ordinance for years has stated,



and I quote, and you have a copy of that, "The committee shall establish policies and procedures for its day to day operations based on the Vanderburgh County, Indiana, Personnel System Maintenance Guide. All policies and procedures and any amendments thereto shall be presented to the Vanderburgh County Council for approval by resolution." Are there policies and procedures established? I do understand that there are policies, you just read from it. I've never seen procedures. If so, as an officeholder, why do I not have a copy? Why was I not informed that this was going to be heard today? The first Job Study meeting held this year was last Thursday, February 26. Two of my employees were asked to leave this public meeting which is illegal, but the Auditor's Chief Deputy was allowed to stay. The Chairman of the Job Study Committee, Councilman Ed Bassemier, should not have allowed this injustice. But the biggest injustice comes from not hearing my request until February 26. The request was turned into the Council Secretary, which is Sandie Deig, on August the 11th, 1997. Both Mrs. Deig and Councilman Bassemier informed me that Curt Wortman, President of County Council in 1997, would not hear my request. Because Mr. Wortman wants to play politics should not influence whether my request is heard or not. The next Job Study meeting was held on December 17th, 1997, which I was not notified of this meeting, nor was my request heard. Why? The republican office of the Center Township Assessor had a request put in June the 12th, 1997 and a Job Study meeting was quickly called for July the 25th, 1997. This request was heard and passed. Another republican office, County Recorder Betty Hermann, put in a request in December, 1997, and the request was heard and passed at the December meeting. Now, in fact, Councilman Bassemier stated to me that he received the Recorder's request the day of the meeting. How on earth could anybody in that Job Study be able to make a decision on such short notice? I did not find out until January 1998 that there was a December meeting held. In fact, there were actually, they tried to hold two of them. December 16 there was no quorum so they rescheduled for the follow-ing day, December 17. I strongly believe that whether you are a democrat, republican, or independent should not make a difference in determining requests made by officeholders for salary considerations of employees. Partisan politics has no place in our local government. All county employees should be treated equally and I believe Ms. Abell has been preaching that right before me. I put this particular request in August 11, 1997 --

President Lloyd: Excuse me, Jayne --

Jayne Berry-Bland: I have a right to speak!

President Lloyd: You have a right to speak, but we need to change the tape.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Okay.

**(Tape changed at 4:40 p.m.)**

Jayne Berry-Bland: I put this particular request in on August 11th, 1997, yet it was not heard until February the 26th, 1998, although there was a December meeting. I asked for retroactive pay to January 1, 1998 because of the untimely hearing of this matter. I was told by the Job Study Committee that they do not consider retroactive pay. It has been given in the past. I certainly think because of the circumstance, this request for retroactive pay is reasonable and should be granted. By scheduling the meeting this late in the month, an appropriation request cannot be heard until April's Council meeting. I would ask that consideration be given to schedule these meetings earlier in the month so that the request may be heard in a timely fashion. This so-called Job Study Committee has become a political game. In the beginning, the function was to take each request, actually sit down and factor the jobs together as a committee according to the Oliver System. How many of you sitting here on the Council today are familiar with the Oliver System? I hope some of you are. How many of you know how to factor jobs? Anybody? Anybody know how to factor jobs? That's sad.

President Lloyd: The Council pays someone to do that.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Have any of you ever questioned how the factor is determined?

Councilmember Bassemier: I think you need to --

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I'm not going to -- Mr. President, may I interrupt, Sir?

Councilmember Bassemier: She's out of order and --

Jayne Berry-Bland: No, I have a right to speak.

President Lloyd: Are you almost finished?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes, I am.

President Lloyd: Okay, let her finish.

Jayne Berry-Bland: As in most systems the Oliver System is not perfect. There is a scope of high and low. In recent years, the County Council has hired a consultant that gives his recommendation to the Job Study. The committee members do not have the job descriptions nor do they have the Personnel System Maintenance Guide to provide the information needed to factor jobs. In conclusion, I would like to say that the County Council's representatives on the Job Study Committee, Jim Raben, Russell Lloyd, Jr., Ed Bassemier and Betty Knight-Smith ignored illegal behavior toward certain employees and officeholders in the public Job Study meeting of February 26, 1998. I am asking that you, the County Council, and the Job Study Committee begin again rating jobs by the Oliver System to maintain fairness for all employees throughout the entire county and avoid possible discrimination suits against the County Council and Vanderburgh County. I would also ask you to consider an impartial review of job classifications and the Job Study meetings be scheduled at least quarterly. Since they are public meetings, it would be helpful to notify all officeholders. As an officeholder, I have the right to attend every one of these meetings so that I am assured all offices are being treated fairly. I realize that the Job Study Committee's function is only to make recommendations to the County Council for review. The County Council has the final vote. It truly is unfortunate that important decisions that should be based on fairness and equality are so obviously being based solely on politics. If I were a republican, this issue would have been favorably resolved months ago. I will not apologize to the Personnel Study Committee or this Council for being a democrat. At the swearing-in ceremony in January, 1997, several newly elected and re-elected officials stated, and I quote, it is time to forget about petty politics and let the governing begin. Well, members of the Council, here's your opportunity to start governing. Do not continue casting your votes solely based on political mind. Let the governing begin, cast your votes as representatives of all the people in Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Lloyd: Yes, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got to answer some of these charges. I thought we were friends, but evidently I don't know what her problem today is. But let's go back to the meeting or last Job Study meeting. It was called to my attention that the rules, in fact, I think you brought it up, Mr. Lloyd, that only the representatives or only the department heads were allowed at these meetings. The records will show that I said that I did not have a problem with that. I said I did not care who was in the room, but the rest of the committee there said no, we've got to go by policy. So, I didn't have a problem with it, but I had to ask them to leave because everybody else wanted those two employees to leave. Both on both sides, the democrats and

the republicans said would you mind to leave the room. I mean, that's --

President Lloyd: Well, Mr. Bassemier, I guess one of my concerns was you had six employees from the Treasurer's Office, I mean, I was concerned that there was nobody down there to serve the taxpayer.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, and then let's go back --

Jayne Berry-Bland: Wait, wait, wait --

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I've got the floor now. I'm sorry, I have the floor.

Jayne Berry-Bland: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I don't care.

Jayne Berry-Bland: We did not have -- let me correct his statement first before you go further --

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier has the floor, please.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I didn't count everybody. I thought there was only two. Okay, in talking about Mr. Fluty, the reason why we let him stay in the room was because he was not on the agenda. So that was the reason that he was allowed to stay in the room. Now let's go back when you told us that we put this thing off for a year.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Months.

Councilmember Bassemier: If I remember correctly, our conversation was that Mr. Wortman was the president and the way the system worked with me, I do chair it, but the President of the Council, he gets it first and then when he's ready to schedule the meeting, they contact me. And I'll tell you what, I worked with you all along and I'm sorry that you said what you said, because I have never played any politics. And I'll tell you what, I've worked on both sides and I'll tell you, everything that went before my committee, we passed about everything, democrats and republicans. I mean, we've worked hard. Tim Deisher, our consultant, he makes the recommendations. I like to go along with him. He works hard on them and everything. Believe me, there was no politics played here and I'm really hurt over this. I thought we were friends. But evidently, --

Jayne Berry-Bland: There were no politics played from my not being heard until February, when it was turned in in August?

Councilmember Bassemier: There were no politics on my part and you know that, and you should apologize to me. You know there's no politics -- you told me --

Jayne Berry-Bland: Oh no I don't!

Councilmember Bassemier: You told me, I want to hear it. I got you in as quick as I could.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President --

Councilmember Bassemier: You said you wanted to hear it. No, you -- I mean, you've made some statements.

Jayne Berry-Bland: They're all true.

President Lloyd: Is there any other --

Councilmember Bassemier: But, anyway, we heard it --

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, I call for a vote.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, well I just want to say, you said you didn't know it was going to be heard today. You told us all that you wanted to hear it as quick as possible, and we're doing you a favor. And I'll tell you what, you were going to get everybody's vote today, I think.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Why was I not notified that -- I wouldn't have been here had it not been that I had another issue today. I had no idea. No one told me that it was going to be heard today.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I'll tell you what, for the record --

Jayne Berry-Bland: Does anyone want to say that they notified me? Anyone sitting here?

Councilmember Bassemier: Well I'll tell you what, I've got to make the record straight, I didn't know it until fifteen minutes before I walked in, myself. I'm not playing these games or politics. I represent everybody in Vanderburgh County. I'm a Council-At-Large, and for you to come up here and say I played politics, you know me better than that, Jayne Berry-Bland. You know me better than that. I rest my case.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben made a motion to pass this for the salary ordinance; is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second it. I'd like to comment on the motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, we've got a motion and a second. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I don't like what just happened, I was not a part of it and I fear that we may deny some people what they deserve and what was approved by the Job Study because of the inflammatory nature of this meeting and I don't know whether Mr. Raben would accept an amendment, but I would certainly accept it that we defer this until next month so that we can cool down and look at it with rational minds and with some advanced time on it because --

Jayne Berry-Bland: No.

Councilmember Hoy: -- I don't want to penalize these workers because if this is not approved today, I believe our policy states we have to wait two years. Is that correct? And that will be in another -- this one won't be questionable, though. It will wait two years, so my request, Mr. Raben, is that --

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll tell you what, I'm not going to change my mind. I'm still going to vote yes for it --

Councilmember Hoy: I'm addressing Mr. Raben. I know you're upset, Mr. Bassemier, and I understand, so am I, but I am addressing this to Mr. Raben. Would you --

Councilmember Raben: I can. Again, I would hope that everyone is voting for the request and not particularly based on statements made by an officeholder, but I will withdraw it if that is what everyone wishes.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll withdraw my second then.

Jeff Ahlers: Are you deferring it or withdrawing it?

Councilmember Hoy: He's withdrawing his motion.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, we just need to make sure that that isn't technically -- that it's being considered. If it's deferred, then it's not being voted on.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move that --

Councilmember Hoy: Or he can amend his motion to defer a month either one, but you can withdraw a motion. He can and I can withdraw my second and then we can have a new motion, or he can change his motion to defer. It doesn't matter.

Jeff Ahlers: As long as it's deemed and it's clear that you're not considering it so we don't run into this policy problem we've got.

Councilmember Hoy: That's right, I agree.

Jeff Ahlers: I just want to make sure the intent is clear this time.

Councilmember Hoy: I fully agree with you.

Councilmember Sutton: I think we ought to vote on it instead of deferring it.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think we ought to vote on it, too. I'm not changing my mind. I can't help it.

Councilmember Smith: I said in my first meeting last week when this came up, and what she said is not going to change my mind. I voted for it then and I'll vote for it now because I don't think personalities should enter into this even though I was criticized too, but we've got the people back there that need to know how they stand. So I would like to see us vote on it now.

Councilmember Raben: I'll reinstate my motion, and again, I want everybody to address the employee and not the comments.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second that.

President Lloyd: Madam Secretary, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: No. Motion passes six to one.

**(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Lloyd opposed.)**

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **A) FILING DEADLINE FOR APRIL 1, 1998 COUNCIL MEETING**

President Lloyd: We move to number eleven. I wanted to make one comment under new business. The Evansville newspapers are leaving; I did want to state that the headline in the paper that we receive in the morning had a nice headline for the County Council. It stated that property tax rates were going down and I would commend everyone on this Council, because that was our hard work in doing that. So I'd like to thank you all for that. That's our goal for the taxpayers, to keep that rate going down.

Councilmember Raben: I might, can I make a comment there on that? You're exactly right. I think everybody sitting at these desks today deserves a big hand. Reflecting back on what's taken place, we've funded a budget better than we ever have for '98 and at the same time reduced the tax rate, and we've got a 2.3 million dollar operating balance. So that's a job well done. Everybody deserves a pat on the back.

President Lloyd: (Inaudible - microphone malfunction). Okay, item A is the filing date deadline for the April 1, 1998 Council meeting and the (inaudible) so we need appropriation requests in by March 13.

#### **B) DATA PROCESSING RESOLUTION**

President Lloyd: Now we go to item B, Data Processing Resolution. (Inaudible) the minutes from this year's meetings and each Councilmember, please sign this.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **A) LEISURE LIVING WEST/PETE McCULLOUGH AND CAROL HALLER CONFIRMING RESOLUTION**

President Lloyd: Let's go to item number twelve, old business. That will be the second reading on the confirming resolution for Leisure Living West (Inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: Could I interrupt just one second? On a brighter side for the audience, we're not going to charge for the entertainment today. It's on the house.

Mike Robling: This meeting has been advertised as a public hearing on the tax abatement application for Pete McCullough and Carol Haller d/b/a/ Leisure Living West. At your last meeting, you approved the preliminary resolution designating the property at 307 N. St. Joseph Avenue as an economic revitalization area. The project consists of the construction of from 116 to 133 one and two bedroom apartments for persons fifty-five and over. The only change that has been made is that the legal description has been amended to remove approximately -- a portion of the frontage along St. Joe which was indicated would be utilized for commercial purposes and not part of the apartment complex. As a result of our discussions at the last meeting, I met with the developers and their attorney earlier this week to discuss the possibility of setting aside some percentage of units for low income households. I suggested twenty percent of the units utilizing section eight income limits and section eight fair market rents. They indicated that due to the level of amenities and facilities they plan to put into the project as well as the services they'll offer to the residents later, that they cannot afford to offer lower rents than what they had proposed. A section eight rents, for a two bedroom unit currently would be \$424, and they indicated that their rents would be at least \$600 for a two bedroom unit. So their proposal still stands as was originally submitted. My recommendation still stands that I do not feel the area is a blighted area. Although the Kmart store next door may qualify the property on which they're planning to build was a cornfield last year and was in productive use until the crop was harvested, and since they have indicated that they cannot allow any additional benefit by setting aside a portion of the units for low income households, my recommendation that this not be approved still stands. Any questions?

President Lloyd: Please state your name for the record.

Edward Johnson: President Lloyd and ladies and gentlemen of the Council, I'm Edward Johnson and I'm the attorney. I'm not going to speak for very long tonight. My client is here, Jerry Kissel is here and I think a whole lot of folks in the audience are here and I'm going to ask them to speak. Let me just address, if I can, a couple of things. First of all, the section eight housing, whether we can use the level of rents, and Mr. Robling is correct when he says we're going to have to have whatever level of rent, the minimum level for everybody, we're going to have to get that in order to make the project go. I think Mr. Kissel will explain to you, and I don't know, I'm going to let him do it, that this still may qualify for some section eight funding. They may be able to place some people in section eight. Let me talk to you about something; I've got two things on my mind. Number one is the revitalization area and I've got some pictures I want to show you of that. The second thing, I want to talk to you about future developments because last time you said, well, if we do it for this one, in six months we'll get another developer come in for an apartment complex and will we have to give a tax abatement. I want to address both of those and then I'm going to sit down and shut up. Let me give the first one, let me talk to you and let me pass out a folder with two pages worth of pictures because a picture will tell you it's worth a thousand words. Hold on here. Now, if you'll take a look at the inside, the pictures, on to the right hand side is an artist's rendering of what this is going to look like. It is representative of it. It is going to look that nice. Picture that, that nice, next to the Kmart property and those are all real pictures. We didn't make that up, we didn't stage any of it. That's what it looks like if you went out to St. Joe and Diamond Avenue now and took a look at it. I agree with Mr. Robling. This is an area that needs revitalization. Where he and I part company is, the cornfield is a cornfield today, it was a cornfield yesterday. If it's a cornfield tomorrow, the Kmart will look like this tomorrow. That Kmart is going to need this development to be developed even more so than last time. If you're westbound on Diamond Avenue, you get to First Avenue, that whole shopping center right now is closing. There is a Venture Store and a Buehler's Buy-Low. The Buehler's is closed, the Venture is closing. That's going to be for sale. That's going to be an area that's going to be developed. With that also open, it's going to make it that much more difficult to make the area, and again, I agree with Mr. Robling that it needs a revitalization, and that's the area where the Kmart is. Picture it looking this nice, developed this well and what you're

going to see is the whole area being revitalized, and it's really, if you look at the statute on tax abatement, that's what we've got to talk about. We've got to talk about an area that needs revitalization. Now, the second thing I said I was going to talk about was how do you distinguish -- why this one? Why would you give tax abatement to this one and not the next apartment developer that comes in? And the answer is because -- several reasons. Number one, it is going to promote some new jobs. It is going to promote the development of the Kmart property and all the new jobs that will go in there. Thirdly, it's going to hit a need in two areas that we don't have in Vanderburgh County. Number one, we don't have a lot of these kind of units on the west side of Evansville. Just yesterday or Monday in the Courier, there's an article about the university is buying up the apartments there. There really aren't apartments, and I think Mr. Kissel will help address this too, out on the west side of Evansville. Secondly, because it is geared to the middle class who retire 55 and over, we're going to give this community something that it really doesn't have. It is not geared as public housing, it is not geared for the very affluent. Both of those have their areas to live in when they get to be 55 or 65 or 75. This is for the middle class of Evansville. It's on the west side of Evansville, something we don't have, and if you come up, if you find a developer on Green River Road on a nice piece of property, don't give him a tax abatement. He doesn't need one. That's not a revitalization area. But if you get somebody that's going to sink the kind of money that Mr. McCullough is willing to sink into this project, give this community something it doesn't have, and revitalize an area to give the -- if the next guy comes in and he's going to take property that can revitalize an area that has sat vacant and looks like this, give it to him. And if he's going to give the community something it doesn't have, give it to him. This is not an apartment development. This is a development of living for 55 and over and that's what separates it from the other developments because it's going to revitalize this area out there that needs it, that's why it comports to the statute so we're entitled to tax abatement. Now, with your permission, I'd like to ask the folks who are sitting out here, who here is in favor of tax abatement for this project? Would you stand up, please? Thank you very much. You can sit back down. These are folks who want to see this project go on the west side of Evansville. There is a need for this project. Mr. McCullough has had people calling them, doing what they can to see if they can't get this project going because people want to be able to live independently for \$600 a month or whatever the rent is going to turn out to be. Now, I'd like to ask Mr. Kissel to come forward and speak to you just a second about the need for this kind of housing out on the west side and also whether or not section eight plays into this. Mr. Kissel?

Jerome Kissel: Good afternoon, Mr. President, members of the Council. My name is Jerome Kissel; most people know me as Jerry. I'm here today to try to lend support to this project. I have lived on the west side the bulk of my life with the exception of a few years in the military. I'm quite familiar with this property. I also am a representative, not officially here today, but a representative of the Evansville Housing Authority. And we have had conversations with Mr. McCullough and Ms. Haller. And I say conversation, we, that would be Mr. Collier and myself, pertaining to this project. Now if I might go back just a year ago, we were very much, as a housing authority, interested in developing this property for the very same thing that these folks are doing today and we had no knowledge that they would follow in our thinking on this property. We were working with the Martin Group and that is a property that we decided would be a good place for low income and other type of housing. We had two things that kept up from doing this project. One, it was outside of the county and we're a city agency so we couldn't go outside the county. And secondly, we were going for a tax credit program and we missed the deadline. So those two things caused us not to do this property. But there was a feasibility and marketability study done by the Martin Group, and it was very highly favorable and it showed very much of a need for housing in the west side. Now, with the university out there, housing was becoming so short that I read in the paper where the university now is renting about 300 apartments out on the east side. So I don't think there's any question that there is a need. We deal in the housing authority, as you know, with low income families. Right now, we have a four percent vacancy rate, which is one percent higher than HUD



normally allows. Now, this is not -- considering the fact that we just took 120 units out at the Lincoln facility which we just demolished. So we had those 120 plus what we have not, you can see what the vacancy rates are. There really is a glut right now in low income housing and then also I saw in the Courier this morning where the Memorial Housing Corporation is getting some state funding to do some more low income. And there's nothing wrong with this. With Habitat and all, their needs are being addressed. Now the people with money certainly don't need our help, but there is a group, the 55 and older group, which needs consideration. And that's the folks, part of them, that you see back here. They're entitled, too. They are taxpayers, they're citizens and they need help. This, I think, is a very worthwhile project or I wouldn't be here. I believe that these people are deserving of your consideration and I don't know why Mr. Robling said it, I'm sure he has his reasons, and I certainly respect that, we all have a right to our own opinion. But I would very strongly urge you to give consideration to and approve a tax abatement incentive for this project. Thank you very much.

President Lloyd: On the speakers, let's, hopefully you can bring different information (Inaudible).

Pete McCullough: Good afternoon, I'm Pete McCullough. I'm one of the people trying to develop this property. From the beginning of this project we strived to design and develop affordable housing for people 55 and over. We're struggling with the design and budgets to keep the monthly rent as low as possible. At the last meeting there was mention of luxury apartments. There's no luxury here. It's very functional. We don't have swimming pools, tennis courts, anything like that. We started a project like this, this is not like any other apartment project cost wise. There's a lot more cost per unit to accommodate seniors 55 and over than there is just to build a bunch of apartments for college kids or the general public. First of all, all the units need to be at ground level. We cannot dilute our land and infrastructure costs by going two story. It takes the same amount of money to put in water lines, sanitary sewers, storm sewers for this project as if it was a typical apartment project stacked on top of each other. It's obviously more cost efficient per square foot to construct two story buildings rather than a one story building due to diluting land costs, shared foundations, shared roofs, infrastructure costs, etc. So in order to do this project we're getting into more costs. Also the actual cost incurred in making the units user friendly for senior citizens, these units are designed to meet the ADA requirements. That includes such things as wide hallways, wide doors, additional floor space, square footage to negotiate wheelchairs, toilets: the high-rise type to be accessible, shower wheelchair accessible. For example, you can go out in a regular apartment and stick in a shower for \$150. Our budget right now is almost \$1,000 for the same shower to make it accessible for the senior -- the group we're trying to take care of. We're looking at rough ins for an alarm system, okay, for medical response. Additional security locks on doors. Little things like the HVAC, the thermostats. We'll have to pay probably twenty percent more to have one that's taken care of for the visually impaired, feel and clicking. All these things are running our costs up. Things like individual mailboxes at the front door instead of having a big community mailbox a quarter mile down the parking lot. Individual trash receptacles at the front doors instead of these people having to walk to a dumpster way off somewhere. Parking, most complexes have no or limited covered parking. Most covered parking, like on a lot of the other projects, would have a big shed somewhere across the parking lot and if you left your apartment you had to walk over to it. We're hoping to put in the budget covered parking so that people could get from their vehicle, handicap accessible, or from a wheelchair van, into the building, into their front door with out being exposed to the elements. All this stuff costs extra money. Another thing, and Carol might speak on this, to qualify that for 55 and over to meet...is that HUD? The Federal Housing Administration, we have to include a community building with activities, otherwise, someone 54 and younger could say something about -- you know -- a discrimination suit. So therefore, we're looking at added costs of construction and maintenance as well as administrative activities. Okay? And as Jerry said, we have talked with and will continue to work with the Evansville Housing Authority to make this as affordable for all seniors 55 and over. As he also

mentioned prior to this, we spent about a year looking into federal and state programs. Such things as tax exemptions, tax exempt bonds and tax credits. The people that we're looking at, the demographics come out that the people we're looking at are slightly above getting that. They're just slightly above getting federal welfare or state welfare, so therefore, if we don't get this we're getting zero, zilch, nothing. They're still working on a fixed income, whether it's at the affordable housing level or slightly above. So as time progresses, it could easily exceed, jump into that affordable housing program even though we wouldn't have the benefits or tax abatement. That's all I have. Does anybody have any questions? I'd be glad to try to answer them.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. McCullough, are they going to have washers and dryers in there?

Pete McCullough: Yes ma'am, they are. We're going to try to furnish the washer and dryer so that there's no maintenance involved so that people don't have to walk to a laundry somewhere.

Councilmember Smith: I received many letters from different individuals on this and I voted for the tax abatement for the apartments out on the east side and their one bedroom apartments are \$360. They was \$340 and they came up \$20 this year. They have a washer and dryer and they have all the things that you have mentioned, but the two bedroom is \$480. Now what kind of price are you talking about per apartment? Because that's one of the reasons that I base my vote on. Because if you're going up \$600, that's really not low income and you're talking about people on social security. So I need to know before I cast my vote, what is the approximate rent going to be?

Pete McCullough: We do not have an exact answer.

Councilmember Smith: Would you commit to an exact answer?

Pete McCullough: No, I couldn't commit to an exact answer. The accountant is still out. I can tell you this: we have spent much time trying to get the cost as low as possible and I would be glad to open the books of the constructions costs and the proforma to you when it's available and you can look at it.

Councilmember Smith: I realize that there's a lot of construction costs and a lot of things that have to be done to build a function like that, but I still think we have to keep the rent down, that a person on social security, you're talking about people on social security, that they can afford. But, now if by the time they pay \$480 plus they pay another \$100 a month for gas and lights, we're talking about quite a bit of rent.

Pete McCullough: Yeah. And believe me, our goal is to get it as low as possible.

Councilmember Smith: Somebody told me you had a figure of \$600 and I can't vote for tax abatement with a rent of \$600.

Pete McCullough: Well, I think you would have to see what all we put into it and look at our costs. Obviously, we have X amount of land costs, X amount of construction costs --

Councilmember Smith: They all have that and --

Pete McCullough: Some of those go back to several years when you did that. They were older apartments. We're also looking against apartments that have been built for what, years? We're building something new that is needed and we're doing it as cheaply and as inexpensively as possible to keep the rent down. I don't know how else to present it to you and I'd be glad to show it to you if I could.

Councilmember Smith: I feel like I'd have to have a commitment that the rent is going to be lower than \$500, or as low as \$500 because I think when you go past that, it's going to cost -- the average person on social security can't pay \$600 and can't pay another \$100 for gas and lights and live, because their social security is not that much and that's what I am basing mine on. And I realize that area out there, and I don't agree with Mike and I told him that, that I didn't agree with it not being a distressed area because it is with the Kmart building. Unless something is done, that's not going to come back and I'd like to see it come back, but I'd also like to see a reasonable rent that we know when we vote for a tax abatement, that they're going to give the people -- that they can live there and not be hurt financially.

Pete McCullough: Well, that is our intent and to be able to say, I'm going to put a price on the rent right now, until all the numbers are back -- believe me, if the numbers come back and everything works out fine, and it comes into \$500, nobody will be happier than myself. Because it means we will fill up faster. But there is a certain amount of construction cost, a certain amount of land and infrastructure cost, that we just have to deal with, and a certain amount of management cost. We feel like we have those as low as they can get.

Councilmember Smith: But you don't have any figures on rent?

Pete McCullough: Not an exact figure, no ma'am, I don't.

President Lloyd: Questions?

Councilmember Hoy: I just have a comment about, I know how ugly it looks, I go by there. But if you go out to Green River Road and other parts of this city, I think that as citizens we're going to continue to see this kind of thing, because these corporate decisions are made elsewhere. It was Kmart's corporate decision to close three, four stores in this area and build one. And if you watch on the east side, Wal-Mart has already moved to a big building, there is someone else in there, but you're going to see -- you are already seeing Green River Road vacancies and you will see more. This shifting around is going to create a lot of economic development areas like this and that's my fear, is we will have more of these coming in. I think you've got a wonderful project, but I'm not sure it will say what you're showing on this picture here because you're not going to see Wal-Mart there; they are already on the west side. You're not going to see Kmart; they made their decision. I'm sorry that happens. It also happens in my neighborhood all the time and that's the nature of what our economy is like now and I've made my speech many times and this is not against your project, but it's about this sort of thing, and that is, I'm old enough -- in fact, I'm old enough to live in the apartments because I'm 61 -- but anyway, we will never control this. This kind of shift is beyond our control as local people, this business of opening and closing stores, and I predict we'll see more and more of it and I think it's -- you know -- speaking in terms of the stewardship of resources, I think it's awful. That's not your fault, because I also agree with Councilwoman Smith, that I would have to have a more definite figure on the rent because I know some places where you can not only get your rent but your meals for a couple hundred more a month and a lot more services. And I know it's expensive to build, but that's where I am. I just say it to the Council because we're going to see this more and more where an area that was vibrant six months ago because of a decision made in Detroit or New York City or San Francisco or someplace way, away from here and every city faces it.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Pete, do you have an estimation as to how much, if this abatement is granted, how much it will reduce the amount of rent monthly?

Pete McCullough: What I did was took the plans, a full set of drawings along with all the site plans, down to the Perry Township Assessor's Office and had her run it as if it was sitting there on March 1, just so we could put it into the budget, which is one reason we -- you know -- the

tax abatement caught our attention after that. Each unit, which was 968 square feet on a two bedroom, was -- she told me it would be like \$720 a year, which of course, is like \$60 a month.

Councilmember Raben: I was just going to add that there was something of importance that was mentioned before is, out on the west side there really aren't a lot of, outside of a handful of duplexes, there's really not a lot of single story apartment complexes. I don't recall if it was Pete or who mentioned it, but Golden Towers, the people that are residents there, they are being forced to move out. Secondly, I guess, if you look at what they, as seniors, get today for their tax dollars, what do they really enjoy? I mean, how many of you folks spend your weekends at Burdette Park? Probably not many of you golf. Seniors drive fewer miles, they don't enjoy the new roads that we create. I mean, that's one of the few things you can really do for a senior is do something to make their lives more comfortable as far as where they live. So I think we've really kind of got to look at the whole picture and make an assessment from there on what you want to do. But I think it's probably a good project. I think it's probably worthy of our attention.

President Lloyd: I know I had talked to Mr. Robling, too, and I was hoping maybe you guys could work out something as far as (Inaudible) lowered for middle income seniors and I'd kind of echoed some of Mrs. Smith's comments (Inaudible) What you're going to construct there is a very nice facility and (Inaudible).

Pete McCullough: The only thing I could offer to Mrs. Smith or Mr. Hoy or yourself is I would definitely offer to open the books on all the costs, where they came from, and how we arrived at that rent when the time comes. If someone on this board is wishing to monitor it, we have absolutely nothing to hide on where the cost came from and why it has to be that much.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I don't want to monitor it. The point is that I know that senior citizens, and when you say \$600 a month, then by the time they pay their utilities and the facility out on the east side that we gave tax abatement is one the nicest apartments I've ever been in. It's not plush, but it's nice and the things that they did, and that's what he's -- that's what he gets in rent because I checked with him.

Pete McCullough: Yeah, and we did, too.

Councilmember Smith: So, if they got a tax abatement -- and you're not going to have too many one bedrooms, I understand.

Pete McCullough: We will, as the need arises, we will be phasing this in if there becomes a big need for one bedrooms, we can adapt as we go.

Councilmember Smith: I think most people are wanting two bedrooms but, like I said, when it goes over that, I think then the rent is high for a person on a set income and what I'd like is to see you basically make a commitment as much as you could to around \$500. I know, you haven't got it built yet, and we have to go on that, but I don't want you to come back here and then those people start calling me and saying well, he's raised our rent to \$650, because I got some calls when this one went up from \$460 to \$480. You did too, Curt.

Pete McCullough: We assumed that on something like this, there was a means by which to monitor that, and that's the reason I would offer this. But you're telling me there's no means by which to monitor where the rising costs or where the cost comes from?

Councilmember Smith: Well, when you come back up here next year, we can ask you the questions.

Pete McCullough: And I'd be glad to answer it and open the books in front of you then.

Councilmember Smith: But like I said, when I get calls from people, I return the calls and I went back out and I checked the prices here. And with the washer and the dryer and the only thing they pay is their utilities, and for two bedrooms, it's \$480. And if he can do it, I feel like you can.

Pete McCullough: I think it's a little unfair, Mrs. Smith, to say that. You'd have to look at our units, what we provided. We're larger, okay. When you look at our bathrooms, they're totally handicap accessible. I've looked at the plan, I've been in the units you're talking about and we have went well beyond that to meet the handicapped and the aged. We went well beyond that. We're talking about the covered parking; that adds roughly -- our first guess here -- \$2,500 per unit. And other things, you know, so yeah, I'd be glad to show you why, but I can't do it.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, it's 5:30, we've got to get out of here and I call for a vote.

Bruce Ungethiem: Mr. Chairman, could I make one statement because I've been standing (Inaudible). My name is Bruce Ungethiem. I think most of you know me.

President Lloyd: Is this related to this tax abatement?

Bruce Ungethiem: This is related to this project, yes. The first question that I've got is, is there anywhere on this site that there is going to be any retail activity going on? Grocery store, coin laundries, any of that type of activity?

Pete McCullough: No sir.

Bruce Ungethiem: Okay, so there is no retail that's going to go on.

Carol Haller: The commercial front lot could be.

Mike Robling: The resolution has taken out the commercial frontage on that property.

Bruce Ungethiem: Okay. Is this property currently designated an economic redevelopment area?

Mike Robling: It is, subject to confirmation today.

Bruce Ungethiem: Okay, so it is a revitalization area?

Mike Robling: Only if there is an affirmation by the board.

Bruce Ungethiem: It's my understanding that the revitalization area, and I took Mr. Ahler's recommendation when he gave me the I.C. code and I read that. It's my understanding that the designated body is the one who can designate this and for a county containing a consolidated city, the Metropolitan Development Commission is the designated body, not this body.

Mike Robling: The only county that has a consolidated city is Marion County.

Bruce Ungethiem: Evansville is not a consolidated city?

Mike Robling: No.

Bruce Ungethiem: Okay. Let me read you real quickly -- Mrs. Smith is concerned about the low income -- this is in the state statute. It says: A dedication for the redevelopment or rehabilitation of real property may not be approved for the following facilities:...this is Title VI, Article 1.1, Chapter 12.1, Section 3, Paragraph E, Sub. 11. Residential unless item A, the facility is a multi-family facility that contains at least 20% of the units available for use by low and moderate income individuals. This is a state law, it's not a well, we'd sure like to do that. And it also says that the area is designated as a residentially distressed area. To my knowledge, nobody has designated this as a residentially distressed area unless somebody can correct me on that point. I drive by the place every morning going and coming from work and it's a cornfield. There is no residence there, so it can't be residentially distressed. The Kmart store may make it commercially distressed, but it's not residentially distressed.

President Lloyd: Thank you very much. Mr. Wortman, did you call for a vote?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben seconded. Would Madam Secretary, please call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Pete, I'm going to vote for this, but next year I'm going to scrutinize it to make sure that your rent is not out of line. And if it is, I'm going to vote against it the next year when you come back for a renewal.

Pete McCullough: I'll look forward to meeting with you next year.

Councilmember Smith: I vote aye.

Mike Robling: If I could make a statement? I apparently overlooked what the gentleman just said about the 20%. If that -- I mean, I believe that is correct. That's probably why I brought it up to begin with.

Councilmember Smith: I brought it up the last time you were in here, if you remember.

Mike Robling: If that is indeed what the code says, and what he was reading sounded correct to me, that if you approve this, you will have violated the law.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, that's correct.

Mike Robling: The thing about a residentially distressed area, that's a different kind of designation that wouldn't apply to a multi-family housing project, I don't think. But the 20% language is in there. This is something you apparently can't do.

Councilmember Smith: I'm going to withdraw my vote and make a motion to defer this and let them go back to the drawing board and research it and come back next month because if we're breaking the law, we don't want to do that either.

Councilmember Hoy: There is a point of order. We have a motion on the floor and unless Mr. Wortman withdraws it --

Councilmember Smith: I withdrew my second on it, but if --

Councilmember Hoy: He's got to --

Jeff Ahlers: You can make a motion to temporarily defer something without withdrawing the motion. It would supersede. You can do that, although I don't know what happens when you've already started voting.

Councilmember Hoy: I think you have to vote on that, and I wish I had my Roberts Rules but I think you just can't willingly do that without a vote of the body and...

Councilmember Wortman: I'll withdraw my motion.

Councilmember Smith: I'll withdraw my second and also my vote, then I'll make a motion that we defer this till next month to give them a chance to go back and come back with us and let's have our attorney to research that, too.

Councilmember Raben: I will second.

President Lloyd: Any discussion? If not, Madam Secretary, would you call the roll?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes sir. I know I've asked Mr. Ahlers for this, but I think Mr. Ungethiem has what I am looking for. I'd like a copy of what you drew off of the Internet and I'd appreciate that very much. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Let's vote on the motion to defer. Madam Secretary, call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I know how I am going to vote, but we talked about this at our last meeting. I mean, why hasn't there been any research done on this? I mean, why are we suddenly just by happenstance having someone come up from the audience to bring up this issue when from when we talked about it last month when it was brought up, I mean, surely we should have had some type of ruling or some type of understanding on this before we'd have this group to come up here and they bring all their supporters and all this stuff. It just seems really out of order and just really almost a waste of their time -- good valuable time, especially with legal counsel in the room -- expensive time -- to have this whole thing go through. I'm going to go ahead and vote to defer it, but I just would hope that we could do a better job.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got to apologize to the audience, I was going to vote in favor of it and I think it's a worthwhile project and I think you all need that out there, but I've got to find out if we can legally do this or not, so I'm going to vote to defer it also. And I'm sorry, folks, you showed up here today.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm voting no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: The motion is to defer, right?

Councilmember Hoy: That's right.

Councilmember Raben: I say yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The motion to defer passes 6-1.

**(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Hoy opposed.)**

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I just looked at this piece that Mr. Ungethiem handed me and the first point is so clear that it has to be a multi-family project and this is not. And 20% has to be for low income. I think it's a great project, but I think we need to look at this before next month. I agree with Councilman Sutton, I thought we were ready to vote tonight.

**B) PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE SPECIAL MEETING FOR RULES COMMITTEE**

President Lloyd: Okay, the last item on the agenda is to ask the Council for permission to advertise a special meeting for the Rules Committee on April 1 at 3:00 which would be a half hour prior to our regular scheduled meeting at 3:30, so if everyone is in agreement for the Rules Committee, raise your right hand. Seven/zero agreement. We're going to advertise that.

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

President Lloyd: I'll take a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy, and Mr. Sutton seconded. Thank you very much.

**(Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.)**



VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Vice President Curt Wortman

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
APRIL 1, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 1st day of April, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:46 p.m. by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

President Lloyd: I'd like to open the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council, April 1st, 1998. Do we have a member of the Sheriff's Department here to open the meeting, please?

(Meeting opened by Tana Bailey of the Sheriff's Department)

President Lloyd: Thank you very much. Madam Secretary, could we have the attendance roll call, please?

(Roll call was taken by B. J. Farrell)

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	x	
Councilmember Sutton	x	
Councilmember Bassemier	x	
Councilmember Hoy	x	
Councilmember Raben	x	
Councilmember Wortman	x	
President Lloyd	x	

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda will be the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 25, 1998 SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 4, 1998 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING</b></p>
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President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is approval of the minutes from the February 25th special meeting and March 4th, 1998 regular meeting. I'll take a motion for that.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Lloyd: Second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Raben and second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? We'll just do a raising of hands for this one. All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven/zero. Approval of minutes passes.

<p><b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b></p>
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**A) TREASURER**

President Lloyd: Item five on our agenda, Appropriation Ordinance. The first item on the list is the County Treasurer. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Just a moment, I've misplaced something here.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I move 1030-1170-1030 for \$1,104; 1030-1900 \$85; 1030-1910 \$67; 1030-1160-1030 \$1,315; 1030-1900 \$101; 1030-1910 \$80; 1030-1180 \$2,055; 1030-1900 \$158; 1030-1910 \$124; 1030-1190-1030 \$1,776; 1030-1900 \$136; 1030-1910 \$107; for a total of \$7,108 be approved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Hoy, second by Mr. Raben. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary -- oh, excuse me, this is amended from what was submitted.

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to ask the maker of the motion to accept an amendment.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll accept an amendment.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, it will take me just a moment and a half or two to convert this to line items, but 1030-1170-1030 should read \$918; 1030-1900 should read \$71; 1030-1910 should read \$56; 1030-1160-1030 should read \$1,094; 1030-1900 should read \$84; 1030-1910 should read \$66; 1030-1180-1030 should read \$1,710; 1030-1900 should read \$131; 1030-1910 should read \$103; 1030-1190-1030 should read \$1,477; 1030-1900 should read \$113; 1030-1910 should read \$89. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll withdraw my motion and let that be the standing motion and I'll second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Do we have a total on those dollars?

Councilmember Smith: I didn't get the first figure you gave us...1170?

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Smith: I didn't get your first figure on 1030-1170, the first figure you gave us.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, \$918.

Councilmember Smith: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Raben. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second by Mrs. Smith. The total dollar amount when you add up the new figures: \$5,912. Any other discussion? If none, Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call vote, please?

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: No. Motion passes six to one.

<b>TREASURER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1030-1170-1030	CASHIER/BOOKKEEPER	1,104.00	918.00
1030-1900	FICA	85.00	71.00
1030-1910	PERF	67.00	56.00
1030-1160-1030	FIRST DEPUTY/HEAD BOOKKEEPER	1,315.00	1,094.00
1030-1900	FICA	101.00	84.00
1030-1910	PERF	80.00	66.00
1030-1180-1030	CASHIER/FUND LEDGER	2,055.00	1,710.00
1030-1900	FICA	158.00	131.00
1030-1910	PERF	124.00	103.00
1030-1190-1030	CASHIER/EXCISE	1,776.00	1,477.00
1030-1900	FICA	136.00	113.00
1030-1910	PERF	107.00	89.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,108.00</b>	<b>5,912.00</b>

**(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Lloyd opposed.)**

**B) SHERIFF**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be the Sheriff Department.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move 1050-1210-1050 in the amount of \$1,000.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilmember Smith. Any

discussion? Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call vote, please?

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1210-1050	PAYMENT OFFICER	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		1,000.00	1,000.00

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

### **C) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Lloyd: Next on the list would be County Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Hoy. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call vote, please?

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1300-3471	ABSTRACTS	5,750.00	5,750.00
1300-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	3,000.00	3,000.00
1300-3841	DAYLIGHT SEWER	26,324.00	26,324.00
1300-3410	PRINTING	12,000.00	12,000.00
TOTAL		47,074.00	47,074.00

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

**D) CIRCUIT COURT**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be Circuit Court.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval as submitted.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion to approve by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Bassemier. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, let's have the roll call vote, please.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-3902	GRAND JURORS	4,800.00	4,800.00
1360-3903	PETIT JURORS	46,000.00	46,000.00
TOTAL		50,800.00	50,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

#### E) TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

President Lloyd: Okay, the next item on our agenda is under Tourism Capital Improvement and that would be Auditorium Furnishings, \$1,500,000. I'll entertain a motion for that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I move passage of 3600-4062 in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the Tourism Capital Improvement Fund.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: We have a motion to approve from Councilmember Hoy and a second from Councilmember Bassemier. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I think last week we had several questions about this request and primarily the questions that we had were related to -- I know that I had in particular -- where this \$1,500,000 was added to what was already a bid project. Not quite understanding why we're coming back and then asking for an additional amount when this project has already gone through the bidding process. Twice, in fact, it went through the bidding process and an amount was set and now we're coming back asking for more for the same project on the Auditorium, but really coming from a different pot. It doesn't seem to -- the way we look at this -- it doesn't really seem like this process is -- it just doesn't seem to stack up right in terms of we pay \$35,000,000 on the bonding issue and we're still coming up short in terms of what this facility needs. Maybe someone can speak to this. They gave us a list last week of the type of things that were going to be in this 1.5 million. Can you elaborate on this a little bit?

President Lloyd: Do we have some officials here from the Convention & Visitors Bureau? Please state your name for the record.

David Dunn: My name is David Dunn. I'm the President of the Convention & Visitors Bureau. The County Commission did, in fact, bring the project in within the \$35,000,000 budget in accordance with the bond that they had sold. There were some shortfalls that were cut out after the second bid and those total in excess of \$1,500,000. The \$1,500,000 is going to be used to add back in some alternate furnishings that both the County Commission as well as the Convention & Visitors Bureau felt were absolutely necessary in order for us to provide a marketable, competitive facility to be competitive in attracting those conventions.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess probably more of my concern is we do want a nice building, a nice facility, the Auditorium, and I think we're going to get that, but I guess I'm looking at the process and we submitted it for bids a second time because the first bids were in excess of

what the bond issue was for and we had a company that came back and then resubmitted bids. I guess if I'm company B and I submitted my bid and still I'm a little bit over what you're looking for and now we're coming back and we're putting that back in, I'd almost feel if I'm company B and I didn't get that contract and I included maybe some of the things we're talking about here, I'd almost feel like I got the short end of the stick on the deal.

David Dunn: When the second bids came in, all of those alternates had been removed so the companies were bidding on apples and apples.

Councilmember Sutton: They were bidding on the same thing. And I guess when the Commissioners did go back and remove some of those things, I guess we were never really under the impression that we would come back and add these additional things in. Essentially what we were looking at is scaling back the facility to fit within our bonding issue, but I didn't think we would go back essentially to another source from the taxpayer and kind of ask for them to pick up another piece of the tab to get us back where we wanted to be in terms of the quality of the facility.

David Dunn: Once the second bids came in and once it was clearly identified what those alternates were and how it was going to affect the quality of the project, there was discussion about our ability to be competitive and we felt very strongly that those items would be necessary for us to again offer a first-class facility and I understand your concerns and sentiments.

Councilmember Sutton: Could you maybe share with us, Mr. Dunn, because they were talking kind of fast last week and I wasn't able to write down many of those things, if you have some of those things that will be included in this 1.5 million that's being requested today. If you've got some of those things, if you could list maybe some of those things out.

David Dunn: Some of the things, without trying to offer you an all inclusive list, would be a portable wall that's going to divide the exhibit space. We have 40,000 square feet of exhibit space and after the second bid came in that wall was going to be eliminated, which essentially left us with the entire room to have to work with. We're adding back in this portable wall that allows us to divide that room in half. Also, we have some breakout rooms where the shell of the room within the second bid was going to be complete, but now we're able to add back in the walls that divide those six breakout rooms so that those rooms could be efficient as well. Within our ballroom, all the acoustical tiles were removed within the second bid and we felt very strongly that for sound effects the acoustics needed to be enhanced so those elements are included back in the alternates. There is some exterior lighting that's going to be brought back into this package that just allows for an upgraded, finished exterior product. There's an escalator that's going to be brought back into the project which had originally been eliminated within the second bids, elements like that.

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible - microphone not on)

David Dunn: They were in the original package on the first bid. But in order to bring the scope of the project down to within \$35,000,000 those items had to be removed.

Councilmember Sutton: I know there always seems to be some idea or difference between when you sit down and have architects and designers when they put together a concept of what the building will be like and then when the guys who actually get in there and do the work, there always seems to be a difference in what your price may end up being. And I guess what I'm really going to, my question, what we're looking at here, is this the end of the road here or are we talking about some additional costs over and above what this 1.5 million that we're looking at today?

David Dunn: Mr. Sutton, I'm not aware of any other additional costs to be considered to complete this project as it's being presented to you today.



Councilmember Smith: I think they said last week when they were in here that they would probably come back and ask for another 1.5 million for furniture and whatever after the project is finished. I feel like this is a misleading thing to the general public, I think it's a ripoff, I think they cut out these things knowing that they could go to the Visitors Bureau and talk them out of the money. Thirty-five million dollars is a lot of money to spend on a facility. They sold Ellis Park for \$22,000,000; that's a lot bigger facility for \$22,000,000. We're putting \$35,000,000 across the street there that's never been anything but a tax burden and now they're coming back and asking us to put one and a half million back in for something they cut out. I think it's terrible. I know they came to you and as the President of the Visitor's Bureau, you wanted to be the good guy and I guess I've got to be the bad guy because I think it's a ripoff to the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County that didn't want it done to start with and you're coming back, putting back in what they cut out and they did it twice. I think it's terrible.

David Dunn: With all due respect, Mrs. Smith, we're not requesting this appropriation to be a white knight or a good guy. These are items that we feel very strongly about that allows us to offer a competitive facility that will ensure that conventions and convention planners will consider Evansville positively and allow the visitors and conventioners to come to this community so that we can bring back that economic potential that we have lost in the interim basis --

Councilmember Smith: Then they should have left it in the bid to start with if that was a necessity to make it a first-class facility instead of cutting it out and going another route to get the money.

Councilmember Hoy: Correct me if I'm incorrect, Mr. Dunn, I think that once the bonds were issued for \$35,000,000, that tied you in at \$35,000,000 --

David Dunn: I could not expand upon it at all.

Councilmember Hoy: I've said this before and I don't really want to say a whole lot more because I frankly, really didn't want it to go this high and you know that. We were looking at \$25,000,000. But once we -- I would remind Council one more time, that once we relinquished control of the ownership of this building to the Building Authority, we in essence lost control over the cost of this project and we knew that. I'm not saying that I'm happy with it, but we did vote that and our problem now, we're looking at a 4.2% increase, a lot of which I think has to do with the fact that so much construction is going on that it's costing more to get -- I just went through this at my place and I know that a project that started out at \$36,000 -- a small project -- ended up at \$55,000 and there was nothing we could do but finish it and raise the money and pay for it. That's a whole lot more percentage than you're looking at. So we're in it now and I think we should finish it. I'd sure hate not to have those partitions especially and the acoustics for the ballroom since I do like to dance.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith and I weren't on the Council when the vote was taken on the Auditorium project, but I was able to attend a luncheon with the Indiana Association of Counties and they are looking at coming down here for their convention in two years and I know they were very excited about the Auditorium and that the presentation that you gave, Mrs. Kight, I thought was an excellent presentation and --

David Dunn: They have committed to us, by the way.

President Lloyd: Great, that's good news! That was like 700 delegates or something along that line.

David Dunn: Somewhere between 800 and 1,000.

President Lloyd: That's great. But I don't know what you want to call it, a cost overrun, but I think it's something we really need to put in there and I think it's a very good use of that tax

money to do that and I'm glad that the board was willing to use the funds in this way and I agree with Mr. Hoy that we have to finish it and this will make the facility that much more versatile and better. It is expensive, but I think we need to spend the money. Any other discussion on this? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: You guys are just the messenger, so don't feel like you're being shot here. I am concerned about the potential for future requests on this and I know that we want a nice facility and I'm going to go ahead and vote for this because I want this to be a nice facility, but I do have a lot of reservations and a lot of concern about this. But at the same time, as this project is proceeding forward, and this is probably more something for the Building Authority, I really would like for us to get a pretty regular update on where we stand in terms of the timeliness on this project from a cost standpoint, completion date, that type of thing, because I know people can come and make a number of promises that this will be done on time and I've dealt with situations like that myself and this will be done this particular way and then when it comes down to actual performance, there's always a well, this happened, that type of thing. So I think we really need to stay close to this issue because I think there is a potential that we could end up with another request. What that might be, who knows, but I think if we can get a regular update on this project rather than at the end receiving a bill, we're going to feel much more in control of this project as we're going along even though we won't have the ultimate control in the end of the building, the facility.

David Dunn: The building is scheduled to be finished July of '99 and we've got a group of over 1,000 coming in September, so likewise, we're very anxious to be kept abreast of progress in that facility because we've already committed and sold the facility for a group that's coming in September.

Councilmember Sutton: We better have a whole lot more shows in here at this price tag, what we're getting. We better have a lot of shows, a lot of performances, never have the lights out over there, something always going on.

President Lloyd: I know the Commissioners, they have regular updates at their meetings, whether any of the Councilmembers want to attend those or not. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I like Mr. Sutton's suggestion and I'm also liaison to the Convention & Visitors Bureau, so I think we can negotiate that. Mr. Lloyd, help me with my memory because President Lloyd and I met with the Building Authority and it's my understanding that what this appropriation covers are all of those things that were on the list that we saw on Mr. Utley's wall there. They've got them timed so they are phased in to keep the costs as much in line as possible. I have one more question, however. I don't think there's another million and a half you're coming after, is there? This is it?

David Dunn: No. This is it.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please?

Geoff Leonard: Excuse me, (Inaudible - comments not made from microphone).

President Lloyd: Sure. Do you have something related to this topic?

Geoff Leonard: Yes. Geoff Leonard with Rivers Bend Playhouse. I would tell you that these are the notes from my presentation, but that would be my April Fools joke, so it's not that lengthy. I want to preface my comments by saying that I'm not here today to be critical of the County Commissioners or the Visitor and Convention Bureau or of the County Council and I won't even go as far as Mrs. Smith and say that the Auditorium project isn't good. I will say that I think I represent the general public in saying it sure looks like a whole lot more than what

the public was expecting when suddenly the whole building disappeared except for the stage. But I'm not saying it's a bad project. I am here today because there are three concerns and the first is a concern that I know is shared by some of the Councilmembers, and that is that in the public's eye the presentation that was given by the county was we're going to spend \$35,000,000 and no more. And we dipped into the county pocket and pulled out 35,000,000 bucks. Now we've gone to the Convention & Visitors Bureau which is county tax dollars through the Hotel/Motel Tax and we suddenly reach into our other pocket and said, whew, I found another million and a half. Well, we'll just spend it, too. So the representation to the public, I think, has been misleading or confusing because we're still talking about additional county dollars. As another applicant in this latest round with the Convention & Visitors Bureau and an observer through all of the presentations, the interesting thing was I don't recall hearing a lot in the presentation regarding a movable wall or the escalators and I was surprised not to hear that. Instead, we were hearing talk about signage and loose furniture, like conference tables and chairs that you would have to have for conferences and of course, we have to have signs to identify the building. Now all of the sudden we're hearing that, oh no, this is the escalators and this is the movable wall and so forth. So there was some confusion there. The third concern is not what are we getting for the million and a half, but what is lost and I doubt that County Council has heard anything about the projects that were not funded in order to fund this million and a half. One was Burdette Park. There were four proposals and all came before the Convention & Visitors Bureau at the same time. One was Burdette Park which because of rising repairs costs and maintenance costs for the two swimming pools, the county keeps pressuring saying, God, why are the repair costs and maintenance costs continuing to escalate? So Burdette wanted to put in -- have it sandblasted and put in two fiberglass liners which would take care of a tremendous amount of that maintenance cost. The county won't pay for it so they went to the Convention & Visitors Bureau because it is a tourist attraction and received nothing. Mesker Zoo, which is the largest zoo in Indiana and which has now received a tremendous amount of money for upgrades and improvements over the years, it's been a long time since they've seen a lot of money invested in that facility, was looking for funds to do the outdoor amphitheater and a new entrance which would certainly enhance that tourist attraction for the city. And they received nothing. Rivers Bend Playhouse, which as you may or may not be aware, is working as a grassroots organization to restore and expand the Alhambra Theater, which for the record is the oldest historic theater nationally recognized in Vanderburgh County and I should emphasize that our presentation was not made as a community theater organization. The Alhambra Theater will not be used just as a community theater but it will be marketed for conferences, seminars, corporate training, because typically for a community theater, the facility is dark during the daytime hours when most of those training sessions are taking place and we know of several companies that are now going across the river -- we won't even badmouth our neighbors -- that are going across the river with conferences of two to three hundred people rather than having those in Evansville. I have, and I'll emphasize, this is a copy of our request and I'm giving it to you just as a reference copy. There aren't copies for every Councilmember because we're not asking you to redo the Convention Bureau Committee's work, we're not taking issue with their assessment of the project. You can pass it around, keep it, take whatever parts you want, fight over it, or I'll give you more copies if you want them. We had already secured a couple of entities to use the Alhambra when completed. We have, and there's a copy of the letter there, the Indiana Community Theater League had requested that Rivers Bend Playhouse host the 1999 State Community Theater Festival which typically has three to five hundred participants at the Alhambra and Risk International, which is a consulting firm based in Pomona, California with representatives in Louisville, have expressed interest in using that facility for regional and national theater technician training seminars. As it stands right now, we are going to have to send the state theater festival to another community because without some type of support through the Convention & Visitors Bureau, we could not get the additional construction started in time to make that particular convention happen. This is not an out of the blue proposal or project. Arts Market, which was a consulting firm hired by the city in development of the theater district's plan, one of their top priority recommendations was that Vanderburgh County needed a performance space that would seat between two and five hundred people. You may recall vaguely in the mist of your memory, that there was about a three hundred seat theater

as part of the original theater district plan. That other performance space has since disappeared and you hear nothing about it anymore. So the Alhambra Theater project was never intended and we don't feel that we are in competition with the Victory Theater or with the Evansville Auditorium and Convention Centre, but rather we would be complementary for the smaller conferences and conventions that will come to town and there was indication at the Convention & Visitors Bureau meeting that yes, there are requests for facilities like the Alhambra that will seat between two hundred fifty and three hundred people. And I guess today this is -- do I think that by being here I am going to alter the course of the mighty waters flowing? No, but I want to present the what if. What if different funding had been put together, would a different type of package have happened? And this is the what if list. The question is, what if for that needed million and a half, the county would have been willing from somewhere to pony up half of that money? You're talking about a two percent increase over the \$35,000,000 bond issue, \$750,000, two percent. Had the county put in an additional two percent, if you look at the bottom of the page, the top is what actually happened, the bottom is a possible alternative and a what if. The Convention Bureau could have provided the other three quarters of a million dollars, could have provided 50% of Burdette Park's request, which would have taken care of one of the two swimming pools, cutting the maintenance and repair costs in half on an annual basis, could have provided almost \$300,000 to Mesker Zoo which would have been a great leg up on getting the Amphitheater and the new entrance started, and could have provided the Alhambra Theater restoration/expansion project with 35% of its request which certainly, with prior commitments and subsequent commitments, construction would now be underway and we would be hosting initially the state community theater festival amongst other events. So, it's a what if. What if the county would have come up with half of that money from another source and allowed the Convention & Visitors Bureau to spread that million and a half across four projects rather than putting all their eggs in one basket with the one project. So, my April Fools Day question for you is, what if?

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think we shouldn't get confused here, property tax versus the Convention Bureau tax, Hotel/Motel Tax. I think everybody ought to get clear because we're not dipping in the taxpayers' pocket from the property tax standpoint.

Geoff Leonard: I'm sorry, I didn't mean to imply that. The point is the Hotel/Motel Tax is a county tax that should be there for the county. So it's still county funds, whether it's property tax or otherwise.

Councilmember Hoy: And I appreciate Mr. Wortman saying that because you've referenced how much was torn down of the old building. That tax, which is the Food & Beverage Tax, is a tax that is passed by the state legislature at our request, of this county's request, and it's a penny on every dollar you spend on food and beverage. So that particular tax, not property tax, will amortize the \$35,000,000 worth of bonds and further, since the legislature voted that and attached that tax to that building, it cannot go anywhere else. In the process of discussing this whole issue of the Convention Centre, it was proposed that we build a bridge across Walnut Street to the Green Center. And the state said no, not even attaching the Auditorium Convention Centre to the Green Center, that wouldn't fly. It had to be one place, it had to be there, it was voted there. There's not a whole lot above ground level, but there's an awful lot of underground there that's still left, dressing rooms and a number of other things, these folks could comment on it more than I, perhaps, but that's how come that tax is attached there. And since so much was torn down, that's probably why the cost went up. Those bonds will probably amortize, however, in about half the time that we think they will be because that's a very steady tax. I appreciate Mr. Wortman bringing that up because we're not looking at property tax here.

Geoff Leonard: And I'm sorry if you felt I was criticizing the Vanderburgh Auditorium. I thought I make it real clear that I wasn't. It was a matter of where the funds came from.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to address one issue on Burdette. The Commissioners have awarded a contract on that and their project is moving forward and it will be ready for the summer. So they have, in fact, awarded the bid on relining the pool.

Geoff Leonard: Wonderful. Then on the bottom, take that \$135,000 and add it to either Mesker Zoo or Rivers Bend.

Councilmember Hoy: I appreciate your efforts and we are very interested and the zoo has been discussed. However, I would remind you that there is a brand new building at the zoo and there is also a new -- and I can never think how to pronounce the name of the monkeys, but I like to watch them -- that also has been funded and, you know, we live in the time of we want gratification immediately and, don't we all. But as the funds come in from the Innkeepers Tax, then I believe these folks can -- and again, they can tell you better than I because they track this better than I do -- but as those funds come back in, we will be able to fund some of these things as well. They are turned down for now, but they are not forever dead and as that money comes in, we do pay those things off.

Geoff Leonard: And I appreciate that, however, we were told that this million and a half committed all anticipated available Capital Tourism Fund dollars for this year, next year and probably part of a third year,. So yes, you can come back if you're still in existence in three years.

Councilmember Wortman: I might also inform you that we also funded the Reitz Home twice, \$300,000 each and the Museum, moved the train twice, too. So there went another three hundred. But we do have level headed people on this commission and I really appreciate their input and their knowledge and their decisions.

Councilmember Raben: That train has traveled more in the last few years than it did during --

(Inaudible - several speaking at once)

Councilmember Bassemier: You made some very good points, but we really want to do the Auditorium right and it will affect everybody if it's done right because it's going to bring in conventions and it's going to make money for everybody. When it does that, it will help your projects, too, in the near future. But you made some very good points and we appreciate you coming.

Geoff Leonard: And again, it was just a question of funding and -- oh, with regard to the Convention & Visitors Bureau, I spoke with Mr. Dunn and Ms. Kight before the meeting and I said, I'm not here to criticize the Convention & Visitors Bureau. If you're in charge of that project and the County Commissioners say we need a million and a half, they can make a darn good case for it. But, thank you.

President Lloyd: We'll go ahead and call the roll call vote, please.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I'm going to vote no because I don't believe it's right, but I respect Mr. Dunn for coming and explaining your situation. But I know you're under pressure. This is one of the things you really didn't have a whole lot of choice in.

President Lloyd: Excuse me, we need to change the tape. Hold that thought. Okay. Continue with the roll call vote, please.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think I've probably said more than enough in terms of how I feel on it. But despite that I will go ahead and vote yes and want to make sure that we keep very close

to the project.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes five to two.

<b>TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
3600-4062	AUDITORIUM FURNISHINGS	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,500,000.00</b>	<b>1,500,000.00</b>

**(Motion carried 5-2. Councilmembers Smith and Raben opposed.)**

**F) LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be Legal Aid/United Way.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, that's one of my assignments. This is United Way money that's come in and I move that 4290-3990 \$1,852 be appropriated.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Hoy, second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-3990	MISCELLANEOUS	1,852.00	1,852.00
TOTAL		1,852.00	1,852.00

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

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**A) COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: We will move on to the transfers. The first item would be a transfer request from the County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval for 1090-1120-1090 to account 1090-1970 as submitted.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Second by Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Hearing none, we'll have the roll call vote, please, Madam Secretary.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM:1090-1120-1090	CHIEF DEPUTY	3,815.00	3,815.00
TO: 1090-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	3,815.00	3,815.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

**B) ELECTION OFFICE**

President Lloyd: The next transfer would be the Election Office.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, if no one objects, I would move that we accept the remainder of the transfers as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to discuss the Election request. We had asked for Business Records to get an itemized account of that and they haven't given us one, because I think that figure is what was put in there for the year.

President Lloyd: Right now we have a motion and a second to do those all. Did you guys want to amend that?

Councilmember Raben: I would amend my motion to read: Election Office 1210-2700 to account 1210-3530 in the amount of \$444.11. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Hoy: Are we withdrawing the original motion?

President Lloyd: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I'll withdraw my second.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mrs. Smith seconded it. Okay, we have a motion and a second on just the Election Office accounts. Is there any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Marsha, the freight charges, with the \$444.11, is this for just the spring or is this for the whole year?

Marsha Abell: I think that was the freight charges to send the -- I'll have ask -- Dan, those were the freight charges to send the frames to BRC. I had no idea about any of this. This is the first I saw the Election Office being on the agenda. But BRC just left 30 minutes ago. Had I been warned, I would have had them come in here and answer the questions.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I asked John to call up there and get an itemized account because we did that in-house for like \$6,500 every year and if it's going to cost the \$34,510 for the spring plus what it is going to be for the fall?

Marsha Abell: Oh, it's not anywhere near \$34,000.

Councilmember Smith: But they would not give us a line item we asked them for.



Marsha Abell: I don't know who asked them for it.

Councilmember Smith: John called them. I asked him to call.

Marsha Abell: Well, I guess I find that hard to understand since the Circuit Court Clerk is supposed to be in charge of the Election Office and Mr. Hill is in Voter Registration. Had you asked me I would have been happy to call them.

Councilmember Smith: He is also a co-manager and the request was to get a line item of what the actual cost was because you couldn't give them the answer at the Election Board meeting the other day. You didn't know for sure. Because I happen to know that Susie Kirk and -- they've always done that for around \$6,500 and that's the question that I have and they couldn't give us a bill of what the total cost was.

Marsha Abell: They don't have a bill. And I haven't signed a contract. Someone has been calling them and asking for a contract and I haven't signed any contracts with them.

Councilmember Smith: They've always had a contract with the Commissioners Office.

Marsha Abell: The Commissioners signed a contract with them, but I haven't signed any contract with them.

Councilmember Smith: But that money was always in the Commissioners budget, is what I'm saying.

Marsha Abell: Ms. Jerrell asked that that be moved out of her budget and put into our budget this year. That was at her request.

Councilmember Smith: Then the contract is obviously with you.

Marsha Abell: I didn't sign the contract. The Commissioners signed the contract.

Councilmember Smith: But I would like to delay this to get an itemized bill on it before we pay whatever we're paying for it here, \$444 is for shipping/freight charges and what the total cost would be for the spring, and that's what I'd like to see.

Marsha Abell: I don't even know who asked for the transfer.

Councilmember Smith: It's signed by you. No, it's stamped by you.

President Lloyd: It's stamped by you with S.H. initials, it looks like. Or is that D. H.?

Marsha Abell: That's Sue Hall and I would have had her here to answer the question if I'd known the question was going to be presented. I didn't know anything about this.

Councilmember Smith: I'd like to see how much the total cost is for the primary since they're going to do it; it's a contract with them.

President Lloyd: Do you know where that would be in the budget, in your budget?

Marsha Abell: It's in the Election budget. It's not in the County Clerks budget.

Councilmember Bassemier: Marsha, I'm sorry. Mr. President, can I have the floor? I know there's been a motion and a second. Would you prefer that maybe we could defer this until we do find out or what would you prefer us to do on this?

Marsha Abell: Mr. Bassemier, I really think -- you're asking me questions I can't answer. I had

no idea this was on the agenda. I know nothing about it. If you want to defer it until next time, that's fine.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think that's what we ought to do.

Marsha Abell: But I really think if any of you have questions about the Election Office, it would probably be best to ask that question of me or Mr. Boerner, who is the manager of the Election Office.

Councilmember Bassemier: Like I said, all I'm saying, you don't know anything about it. I'm just asking, would you --

Marsha Abell: Yeah, obviously, I don't know anything about it. Yeah, I know nothing about it. I didn't know it was even on the agenda.

Councilmember Smith: The question was asked at the Election Board meeting of what the actual cost is and no one knew.

Marsha Abell: Well, that isn't true. It's \$25 a precinct and we know how many precincts we've got, so we know exactly how much it is.

Councilmember Bassemier: Let's defer this then.

President Lloyd: Mr. Boerner is here if he wanted to make any statement to this.

Marsha Abell: We're talking without any information in front of us when neither one had any idea this was on the agenda.

Dan Boerner: Right. Basically, what we're looking at is \$25 a set and then this also is going to be offset by the fact that we have had people in the past that have had to punch, crimp, assemble. So our manhours that we would be spending on those, we will not be spending this year, so in lieu of actually coming up with a sound dollar figure, it's tough to say at this point, because on one side we have a fixed price on what we would spend and will spend as far as what would have been the past, BRC, or not BRC, but with our local supplier who would have printed these ballot pages. On the other side, we have these already done coming back in as preassembled sets ready to drop in the machines. What we don't have figured in there is the fact that we have people that would have been working manhours and those manhours that would have been spent doing this, I have no way of putting a dollar to that. So when people ask how much is this going to cost, on one side we have a fixed price, on the other side we really don't know what the manhours would have been spent on either side, so I mean, you know, that's the best I can really give you at this point. We don't have an actual set in stone figure on all of it because again, you never really know what your whole expense is going to be, I wouldn't think, until your bottom line comes in.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question. If we defer this a month, is that going to harm the process? Because I would like to have more information and I don't know about Mr. Raben, but I'll withdraw my second if we wants to -- we can defer on it.

Dan Boerner: That way we would have more of a figure as far as where we are going, where we are at, where we will be at, what the expenditures are and we could come up with a realistic figure. But now we're just grabbing at straw in the wind. There's just, you know, you're looking at a set figure here versus something that is not set on the other side that you don't know what you would have spent.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I'll withdraw my motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a withdrawal of the motion and the second. I had asked Mrs.

Deig to give Mr. Boerner a copy of this request. Do we want to have a new motion?

Councilmember Raben: I'll add to the motion that for the Election Office transfer that this be deferred.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a new motion by Mr. Raben to defer this and a second by Mr. Hoy. Any other questions or discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, call the roll, please.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion deferred seven to zero.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1210-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	444.11	DEFERRED
TO: 1210-3530	CONTRACT. SVCS.	444.11	DEFERRED

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

- C) VOTERS REGISTRATION
- D) CIRCUIT COURT
- E) BURDETTE PARK
- F) SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

President Lloyd: The next transfer would be Voters Registration.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll ask the question again. I would like to take them all at one time, so I'll move that Voters Registration, Circuit Court, Burdette Park and Supplemental Adult Probation be accepted as submitted.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion to take the rest of the transfers starting with Voters Registration, Circuit Court, Burdette Park and Supplemental Adult Probation as one, and a second from Mr. Wortman. Any questions or discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, the roll call please.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The rest of the transfers pass seven to zero by the amounts submitted.

<b>VOTERS REGISTRATION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1220-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	800.00	800.00
TO: 1220-4210	FURNITURE	450.00	450.00
1220-3371	COMPUTER HARDWARE	350.00	350.00

<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1360-1380	PAUPER COMPENSATION	20,000.00	20,000.00
TO: 1360-3943	PAUPER EXPENSE	20,000.00	20,000.00

<b>BURDETTE PARK APPROVED</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	
FROM: 1450-1120-1450	ASSISTANT MANAGER	2,800.00	2,800.00
1450-1240-1450	SECRETARY/RECEPT.	3,100.00	3,100.00
TO: 1450-1180	OTHER EMPLOYEES	5,900.00	5,900.00

<b>SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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FROM: 2600-1980	OTHER PAY	1,000.00	1,000.00
TO: 2600-1930	UNEMPLOYMENT	1,000.00	1,000.00

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

**AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Lloyd: Moving along on our agenda, we move down to item 7, amendment to salary ordinance and I'll ask the Finance Chairman to take that.

Councilmember Raben: I move to set the salaries for the Sheriff, County Assessor, Circuit Court, Burdette Park, Supplemental Adult Probation as previously approved.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: We have a motion by Mr. Raben and second by Mr. Wortman to take those as previously submitted. Any questions or discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, call the roll call vote, please.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The salary ordinance passes seven to zero.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Lloyd: Item 8, old business. We don't have anything on our list.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A) COUNTY CLERK/STORAGE**

President Lloyd: Let's go to item 9, new business, item A would be County Clerk/Storage and you should have a handout that the County Clerk supplied at the January or February meeting. Did the County Clerk want to address this, please?

Marsha Abell: I'll just be happy to answer any questions. I think it's pretty self-explanatory.  
President Lloyd: Does anybody have any questions on the handout from the County Clerk regarding the storage problem?

Councilmember Smith: Marsha, are they still paying the money over to the Garvin Park or to Willard Library, Garvin Park storage? Is that still the storage part that we're paying for?

Marsha Abell: We're still paying that and they've called us twice to come move our stuff out of there because we're over our line. You know, there's that red line and we're way over that red line.

Councilmember Smith: They were also supposed to have an employee to be able to keep the things in order and I know I never ever found an employee over there.

Marsha Abell: No, he's never there.

Councilmember Smith: And if you all recall, I came up here and they wanted to -- if we wanted to go over there we were supposed to call somebody, they gave us a number in Haubstadt or Fort Branch or somewhere to call to come down and let us in.

Marsha Abell: It's still the same way virtually.

Councilmember Bassemier: Ms. Abell, what are they charging us to store that over there? Do you remember off the top of your head?

Marsha Abell: You pay them \$55,000 a year but I don't think that's -- that's not all for Garvin Park. It's not broken down so I don't know how much it actually is for the Garvin Park area. It includes an archivist's salary and some other things.

Councilmember Smith: Councilman, they've got some things over at Willard Library, but the biggest storage is over at the Garvin Park Industrial Mall.

Marsha Abell: Oh yeah. The only thing at Willard Library is some microfilm things that they wanted -- let me just say that with Willard Library, and I know Mrs. Smith knows this because I found it in your things, that the original contract with Willard was at Willard's request. They were afraid that, as a matter of fact, I believe it may have been you that prepared the destruction of public records request to destroy some things that were by state law allowed to be destroyed, and some geneology group got all upset about it and didn't want it thrown away. And they got ahold of Willard and Willard said please don't destroy these things, we'll take them. We want them. And it was at their request that they got our records.

Councilmember Smith: Judge Lensing is the one that worked with that board to set that up. It was not our request, it was their request.

Marsha Abell: And there was no money commitment at all at that time.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Raben: I would just like to add that I guess as in my seven years on Council I know Betty has been before us numerous times with this same request. I know Marsha has been in here two or three times and I've toured the basement and I'm quite aware of the problem and I think it's probably time now to ask the Commissioners to move forward on this and help work out a solution and lay this to rest.

Councilmember Smith: It is a problem and it's a bad problem downstairs. Somebody is going to get hurt and I've always said that, but I think it's the County Commissioners' responsibility to find the place for us and for its storage. I think that's part of their responsibilities. But I could never get them to move on and I could never get anybody to do anything about it and it's a sad situation and there's things that by state law, you've got to keep for fifty years, and some of them from now on. And there's no place to put them, but I think maybe the Council ought to ask the Commissioners to see about finding a place to put them.

Councilmember Raben: I think in Marsha's information she gave us back earlier in the year, there were several different bids or maybe they were just estimates or whatnot, but a lot of the groundwork is laid and I would go ahead and take it to the Commissioners. I don't think you have a problem with the support here of the Council. I think we would go along with whatever the request is, within reason.

Marsha Abell: They're all expensive, I guess you noticed that. Everything is high.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, so I would go ahead and carry it forward and I hope I'm not stepping on toes when I say this, but I think we're probably all ready to address this issue. So work it out with them and come to us and if it's \$50 a month, we'll probably do it.

Marsha Abell: I wish you could do that for \$50 a month.

Councilmember Smith: I went over to -- I talked to the man that owns the Curtis Building over here and they had offered us the basement, they would fix the basement up for it, but I could never get anybody to do anything. I couldn't rent it, I asked the Commissioners to because that would have been close. You wouldn't have had to get in the car and drove over there. And when sometimes we went two and three times a week. But at that time, the Curtis Building had a space that would have --

Marsha Abell: They don't have any.

Councilmember Smith: They don't have it anymore? They fixed the basement up?

Marsha Abell: Uh-huh. IBM and a beauty shop are down there now.

President Lloyd: I know one of the things in your report, too, I mean, I think we need a long term solution but you may need a short term solution, also.

Marsha Abell: That's right. I need the short term right now, but I do think that somebody needs to set up some kind of a committee not only for my needs but for other needs because this building is as big as it's going to be. It's not going to get any bigger and you've got to make some decision on where financial records are going to be, my records, we generate over 200,000 sheets of paper in my office a month and if I stacked up 200,000 sheets of paper in here right now you would see why I don't have anywhere to put that stuff. That's a lot of paper. That takes a lot of space and I just don't have anywhere to put it. I mean, Monday for instance, one day, Monday, we made over 600 new files just this last Monday.

President Lloyd: From what I am hearing from the rest of the Councilmembers and I would agree that we do need to address this and I mean, I could talk to the Commissioners or you can send them a letter, but for the short term, we're going to need some space somewhere. I mean, that's something we need to do. But overall, when you talk about the County Recorder

has to have space, the Assessors not near as much as you, but it makes sense it seems like to have a county-wide solution.

Marsha Abell: I would say that I think the county-wide solution, although it's an extremely expensive solution is to consider digital imaging for the future.

President Lloyd: You think that's the right way to go?

Marsha Abell: I do. John Newman, with the state court who okays whether or not you can do that, was very much against it at first. But the technique has -- technology has come so far now that he feels like it's a very good idea and I think that you're talking about mounds and mounds of stuff on one littlebitty disk, we would in years to come, we would not have a storage problem in this building.

President Lloyd: Government doesn't always move very fast, but if you need to look at something like short-term, six months to a year, while they get a committee going to address the long term problems, I mean, I think that's what we need to do. So, I think the Council is supportive of it if it's done to get the best bid and do the best thing for you and most convenient also.

Councilmember Hoy: You're willing, unless I misheard what you -- you're willing to talk with the Commissioners and carry the message? Thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions or statements on this? Okay. Appreciate your time.

## **B) TAX ABATEMENT**

President Lloyd: On new business, an item that wasn't on the agenda but showed up in my office at 11:20 was this fax transmission from Department of Metropolitan Development. Mr. Robling, what this is, he asked us, based on time deadlines to approve tax abatement/compliance reviews for the county on all the property owners that have real estate that is abated. In his fax he indicated that he wanted to add this to the meeting and wanted to see if he could get approval today. I didn't feel that was fair to any Councilmember to have to try to read through this in ten minutes and make decisions that affect the taxpayers in the county, so I called him and I sent him a letter that was hand delivered that you have underneath his fax and what I requested was that we have a special meeting on Monday, April 13th at 3:30 to go over these tax abatement compliance reviews and that would give us sufficient time to review those and come up with questions and Mr. Robling was in agreement with that and that would be within the 45 day requirement after March 1st. Did anyone have any questions regarding that? You have these compliance reviews with you so we'll be able to take a look at that and come up with any questions you have. I hate to schedule another meeting but it didn't seem to be any other way to do it.

Councilmember Smith: What time is the meeting?

President Lloyd: 3:30 on Monday, April 13th. We will have to see about getting this room. We may have to be next door. They've got Leadership Evansville in here for their all day deal. Is that April 13th? I believe it is, so I'm going to talk to them and see if we can work that out so we can schedule this room. You've got the list that we would review of the businesses, so we would start with that and any of those that we deem not in compliance would be called back at a later meeting. We've got one more item on new business.

Councilmember Raben: Do we need a motion to set the meeting?

President Lloyd: Yes, we need a motion and a second.



Councilmember Raben: Okay, I move that we set a special meeting for April the 13th at...do we want to set a time, for 3:30?

President Lloyd: Yes, 3:30.

Councilmember Raben: For 3:30, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Sutton.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, does the motion need to read to review compliance reports for tax abatements? If so, that's --

President Lloyd: Yes, that would be the only purpose for the meeting and part of the reason why it's April 13th is because it has to be advertised. So you have to allow ten days for that, so we couldn't do it this week anyway. The 15th was the deadline, so the 13th seemed to work out to be the best day. Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Hearing none, we'll just go by acclamation -- by raising your right hand. All those in favor of the special meeting, please raise your right hand. Mr. Wortman, are you in favor of that? Seven/zero, motion passes. So we will need to advertise the special meeting as listed on the letter, April 13th at 3:30. The Auditor's Office will take care of that and it will be handled just like a regular special Council meeting.

**C) RESOLUTION REQUESTING INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED CONAGRA SOYBEAN PROCESSING FACILITY ON AIR QUALITY AND HUMAN HEALTH IN VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

President Lloyd: The last item under new business would be -- we had a resolution that was passed out last week at the Personnel & Finance titled Resolution Requesting Independent Analysis Of The Impact Of The Proposed ConAgra Soybean Processing Facility On Air Quality And Human Health In Vanderburgh County. Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: Would you please allow the record to reflect that I am going to leave the room for this item?

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Ahlers is going to leave the room because he has a conflict with ConAgra. One of the things after looking at this resolution, it came up at the meeting, it missed kind of the deadline to get on the agenda, so it wasn't on the agenda, but I was curious as to why this wasn't submitted to the County Commissioners. They have their meeting on Monday, and you have the Mayor or the Evansville City Council. I'm just questioning whether this is really even within the jurisdiction of the County Council. We're the fiscal body and why we would have this resolution on air quality in a county adjacent to ours, I'm not all that sure. I wonder if, you know, there is a regional air quality committee that might look at something like this, too. So maybe this is something we want to table instead of pass.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I'll tell you my reason, but I'd like to make a motion that we table this. I met with a couple officials from ConAgra yesterday, Mr. Larry Justice, he's the Vice President of Operations, and Mr. Steve Creeg, he's Chief Financial Officer. And he gave me some handouts and I asked these two gentlemen to appear before us today if anybody would like to ask them some questions, but this is a very big company. They're the second largest food processing company in the United States, behind Kraft. They're going to have 200 workers over there in Posey County and some of these whereas's on this resolution, number four, especially, is misleading. This is one of the reasons why I want to table it. And like I said, if anybody wants to ask these two gentlemen any questions, they assured me they passed all federal and state regulations. They're below emission standards

from like Whirlpool, Kochs Convertagraph, General Electric, so I see no problem with what they're trying to do that's going to affect Vanderburgh County. So if you want them to -- if anybody wants to ask them some questions they're out there in the audience.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion to table. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. I introduced this resolution via request from some constituents. Inferring to paragraph four or any other paragraphs, this resolution is simply a request for an independent analysis of the impact of ConAgra. It is not a criticism of the company. I think it's a reasonable request. The reason that it was brought to County Council, a similar resolution and I have not seen that resolution. It was brought before the Environmental Protection Agency here and they passed it in the last day or so. The deadline is tomorrow. The resolution was not given to me until late last week, so I apologize for the person being tardy on that. It was not my fault, but that's all it's asking for and another reason in favor of it is that we have been looking at the regional concept of ozone because the air, the blowing of the air does not respect county lines and we just achieved attainment and all I'm interested in is making sure that we keep that attainment, otherwise, the presence of the plant, or for that matter, presence of the plant in other counties. I'm real excited about a thousand jobs in Gibson County, but that could also impact our air and if we're satisfied with that, that the jobs are going to be elsewhere and we're going to have the non-attainment air, then you can let it go. I'm interested in it from the health standpoint and I will reiterate, I have no criticism of the county, I know it's a large company and I do not mean to imply by introducing this that they're an irresponsible company. But I think it's a fair request. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Would this request, I mean, if this resolution, is that just asking the state to do their job?

Councilmember Hoy: So far we have not had an independent analysis. It's asking that --

Larry Justice: (Inaudible- comments not made from the microphone.)

President Lloyd: Please step forward and state your name for the record, please.

Larry Justice: My name is Larry Justice, I'm Vice President of Operations for the ConAgra Soybean Processing Company. I have with me Mr. Steve Cregg, who is our Chief Financial Officer and also Bob Henricks who is with GAI Consultants from Fort Wayne, Indiana. They are the group that wrote the permit. As to the issue of an independent study, the Indiana Department of Environmental Quality or Environmental Management is the group that they are the independent group that has been by law designated to represent the citizens of Indiana. They are the independent party and to have another group, another independent agent, whatever, group make another study of this is and have the study paid for is purely duplication and I would think that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management would take offense to that. I personally worked with IDEM for over twenty years and over that time period, I have found that they were very well for the public and for the taxpayer. So to ask for another independent study to be made for this, to be made of this, in our judgement is a waste because they are the independent party. They are the ones that are hired to do this.

President Lloyd: Thank you. Any other questions or discussion? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: If we request it, that doesn't mean the state will do it. That's just simply a request. Although this is in another county, I guess I think we're kind of interfering in another county there for the jobs that are there and if those people over there are happy and you say you've had the tests run, I mean, what's the big problem then, outside of you said you had had

some requests on it?

Councilmember Hoy: It is in another county, but the movement now is for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to consider things on a regional basis and while the jobs would be in another county, the air will not stay in that county.

Councilmember Smith: Well, that's true.

Councilmember Hoy: And that's why IDEM is considering a regional approach and I think that's going to be the wave of the future.

Larry Justice: Could I make a statement? There is an air modeling procedure that has to be done as a part of this permit and the air model is the model that is specified by the EPA that IDEM has to use. They give us that model and our permitting consultant enters in the numbers from the emissions from our plant into that model and that model then does consider the region. It's not just considering Vanderburgh County, it's considering Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick County. I mean, it spreads out over a wide area and that model showed that less than one part per billion ozone would be created from this plant. That's nondetectable. The monitoring --

President Lloyd: Excuse me, we need to change the tape. Could you hold that for a second?

**(Tape changed at 5:00 p.m.)**

President Lloyd: Okay, please proceed.

Larry Justice: The model, to expand on that, actually showed that on normal operations it's 17 parts per trillion, is the addition of ozone from this plant. The monitors that are used to do this measuring have an accuracy of seven percent to the nearest part per billion, so the new standard for Vanderburgh County or for this region for ozone in the year 2000 will be 85 parts per billion. So the monitors, they have an accuracy of seven percent, they're going to measure from 80 to 90. I mean, that's the accuracy that we're looking at here. And our model shows we're talking about less than one part per billion, so based on that, the emissions from the plant will not be detectable on a monitor.

President Lloyd: Well, according to this resolution, it says the plant will emit large quantities of hexane. Is that correct?

Larry Justice: Yes, hexane is that solvent that's used in the extraction of oil from soybeans and it's a VOC, volatile organic compound. It's less reactive; it's one of the least reactive when it's in contact with NOx and sunlight in the formation of ozone and that's the reason for the contribution to the ozone levels in the area is low. It's because of this reactivity factor. And in fact, it's really NOx that IDEM and the federal EPA is concentrating on. It's not VOC's because if all the manmade VOC's were eliminated from this region there would still be ozone days because there are VOC's coming from the plants, the trees, soybeans, corn and I don't believe that we have any interest in eliminating those. But if all the manmade VOC's were eliminated, we'd still have ozone because we have NOx and sunlight for the plant made VOC's, the biogenic VOC's to react with.

President Lloyd: What I was getting at, I just wanted to see if that was an accurate statement or not in this resolution, that the plant will emit very large quantities of that --

Larry Justice: The potential emissions from the plant, potential maximum emissions are 937 tons a year. That's the worst case situation. In the IDEM model we have to show what the emissions are for 365 days a year. In fact, the plant will not run 365 days a year, it runs 340 - 345 days. So it will be something less than that. But that's what we're required to do when

we fill out the permit application.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: That hexane is also in gasoline, isn't it?

Larry Justice: Hexane is in gasoline. It's listed as a toxic chemical. There are 189 chemicals that are on this list with the number one being the most toxic and the 189th being the least toxic. Hexane is 160th on the list, so it's pretty far down the list. It is present in gasoline.

Councilmember Hoy: Would you, as a representative of the company, I don't think this is going to pass, but should it pass today and should the state act, would that hamper your process in any way, your progress in any way?

Larry Justice: Just that it would only serve to delay because we are not able to proceed with construction until we have the air permit in hand.

Councilmember Hoy: Other than that, would you have a strong objection to having a second opinion, so to speak?

Larry Justice: Well, I go back to my original statement, IDEM is an independent agency that is in place for this very thing and taxpayers' money is being spent --

Councilmember Hoy: Well, we're speaking here also, you know, an open hearing and all of that.

Larry Justice: There will be a public hearing once the permit is put out for public comment and there would be ample time at that public hearing or in that process for the comments to be made by the public.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to call for the question.

President Lloyd: Okay, we had a motion to table.

Unidentified: I've had my hand up for ten minutes trying to address this.

Councilmember Bassemier: I called for the question.

President Lloyd: Well, we're going to go ahead and vote because he called for the vote. I can't delay that. So we're going to have the vote on tabling, which would be to put this aside and not sign it and we've had a second. Please call the roll call vote.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

B. J. Farrell: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

B. J. Farrell: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The resolution is tabled five to two.

**(Motion carried 5-2. Councilmembers Hoy and Raben opposed.)**

President Lloyd: I'll take a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Wortman, second by Mr. Bassemier. We are adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.)

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 SPECIAL MEETING  
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The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 13th day of April, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

President Lloyd: I'd like to call this special meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council April 13th, 1998 in session. Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call, please?

(Roll call was taken by Teri Lukeman)

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	x	
Councilmember Sutton	x	
Councilmember Bassemier	x	
Councilmember Hoy	x	
Councilmember Raben	x	
Councilmember Wortman	x	
President Lloyd	x	

President Lloyd: Now I'd like for us all to have the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

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President Lloyd: Okay, we've moved to item four on our agenda which is Tax Abatement Compliance Reviews. Prior to that I'd like to make mention we have -- it looks like one person, maybe two left from -- there was a Leadership Evansville class here earlier today and they were learning about the workings of the city and county government. We appreciate them coming in. The rest of our agenda will deal only with the tax abatement compliance reviews which is the forms that you have in front of you. Some Councilmembers are making copies now so they are going to get those up here shortly. We have Mr. Robling from the Department of Metropolitan Development here. I'd like to take a minute. Mr. Ahlers has reviewed the law on this, so let's have him, he might offer some procedures on what we're going to do here. Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: Thank you, Mr. Lloyd. What I'd suggest on this, I want to quickly just go over the law so you know what the determination is. This is what I would call a meeting to make an initial determination as to whether or not someone has substantially complied with their statement of benefits.

Mike Robling: The yellow piece of paper that I passed out is basically a statement of the law.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, I saw that, thanks, Mr. Robling. He's passed out a copy of the statute. What I'm basically focusing on is 5.9 (b). And what this meeting is, is within 45 days after the property owners have filed their compliance with statement of benefits, then we're making this initial determination here today. What occurs is that the Council today has to determine

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whether the property owner has not substantially complied with the statement of benefits and that the failure to substantially comply was not caused by factors beyond the control of the property owner, such as declines and demand for the property owner's products or services. If that initial determination is made, a written notice must be sent to the property owner and another hearing set within 30 days from the date that the written notice is mailed. In that written notice, it must state the specific reasons that this Council has found that the property owner is not in substantial compliance with the statement of benefits and the date, time and place of the next hearing. So what I would suggest that we do would be for President Lloyd to, one at a time, call each of the property owners to review each one of property owner's tax abatement, that you ask the questions you want Mr. Robling or if the property owners are here, discuss it, then I would suggest that at the end of that discussion or at an appropriate time if discussion drags on, whatever President Lloyd wants to do, to call for a motion that if there is anybody, any of the Councilmembers would like to make a motion that that property owner is not in substantial compliance with their statement of benefits and that the failure to substantially comply was not caused by factors beyond the control of the property owner. In that motion, the Councilmember should state the reasons that they find that the property owner is not in substantial compliance. Once there is a second to that motion, I would suggest in the interest of time, since it would have already been discussed that discussion then be limited to the motion itself. Whether a Councilmember is offering an amendment to say, one of the reasons that's stated in the motion for a lack of substantial compliance or in terms of mainly with the form because at this meeting, I think the form of the motion becomes important because essentially Mr. Robling, when he sends out letters or if we send them out from our office, they need to set forth the reasons. So the motion needs to be clear what the Councilmembers are voting on and the basis that they're stating that there's not a substantial compliance. Then we would take a vote and it would take four votes then to sustain that motion which then we would send out a notice and hold another hearing for that particular property owner within 30 days and we'd need to set a date and time. And then I would suggest if on the inverse, if you discuss any of the property owners and when President Lloyd calls for anyone having a motion to find that that property owner is not in substantial compliance, if there is no motion I guess it's safe to assume that no one finds that there is a failure to substantially comply and I would suggest then just to make the record clear, you might by acclamation find compliance. I don't know if it's necessary other than I think it would probably tidy up the record, because really, this determination is to find them not in substantial compliance.

President Lloyd: Thank you. What I'd like to do is we'll just go and take each one individually. Mr. Robling has given us a letter, memorandum dated April 13th and he mentions each of the 13 property owners and has recommendations and comments, so you may want to refer to that as we talk about each one.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, before we go on, I did have a question kind of related to procedure. Last year when we reviewed these it was September, I guess, as I remember. I guess I was under the impression that maybe these were on a one year cycle. Is there any particular reason why they came up sooner this year than they did last year? What maybe happened --

Mike Robling: I don't think they were that late last year. The law really has rolling deadlines. It says 45 days upon receipt. Well, some of them come in in February and some of them come in in July. In the past we had always waited until the personal property ones came in which are due on May 15th or June 14th, depending on whether or not the taxpayers get an extension in filing their personal property tax form. Because in recent years there has been concern and the potential of pulling someone's tax abatement, we went back and double checked the timing. These forms for real estate are due within 60 days of the end of the year. It doesn't really say what year, or who's year. We, this year, determined that to be December 31st, therefore, making the deadline for real estate compliance forms March 1st. Most of the

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people who have both real estate and manufacturing equipment have supplied both of that information on these forms. And you will be acting on both sets of that. There are some businesses which had only manufacturing equipment and their forms will not be due until May 15th or June 14th, depending on whether they got an extension.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess for, I know it wasn't this time of year, last year we reviewed these, I guess, or some of those that are on the list again, rather short time frame that we're back considering.

Mike Robling: The law says you have 45 days to consider them. You only meet once a month, so it's kind of difficult for us to get them, go through them, see if we have gotten them all, answer questions, and get them back to you, it took a month.

President Lloyd: Are you talking about 45 days after the 20th of February, is that correct?

Mike Robling: Well, March 1st. I would really like to see the law cleared up so that they are all due at one period of time like in July. But the way it's written right now, there are essentially three deadlines.

President Lloyd: What Mr. Ahlers suggested was that we would take each -- I suggest each one individually, but then let's have discussion and questions and then at the end of discussion and questions to have a motion to approve the statement of benefits or if you have a motion to say that the taxpayer is not in compliance, then you have to give your reason at that time. Any other questions related to procedure? If not, why don't we don't we move to the first one which would be Ameriquel Foods.

**A) AMERIQUEL FOODS**

Mike Robling: Just looking at the summary table, Ameriquel has achieved 155% of its real estate investment; 180% of its manufacturing equipment and 212% of its employment. I would feel that they have substantially complied.

Councilmember Raben: I would move that we approve this.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Raben and second by Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Madam Secretary --

Councilmember Hoy: I will have to abstain. I have a conflict of interest.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Hoy. Could we have a roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. They have substantially complied six/zero with one abstain.

**(Motion to find property owner in compliance unanimously approved 6-0. Councilmember Hoy abstained from vote.)**

**B) AZTECA MILLING COMPANY**

President Lloyd: The next company would be Azteca Milling Company.

Mike Robling: Azteca has met 110% of its real estate goal; 91% of its equipment goal and 74% of its employment goal. They have added 20 new jobs since last year. They claim that the market for their product dropped about the time the facility opened. They have ordered additional corn storage silos which were to be, I believe, to be installed in June and have also ordered additional equipment that will deal with their odor problem. Based on these figures, I would feel that they have substantially complied.

President Lloyd: Okay, any questions on that one?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: I did have one. We'll get it on the floor, I guess.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Jim already --

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben made a motion to approve.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier seconded. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, on Azteca, on the employment side, they are at the 130. Where are we at right now? According to what we've got here and the projection of 175, what is that projection based on, Mr. Robling? At what point are they wanting to get to the 175 figure on that?

Mike Robling: They basically set that goal and the time frame that they set for that goal has passed. I don't exactly remember when it was, but I know that same goal was tied to the state infrastructure grant and I know the time period for that, and it has passed.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you happen to know how many -- are they running around the clock there or are they still just running on limited shifts there, like two shifts?

Mike Robling: It's my understanding there were three shifts in one division and two shifts in the

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other. Three shifts in milling and two shifts in packaging because the packaging works a lot faster. They work Monday through Friday and the plants shuts down for the weekend.

Councilmember Sutton: So is the goal no longer 175?

Mike Robling: They are still intending to achieve that goal but they have not achieved it yet.

Councilmember Sutton: Have they set any timetables on it?

Mike Robling: No.

Councilmember Sutton: Will they set any timetables on that?

Mike Robling: I doubt it. We don't go back and ask for any timetables.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: To refresh Council's memory, the original promise from Azteca was two years to obtain the figure of 175 employees. That was the promise that was --

Councilmember Smith: When was that, Phil?

Councilmember Hoy: We adopted it in '94.

Councilmember Smith: And they said two years?

Councilmember Hoy: Uh-huh. The confirming resolution was in '94.

Mike Robling: They didn't get in production until sometime in '95, probably.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Mike, they did give you some insight, though, on what has hindered them from getting to that, have they not?

Mike Robling: Yes, they did say the market for their product dropped considerably about the time this plant was ready to go online. The market has now picked up again with the installation of these new silos. In solving this wastewater problem that they will be expanding production and continue to add employees.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess maybe my point and my question was, I could see that they have had some unanticipated setbacks here, some pretty major things that have occurred that when you sit down and lay out a strategy of plan, they just hadn't anticipated that they would occur. But given that situation I do think it would still be appropriate for them to at least come back and give us a more realistic number of where they want to be. If we're at 175 it's not the magic number there. If we're looking at another figure based upon these downturns and these unanticipated situations, I'd like to see us get to a more realistic figure. There's no need to hang out a figure out there if they are never going to achieve that. If they are nowhere close to that and they won't be there, there will be really no reason to plug that in there. That's probably not necessarily a question nor a response to you, it's just more or less to them, but you happen to be the person at the podium.

Mike Robling: Their attorney is also here.

Councilmember Hoy: My concern, Mr. President, is also with the problem of the odor and the

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other problems they have had at the plant. They do have a plan, we all have it on our desk. I'm not an expert in this field, but the people I depend on aren't as yet convinced that this is really going to work and that concerns me because it has been a real problem for the residents in that area. That coupled with those same questions Mr. Sutton raised, the rather ambiguous goal.

President Lloyd: I did give you a copy of a letter I received to the Commissioners about the steps that they're taking to solve that problem, so that does fall within that time line plan you have. They are supposed to be reporting weekly to the Commissioners on that so I've been getting weekly letters, those copies of letters, so we know that they are addressing the problem and reporting on what they're doing. So, at least, the agreement they have worked out with the Commissioners, they have been complying with that at this time.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I feel like they have spent over \$12,000,000, the actual figure here on your report, and they started out without any employees and they've got 130 and they have had problems and I agree with the neighbors out there, I wouldn't like to smell that, but I think they're really trying hard to correct it. So I think within the next year they should have that corrected and then come back to us with a more definite figure and I think we need to give them the chance because you spend \$12,000,000 on a project, you're going to work like the devil to get it corrected.

Councilmember Sutton: Can they do that for us, Mr. Robling? Come back on that employment side and give us a number that's more close to what they're looking at now based on these other --

Mike Robling: It's my understanding they fully intend to reach the 175, it's just a matter of when. We can try to get a new schedule from them on that.

Councilmember Sutton: That would be very helpful if they could do that for us and I think they have extended themselves out there very far and done a lot and spent more on some things they hadn't anticipated, but I just want to see a more realistic figure.

President Lloyd: I see their attorney out there in the audience shaking his head yes. So I believe he would be willing to get that information to us.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Robling, I think he said last time, one of the reps, that they are having some problems with some hiring. It's not that they are not wanting to hire, it's just they are having some problems with filling a few of the positions. Is that not correct?

Mike Robling: I do recall them saying that before I went out and saw their plant myself last week and I don't recall that they brought that up as a problem this time. But they did say that they had some substantial new equipment purchased that would be installed about June and with that, that and they have made their connection to the city sewer that solves part of their water problem, that they would be increasing production. They did say that their main other plant that does this type of work in -- I can't think of where it's at in Texas, but they don't have the supply of corn available out there and this plant is likely to be the focus of any expansions that they do. They have had good luck in obtaining the corn they need here.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question about the sewer system. With all of that liquid that smells so badly traveling through the city sewer system, are they going to treat the whole community to that odor in addition to the north side? I don't know. I know that most of the city sewers come right down through the downtown --

Mike Robling: My understanding is they still are having to pretreat and it's the pretreatment process that smells bad. They're having to reduce the BOD and solids content before they

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put it in the sewers, I believe. That's still a process that has to take place on-site.

Councilmember Raben: I just wanted to make sure everybody is aware to take action on this for reasons other than the statement of benefits is illegal, so there's a lot of other discussion here, but we can only act on their compliance and for no other reason. So remember that in how you vote.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please. This is on compliance with statement of benefits, Azteca.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Compliance passes six to one.

**(Motion to find property owner in compliance carried 6-1. Councilmember Hoy opposed.)**

**C) EVANSVILLE TOOL & DIE**

President Lloyd: Evansville Tool & Die.

Mike Robling: Evansville Tool & Die has met 75% of their real estate investment. They projected the creation of three jobs. They are down one job right now from where they started. In the memo I passed out before the meeting, according to the letter from the president of the company it states there's two reasons one of which was there was a buyout of one of the owners, departed in early 1997 and the fact that their wages and some of that is down is because they had a very high overtime rate in 1996 and they had very little overtime in 1997. They feel the outlook at '98 is better and two full-time employees have already been put on the payroll in 1998 making up for this loss that they suffered last year.

Councilmember Raben: And your recommendation is?

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Mike Robling: I would probably recommend that they have substantially complied.

Councilmember Raben: With that, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Raben for approval, second by Mr. Bassemier. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Robling, when were they first approved for abatement?

Councilmember Hoy: On the sheet, the preliminary resolution was June 1st, 1994 and confirming was July 6th, 1994.

Councilmember Sutton: A little bit louder, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: It's on the yellow sheet.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't have one.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, the preliminary resolution adoption was June 4th, 1994 and confirming was July 6th, 1994.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, and your recommendation is partly based on these are business conditions outside of their control?

Mike Robling: Right.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

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Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Substantially in compliance six to one.

**(Motion to find property owner in compliance carried 6-1. Councilmember Hoy opposed.)**

**D) INDUSTRIAL BUILDING CORPORATION**

President Lloyd: Industrial Building Corporation.

Mike Robling: Industrial Building Corporation, if you recall, this was one of the Evansville Industrial Foundation spec buildings which Industrial Building Corporation acquired and finished out. Their first tenant, I believe, was Midwest Transport and I think their projections were probably based on what they thought Midwest Transport was going to do. They have fully complied with their real estate investment projection. Their first tenant moved out last year and has been replaced with a company called McJunkin CamBar, Inc. which supplies industrial supplies to Alcoa and hopes to pick up Toyota and AK Steel and other business in the area. This new business has come to town and created 12 jobs with a payroll of \$345,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Did they come up a little short there on that employment side, Mr. Robling?

Mike Robling: Well, as I said, this is a different tenant than they had when they originally came in.

President Lloyd: I might state for the record, Vice President Wortman had to leave to attend the Solid Waste District meeting, so he had to leave.

Councilmember Sutton: What should we be looking at here? I mean, if we've got a different tenant? I mean, these numbers are different than what we've got here before us.

Mike Robling: You understood when this was originally approved it was a spec building and they were a landlord not a business operating out of there, so it will have to be your determination whether or not to hold them to that initial goal.

Councilmember Sutton: Including the employment side? I know --

Mike Robling: They have the option of not putting anything down. Some applicants in this situation don't state any employment projection in the...

Councilmember Hoy: Is that because it's a speculation building?

Mike Robling: I think this original projection was based -- probably based upon the tenant they had in hand at the time. I'm not sure it ever quite came up to those projections.

Councilmember Sutton: On your statement here, it indicates they're expecting employment growth. How much growth are we looking at here and can we get an idea of what you're referring to?

Mike Robling: That's all the information I know is what is on that form. Everybody expects to get (inaudible) from Toyota and AK Steel.

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Councilmember Hoy: I don't like to make any assumptions. I did the calculation and divided the amount of payroll by 12 people, that's \$28,000 a year a piece. If everybody got the same pay, which you know they don't, so if the Council wants to consider that, that's the level of job we're looking at. Is this recommended, I can't remember, Mr. Robling, if this was recommended by your department when it came up or not?

Mike Robling: It probably was. Last year when Midwest Transit was in the building, they only reported 14 jobs. Part of that was because they had been hauling freight for Kmart which they closed 35 stores in the Midwest.

Councilmember Smith: Mike, did you tell me they can just fill out whatever they wanted to? They don't have to fill out the blanks to answer to anybody?

Mike Robling: Some companies don't. Some companies that are just in real estate situations like this only put in -- because they are not creating jobs, they're only doing the investment part.

Councilmember Smith: If they're not creating jobs, that's what tax abatement is for.

Mike Robling: And you don't have to approve them if you don't want to. But that's -- this is how they chose to fill out the form so they're not held liable for a tenant's performance.

Councilmember Hoy: That's because it was a spec building. I mean, they built the building and it was speculated as to whether or not they'd get a tenant. That's what a spec building is all about. A spec house is a house that a builder builds hoping that he'll find a buyer, but, I mean, I have relatives in the home building business and they build spec houses hoping that they'll sell but they don't have a buyer when they build them and that's the case here. It was hoped that someone would come in and create the jobs.

Mike Robling: Looking back on this file, it looks like in 1995, that the previous tenant had created 18 jobs and it went down to 16 or 17 from there. So they've never met that original goal and you have found them to be in compliance every year in the past.

Councilmember Hoy: That was because they were hauling for Kmart, is that correct? And Kmart closed a lot of stores.

Mike Robling: Right, yeah.

President Lloyd: For whatever reason, the Council in 1992 adopted this tax abatement, so I've not been out to that area whether that's an area that needed a building, I don't know. So we need a motion on this one, one way or the other.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay we have a motion that this taxpayer is substantially in compliance by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Bassemier. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Again, Mr. Robling, if we can get an accurate number there. If they're never going to make 26, if they never have any plans of getting out to 26, it really doesn't make much sense there to really plug in a number just arbitrarily.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? Okay, we'll have the roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

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Councilmember Smith: I have to vote no because I'm going to tell you something, if they don't want to give us the answers we ask for, then they don't need tax abatement.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. They are found in compliance four votes to two.

**(Motion to find property owner in compliance carried 4-2. Councilmembers Smith and Hoy opposed.)**

**E) INDUSTRIAL FILTER CORPORATION**

President Lloyd: The next taxpayer, Industrial Filter Corporation.

Mike Robling: Industrial Filter has surpassed both their real estate and job creation goals.

Councilmember Hoy: I move approval.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion to approve by Councilman Hoy, second by Councilwoman Smith. Any questions or discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. In compliance six to zero.

**(Motion to find property owner in compliance unanimously approved 6-0)**

**F) PERFECTION HYDRAULICS**

President Lloyd: The next taxpayer, Perfection Hydraulics.

Mike Robling: Perfection Hydraulics has met 100% of their real estate; 88% of their manufacturing equipment and 250% of their employment goals.

Councilmember Hoy: Move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion to find in compliance by Councilman Hoy, second by Councilman Sutton. Any questions or discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. In compliance six to zero.

**(Motion to find property owner in compliance unanimously approved 6-0)**

**G) PROLAM PRODUCTS**

President Lloyd: The next taxpayer is Prolam Products.

Mike Robling: Prolam has met 88% of its real estate, 58% of its manufacturing and 179% of

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its employment goal. The real estate and manufacturing numbers have remained the same over the past three years and you've previously found them to be in compliance in those past years.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion they have substantially complied by Councilman Raben. Second by Councilwoman Smith. Any discussion? Hearing none, let's have a roll call vote, please, Madam Secretary.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. They are found in compliance six to zero.

**(Motion to find property owner in compliance unanimously approved 6-0)**

**H) E. H. SEAMAN II**

President Lloyd: E. H. Seaman II.

Mike Robling: This is another of those Industrial Foundation spec buildings that turned out better. E. H. Seaman is the owner of PAR, Products Acceptance and Research. They have surpassed both their real estate and employment goals.

President Lloyd: Any questions or discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: They own...?

Mike Robling: Mr. Seaman owns the building and his company occupies it.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: They requested tax abatement on this in '94, correct?

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Mike Robling: There were two separate dates. See, Industrial Foundation received abatement on the original shell building and then Seaman came back several years later and requested abatement on the expansion of that building and the finishing out of the first building. The second action, I think, was in '96 and the first was in '92, I think.

Councilmember Sutton: Again, we're a little bit short on the -- oh, no we're not. We're okay there. Yeah, we're okay on the employment side, just on the -- I was looking at another one. Thanks a lot.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. They are found in compliance six to zero.

**(Motion to find property owner in compliance unanimously approved 6-0)**

**I) SHOE CARNIVAL**

President Lloyd: Next would be Shoe Carnival.

Mike Robling: Shoe Carnival has surpassed both their real estate and employment goals.  
President Lloyd: Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Motion for approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion for approval Councilwoman Smith, second by Councilman Bassemier. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

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Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. They are found in compliance with statement six to zero.

**(Motion to find property owner in compliance unanimously approved 6-0)**

**J) WARREN SPURLING**

President Lloyd: Next would be Warren Spurling.

Mike Robling: Mr. Spurling has exceeded his real estate investment but has only achieved 28% of his employment goal. There's also the question of his compliance with serving a low to moderate income benefit which came up a little earlier in the year when his rents went up. I would suggest that this be one that you find to be in noncompliance so we can call him for a hearing and discuss those issues.

President Lloyd: Any questions?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? I talked to Bill today and he said so many of his people that he hires are part-time for mowing the yards and whatever. So --

Mike Robling: That was factored into his goal and his current employment --

Councilmember Smith: But that's the reason he didn't have as many of -- and I asked him about the 20%. Now he didn't give me an answer because I think he was going to get back with me but with the part-time people that he has, I think he has more part-time people than he thought he would have to have.

Councilmember Sutton: When this came up before us three or four years ago, I don't recall at that particular time that from the law standpoint that we were looking at requiring them to have a certain amount set aside for low income households and I think more recently it became an issue with another project on the other side of town that we became a little bit more familiar with that particular requirement on this. Now I voted against this development way back then because I just didn't feel like it met the requirements of abatement for a number of other reasons but if the recommendation say from DMD is to reject the application based upon serving low income households that might be a little bit -- maybe I don't -- I'm not necessarily in favor of this development but it just seems to be the rules have maybe changed in the middle of the game on them, I guess.

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Mike Robling: That sort of is true, but his application said in every place it could have mentioned, every place he could he put in the words low income, he did in his application. And until apparently this past fall or whatever, his rents were apparently in compliance with that and apparently they've only recently gone above what would be considered that. It could be very well that he has at least 20% of the units of the people have Section Eight certificates which would make him in compliance. We just don't know whether he does or not right now.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy had a question and then Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Robling, if my memory serves me correctly, when this came, this one has been going on for some time and was voted on by the Council before I became a Councilmember. The last time it came around I think you said that when it was initially presented, your department recommended against it because it was residential and the location was Green River Road, which is certainly not an economically depressed area I don't believe. Yet, the Council voted for it anyway. So I think your department has had a history of not recommending this project, is that correct?

Mike Robling: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: One thing on this one, it might be helpful maybe to the Councilmembers would be to see a copy of his application when he originally filed because the question of the low income, where we could see that ourselves.

Mike Robling: Every conceivable place that he could have used the words low income, he did.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I asked, for a one bedroom apartment it's \$360; two bedroom apartments are \$460 and they furnish a washer and dryer and that is below the Housing Authority's price for two bedrooms.

Councilmember Hoy: A lot of things are below Housing --

Councilmember Smith: I know, but the reason I questioned --

Councilmember Hoy: They take 30% of your income no matter what it is --

Councilmember Smith: The reason I questioned this is the people that came up here said their's was going to be \$600 and I didn't feel that \$600 is low income. So that's the reason I checked prices.

President Lloyd: Excuse me a second. We need to change the tape.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Robling, you gave us a paper and I have misplaced that on rents the last time, did you not?

Mike Robling: I did when we were talking about Leisure Living West.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, that was it and I can't -- do you have those figures?

Mike Robling: No, I don't have them with me, no.

Councilmember Hoy: I thought they were lower than \$360.

Mike Robling: It depends on family size, bedroom size, and...

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Councilmember Bassemier: I'm going to agree with Mrs. Smith. You can get more on the open market on a house than what the Housing Authority pays you. I know, I have several of them. I think on that project out there, we kind of agree, we voted on that because it was a special occasion because it was for elderly people and he does have a first-class operation out there and I don't know -- I'm not going to say. That's why I voted on it because it was for the elderly and they do need a good and nice place to live, so even though he hadn't made his work quota, I know he's trying and I'm going to vote in favor to let him go on this. So, that's all I have to say.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Bassemier is exactly right. Back then, even though DMD had recommended that we not approve it, I think that's everybody's intent that voted in favor for it was to provide economical, good, clean, safe housing for the elderly. On some of these projects they're more costly going in because it's much cheaper to go up than out and when you're dealing with the elderly in their single story apartment housing, it's just much more costly. I know there's security out there and it is very reasonable for an elderly individual or couple to live out there compared to where else there is to live. So, I mean, it was never -- our intent was -- I mean, we knew going in that there weren't going to be a lot of jobs, but we knew that we were going to help a lot of elderly people and that was the intent.

Councilmember Smith: I think you have to be 55 or handicapped to get in there, but that is one of the nicest apartment complexes there is around. I am very impressed with it. They've got a lake, they can go fishing, and the big recreation room that he has in there is one of the most beautiful ones in the city of Evansville. I am very impressed with it and I'm not necessarily for tax abatement for apartments, but as far as three -- I have a house that I rent with Section Eight and \$440 is what it is for two bedroom, but then they also have to mow the yard, they have to pay for their water and their utilities and everything else, so the \$460 is not that much out of line.

Councilmember Bassemier: If they pay the utilities, water and electric, on a three bedroom Section Eight will pay \$435 at today's rate.

Councilmember Smith: And they pay their own utilities.

Councilmember Bassemier: They pay their own utilities.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I'd like to move that we not approve the Warren Spurling compliance on the tax abatement compliance request here based upon that it's not in an economically depressed area, too, that it does not significantly serve low to moderate income households and thirdly, they have fallen short on their employment projections.

President Lloyd: Motion to find them not in compliance for the following reasons.

Councilmember Bassemier: We don't know for a fact that they are not meeting -- as far as the low income, are we? It's just a guess, right?

Mike Robling: That is correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: We're not for sure, so that motion, the second part is not correct, that they're not meeting --

Councilmember Sutton: What do you base --

Councilmember Bassemier: We don't know for sure --

Councilmember Sutton: There is a motion on the floor --

Councilmember Raben: We have to be sure.

Mike Robling: That's the purpose of holding a public hearing --

Councilmember Sutton: But there's a motion on the floor --

Mike Robling: What this motion would --

Councilmember Hoy: The point of order, we have a motion --

President Lloyd: We have a motion. We need a second on that motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible - microphone not on.)

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to second it. Again, not that I'm against the abatement, but I guess we need to be sure that it does comply with the 20% rule, so with that, Mr. Lloyd, we would hear this in May, correct?

President Lloyd: Right. If this motion would pass, then all we're saying is for the following reasons, we find the taxpayer not in substantial compliance with this statement and then he needs to come back to us and explain. That's all we're voting on. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: But if we vote it down, then can he come back next month? That was the question we had before. If we vote it down today, I would rather delay it till he comes back with the answer.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question. Mr. Sutton, was your motion for us to go to what's recommended here to have a hearing with Mr. Spurling?

Councilmember Sutton: I want to go to a hearing. That would be the next phase. The reasons that initially, we had to state reasons. I think I've stated those reasons, so if there's any clarifications or points that maybe that they can clear up, I think this will be a forum for them to do that at the next meeting.

President Lloyd: : Right, what we're saying is that he would be not in compliance with his abatement and we'll send him a letter to that effect and then he needs to come in and explain and that would be in the May meeting. Did you have something, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I would just point out two things. One, Mr. Sutton had three points. The first one of which I'm not sure we can consider which is whether or not it's in an economically depressed area. That's not something in a statement of benefits. That's something that would be considered when you're granting the abatement, but I don't know that any property owner can make sure they always stay in an economically depressed area. Two and three would be proper reasons and then I would also probably ask that Mr. Sutton amend his motion to also add that the property owner is not in substantial compliance and that the failure to substantially comply was not caused by factors beyond the control of the property owner. That's the second part of the test --

Councilmember Sutton: That was an awful long statement. You may have to write that out for me.

Jeff Ahlers: What I would suggest is that you just amend your motion to state that the property owner has not substantially complied with the statement of benefits and then add that the failure to substantially comply was not caused by factors beyond the control of the property owner.

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President Lloyd: Can we pass that over to Mr. Sutton?

Jeff Ahlers: It's right here in the --

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I get what you're saying. Just to make it clear before I make any change, that based upon the steps we take here, they come in. We then take another vote, correct?

Jeff Ahlers: That's correct. You have another hearing when they come in. We have to send them a notice and then the hearing has to be held within 30 days of sending that notice and in that notice I'll have to state these three reasons. I just wanted to point out to --

Mike Robling: At that hearing I would have a resolution available if you chose to adopt it and that resolution will terminate their tax abatement.

Jeff Ahlers: Correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the language that you just recommended there, I add that to my motion.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben, would you agree to amend your second?

Councilmember Raben: I certainly will. And I might ask, Mike, would it have been simpler to simply just not act on this today?

Mike Robling: No, I think making this motion, setting a hearing is the proper action to take.  
Jeff Ahlers: I agree.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Robling, it's hard to remember all the facts from these situations, but recently we were presented another one on housing, and I just feel as a Councilman, of course, I am probably the Councilperson who views tax abatements in general with less favor than anybody else for a lot of reasons which I won't go into now, but I do think, as a Council, we need to watch particularly these ones that involve residential construction because they do have different rules that apply to them. And I can envision us being deluged with applications from all over the city which you can justify very easily in some ways economically, but through the same economic situations that all of us are up against in the city of Evansville. When you look at the wage structure of our city which is -- certainly the wage structure is not as high as it ought to be for a city our size. That's one of our problems. We've sold ourselves on the idea they're (inaudible) so much cheaper and they can't. So I really would issue that caution on these residential proposals. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Okay, so we're voting to find this taxpayer not in substantial compliance and ask them to come within 30 days. Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please. So a yes vote is they are not substantially in compliance, correct?

Mike Robling: Yeah.

Jeff Ahlers: Correct.

Councilmember Smith: The yes vote is what?

President Lloyd: That you are agreeing with Mr. Sutton's motion, that they are not in compliance with their statement of benefits and we ask them to come back. A yes vote, you agree with Mr. Sutton, they're not in compliance and that we're going to ask them to come back at a later time and explain.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No, because I don't think that we can say that they're not in compliance because we don't have the answers and I would like to defer it until next month and ask them to come back and explain it before we would take a vote on it.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I feel the same way. I wish we would defer it. I have to say no also.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. They are found not in compliance four to two and then we will be sending them a letter.

**(Motion to find property owner not in compliance approved 4-2)**

**K) TEMME INVESTMENTS**

President Lloyd: Okay, the next on our list is Temme Investments.

Mike Robling: Temme Investments has met its real estate goal and reached 77% of its employment goal. This was a new start up business in 1996 and projected that it would create 25 jobs within five years. At this point they have created fourteen jobs. I would consider that they have substantially complied with their statement of benefits.

Councilmember Sutton: How do we verify the information that, for example on this real estate investment I'm looking at Temme here, where they projected \$525,000 and they actually have made \$525,000. How do we verify that? Do they just supply that information to us?

Mike Robling: They sign this form under penalties of perjury. They also supply information that shows what their actual assessed value is so that -- although they never correlate one to one.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm not questioning their -- I just find it a little bit -- that they met \$525,000 exactly and then I look up some of the others and you've got odd numbers here and there and then you've got another one up there like Industrial Building, I mean, a \$185,000 exactly, it just, I don't know, it just strikes me as a little strange.

Mike Robling: People have already gotten bids and know what their building is going to cost them. Other people are projecting or through changes as they go along...we don't have a right to really audit their books that I know of.

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Councilmember Raben: We had this discussion at a Council meeting some time last year and I raised that same question, but we really should be able to go in and audit payroll records, audit records for their investments. I don't know how big a job that would be but we only deal with a few of these a year, so I don't know why we could not do that and I'm sure that the law wouldn't prevent us from doing that since we are granting a tax abatement.

Suzanne Crouch: Mr. Robling, doesn't the state do some spot checking of abatements, that's what I was --

Mike Robling: The State Board of Tax Commissioners actually has to review each manufacturing, they actually review -- a manufacturing application for deduction has to be filled out every year and it has to be approved by the State Board of Tax Commissioners and the State Board of Tax Commissioners actually tells the Auditor what deduction to put on their books. Real estate has no review other than this form itself, so there's really no check on real estate.

Councilmember Sutton: I know you can pretty much get a pretty accurate idea of maybe what you might spend or project to spend but usually when it gets into actual practice or -- theory is one thing but what actually takes place tends to be a little bit different. Maybe they were right on cue, maybe they hit it right on the button on this but not necessarily questioning necessarily the honesty or anything, but if there were some mechanism where we could see if there is some accuracy behind these numbers other than what they tell us, I think we may find, I don't know, we might find something a little bit different here in what we might see.

Mike Robling: That's possible, but again, I don't think the tax abatement statute gives the county the authority to audit their books or whatever.

Councilmember Sutton: That's not right.

Mike Robling: It's up to the legislature --

President Lloyd: When a business fills out a property tax form, I mean, they are subject to criminal penalty if they are falsifying that information, so...

Mike Robling: It's up to them and their accountant.

Jeff Ahlers: I guess what you could do at the hearing, you can call witnesses. So to the extent some things, I suppose, could be disputed by like say at the next level if you take a particular property owner, both the property owner and call witnesses to testify as to that. Now, as to whether or not people are telling the truth, you hope they are but that's one avenue to question those things.

President Lloyd: Okay, we're still on Temme Investments. We need a motion for any further discussion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion to find in compliance by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Bassemier. Any other questions? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Taxpayer found in compliance six to zero.

**(Motion to find property owner in compliance unanimously approved 6-0)**

**L) WABASH PLASTICS**

President Lloyd: The last one on our list, Wabash Plastics.

Mike Robling: Wabash Plastics has met 67% of its real estate goal; 100% of its equipment goal; and currently 57% of its employment goal. The goals for real estate and manufacturing equipment, the actual figures have not changed since 1995 and you have found them in compliance the past three years. Their employment level started at 180, it increased to 265 in 1995 and then has decreased since that time to 255 in '96 and 214 in '97. Of course, Wabash and its sister company, Crescent, are one of our long standing corporate citizens and I'm sure any problems with this variability is due to market conditions and I would recommend that you find them to be in substantial compliance.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll wait for a motion --

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion to approve Councilman Raben, second by Councilwoman Smith. Discussion, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I have information that they are advertising for positions open at this time, Wabash Plastics. Do you know...

Mike Robling: I know that after the meeting two weeks ago the news media contacted them and I know they said that they had new equipment on hand or something like that or that they were hiring. I don't remember specifically but I know that they did say that they would have better numbers to report now than they did as of the end of the year.

Councilmember Hoy: Because I do have a problem with the percentages, 67 and 57, on real

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estate and on employment. I generally look at that last column because one of the goals of tax abatement is to supposedly create jobs and I wish we could today, I know somebody who applied there and said they saw an ad in the paper. That's how I got that information and that always bothers me that we don't have a little more solid information as we sit here than we do from the company.

Councilmember Raben: If you look, again, it says this was adopted in 1992 and Mr. Robling said that in 1995 they had 265 employees. So I don't think they're too proud of the fact that it's down either, you know, a company of this size, I don't think it's time to rip the abatement out from under them when they probably are trying to do a little recovering themselves and I'll tell you, there's another, it gets quite in depth but I've heard from some of the plastics companies and some of the tool and die companies, the machinists, they say that their role is going to continue to get tougher because Toyota, you know, we keep talking about Toyota and what a great thing it is, but what they say is happening is Toyota, some of the spinoff, these companies coming in that are contracted everywhere else that Toyota is at, and what is going to happen is they're also going to try to get a piece of the local business that these people and some of the tool and die companies and the machinists are doing. So outside companies coming here to do work with Toyota are going to start chiseling away at Wabash and Berry and everybody else. So these people now more than ever need all the help they can get.

Councilmember Sutton: Right along those lines, Councilman Raben, that's kind of why I voted in favor of the tool and die earlier when ordinarily I wouldn't have, but the other thing is the workforce. Your tool and die and your plastics type of -- your top workers at these type of companies are just precisely the type of workers that some of our new industries are looking for and they've been very successful in attracting some of the talent, so many of our businesses are really reeling right now, trying to recover and train new people and get new people in and it's really having an affect upon them. So the market forces, I think, we will recover and I think it will be good for the whole, but in the meantime it has really put a lot of businesses in a tailspin because of the drain it has placed on the workforces even.

Councilmember Smith: Well, your plastic companies, I used to work at Kent Plastics, and we would work overtime, Saturdays and Sundays, and then the next week we'd get laid off before their bids come in and their orders come in and you've got to get them out. And like you said with Toyota, and I'm sure they'll be buying theirs probably out of Japan or somewhere else, and it is hard for the plastic companies to stay up as many as they've said they were going to. And I think they've done quite well, they've projected 60 and so they haven't done too bad.

Councilmember Hoy: My only comment was regarding Toyota and I'm happy that they've come in, but I would remind Council, also, that I went to the Toyota workshop and their main man over in Georgetown said don't expect a whole lot of new supplier plants because, for example, we have a plant here that already supplies the coatings for the plant in Georgetown. It's Red Spot. Shipping from here to Lexington is a piece of cake and shipping from Lexington here, if there was a supplier there is a piece of cake. And they're going to go to their trusted suppliers first also. And that's why I keep making my old speech about being careful because here's a company itself say, you know, don't build your hopes up too much about new plants because they're going to go with the reliable sources and I think -- I appreciate the remark about the impact on the jobs, because it is a -- for people with skills...

Mike Robling: And they are helping to restructure the wage rates is what I understand.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: Who? Toyota is?

Mike Robling: It has impacted Toyota's, I think. It's raising wage rates.

Councilmember Hoy: And I'm glad to hear that.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other discussion? We have a motion from Councilman Raben, I believe, second from Councilwoman Smith. So, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I'll go ahead and vote yes reluctantly. I'll take half a chance on this one.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Okay, found in compliance six to zero.

**(Motion to find property owner in compliance unanimously approved 6-0)**

President Lloyd: That concludes the regular business portion. We were only going to consider these tax abatement compliance reviews, so I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Lloyd: Motion to adjourn Councilwoman Smith. Is there a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Second by Mr. Sutton. We're adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.)

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MAY 6, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 6th day of May, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

President Lloyd: I'd like to call to order the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council, May 6, 1998. Do we have someone from the Sheriff's Office that would call the meeting to order?

(Meeting opened by Tana Bailey of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.)

President Lloyd: The second item on our agenda would be the attendance. Could we have the attendance, please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	*X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Lloyd	X	

(\*Arrived just after attendance called.)

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda would be the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>  <b>APRIL 1, 1998 PROPOSED RULES &amp; GUIDELINES</b>  <b>APRIL 1, 1998 COUNCIL MEETING</b>  <b>APRIL 13, 1998 TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW</b></p>
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President Lloyd: I would ask for a motion for approval of the minutes from the April 1, 1998 special meeting, the April 1, 1998 Council meeting and the April 13, 1998 special meeting.

Councilmember Smith: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

President Lloyd: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Hoy. Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven to zero.

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

<p><b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b></p>
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**A) TREASURER**

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll move on to the appropriation ordinances and the first item would be the Treasurer.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1030-3410 in the amount of \$2,100.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Mr. Raben and second by Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3410	PRINTING	2,100.00	2,100.00
TOTAL		2,100.00	2,100.00

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

**B) SHERIFF**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda is the Sheriff.

Councilmember Raben: I also move approval of 1050-1210-1050 in the amount of \$1,208.00.

President Lloyd: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilwoman Smith. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1050-1210-1050	PAYMENT OFFICER	1,208.00	1,208.00
TOTAL		1,208.00	1,208.00

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

**C) COMMISSIONERS**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda is County Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 1300-3760 in the amount \$6,000; 1300-3420 Legal Advertising in the amount of \$10,000, for a grand total of \$16,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Sutton. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3760	OCCU/MED	6,000.00	6,000.00
1300-3420	LEGAL ADVERTISING	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		16,000.00	16,000.00

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

#### **D) SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**

President Lloyd: The next item would be Superintendent of County Buildings. I'll take a motion on that.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 1310-3510 in the amount of \$1,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Wortman. Any discussion?

Suzanne Crouch: That was Mr. Hoy.

President Lloyd: Oh, I'm sorry. That was Mr. Hoy on the second. Any other discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero. That's it for the General Fund requests.

<b>SUPT. OF COUNTY BUILDINGS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1310-3510	OTHER OPERATING	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		1,000.00	1,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved.)**

**E) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (Three requests)**

President Lloyd: We move to Cumulative Bridge. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: So moved, I move that 2030-3930 in the amount of \$20,000.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilwoman Smith. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, could we have a roll call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-3930	CONTRACTUAL	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL		20,000.00	20,000.00

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

President Lloyd: We have another request under Cumulative Bridge and I'll take a motion for that one.

Councilmember Raben: 2030-4340 in the amount of \$10,994. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: We have a motion. Can we have a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben and second Councilman Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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2030-4340	FRANKLIN ST. BRIDGE	10,994.00	10,994.00
TOTAL		10,994.00	10,994.00

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

President Lloyd: We move on to Cumulative Bridge, the third item. I'll take a motion for that.

Councilmember Raben: I move 2030-4394 in the amount of \$35,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero. That's it for Cumulative Bridge requests.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4394	OAK HILL RD. BRIDGE #1	35,000.00	35,000.00
TOTAL		35,000.00	35,000.00

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

**F) CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**

President Lloyd: We'll move on to Convention & Visitors Fund. I'll entertain a motion there.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm going to take all three of these if no one objects. 3570-3994 in the amount of \$2,500; 3570-3994 in the amount of \$20,000; and 3570-3994 in the amount of \$10,000, for a total of \$32,500.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we had a motion by Councilman Raben for all three items. The second, I believe, Councilman Hoy was there first. Do we have any discussion on that? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion is passed seven to zero.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-3994	MATCHING GRANTS (OHIO RIVER ARTS FEST)	2,500.00	2,500.00
3570-3994	MATCHING GRANTS (MESKER PARK ZOO/BOTANIC GARDEN)	20,000.00	20,000.00
3570-3994	MATCHING GRANTS (OHIO "RIBBER" BARBECUE FESTIVAL)	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL			32,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

#### G) LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

President Lloyd: Now we'll move on to Legal Aid/United Way. I'll take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: 4290-3730 in the amount of \$1.00 and this is just to balance their funds. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilwoman Smith, for a grand total of a dollar. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I have to think on this one, it's a lot of money! Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
4290-3730	CONTINUING EDUCATION	1.00	1.00
TOTAL		1.00	1.00

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

<b>REPEAL REQUEST</b>
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**A) AUDITORIUM**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda would be a repeal from the Auditorium.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll just lump those all together. I move that we accept the repeals for the Auditorium --

Tony Greubel: Excuse me, Councilman Raben, I have one amendment.

President Lloyd: Please state your name for the record.

Tony Greubel: Tony Greubel, County Commission Office. 1440-1910 PERF, I didn't realize that the quarterly payment was made in April, so the amount is actually \$275 to be repealed instead of \$396.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Mr. President, I'll move that all Auditorium repeals



are accepted as submitted with the exception of 1440-1910 which should read \$275. All others as listed.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, so we have the motion and the second with the one account change. Any discussion? Okay, hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The repeal passes seven to zero.

AUDITORIUM		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1120-1440	ASST. MANAGER	602.45	602.45
1440-1130-1440	LEAD MAN	1,077.00	1,077.00
1440-1140-1440	CUSTODIAL	725.83	725.83
1440-1150-1440	CUSTODIAL	725.05	725.05
1440-1160-1440	MAINTENANCE	406.16	406.16
1440-1170-1440	CUSTODIAN	700.71	700.71
1440-1900	FICA	338.64	338.64

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1440-1910	PERF	396.82	274.82
1440-1920	INSURANCE	940.34	940.34
TOTAL		5,913.00	5,791.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**A) CORONER**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda, we move to the transfers and the first transfer request is the Coroner. I'll take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that we accept the transfers for the Coroner as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Mr. Raben and second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Transfer passes seven to zero.

<b>CORONER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1070-2210	GAS & OIL	125.00	125.00
1070-2710	COLOR FILM	175.00	175.00

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1070-2740	CHEMICALS	200.00	200.00
1070-3160	RADIO/PAGER	345.00	345.00
TO: 1070-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	360.00	360.00
1070-3371	COMPUTER HARDWARE	485.00	485.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

- B) ELECTION OFFICE**
- C) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
- D) SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**
- E) AUDITORIUM**
- F) HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
- G) LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION**

President Lloyd: The next item would be the Election Office. I'll take a motion and a second to that.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that we accept the transfer as submitted. Matter of fact, let me back up. I'll move that we accept the remainder of the transfers as submitted.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, on the Election Office, I asked for a copy of what the total bill was. We appropriated \$34,550 for the year. This is for shipping and we have not got a bill to this day. Now, you know, if that was appropriated for the whole year then there's got to be some money left. Unless we get that bill, I would make the motion that we hold it until we get the bill because there's got to be some money left for the fall election.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, is there anyone here from the Election Office?

President Lloyd: Is there anyone here from the Election Office or the County Clerk's Office that wants to address that?

Councilmember Smith: And we asked Marsha for this the last time, and we held it a month so maybe they have the bill, I don't know.

President Lloyd: Please state your name for the record.

Sue Hall: Sue Hall. Miss Smith, I don't have a copy for you. In fact, I --

Councilmember Smith: The total bill for the primary?

Sue Hall: This is for the equipment that was delivered for the next three years on this contract. I have a copy that shows exactly what was delivered and then I can give an explanation for each and every one. Here's a copy with the bill attached.

Councilmember Raben: Did I get a second?

Suzanne Crouch: No.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Hoy.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, that still doesn't tell us how much is left from the primary, how much money is left. Until we get the total bill for the primary -- now is this going to pay --

I'll have to ask you this -- is this going to pay for the whole year? The \$444.11, there won't be any more bills?

Sue Hall: No, there will not be any more bills. This is not for the frames, as I understand that was a question last time. This is for all the equipment that is now sitting in the Election Office that was used to count ballots last night. This is a one-time charge for delivering everything in. The only time there would be another charge would be if we had this equipment removed. Since this equipment is here for the duration of the contract, we would not be receiving another freight charge.

Councilmember Smith: Then I would recommend we hold this since this money is all paid to them until the fall and clear up any balances from that point. Because other than that, they're going to have to come back for another appropriation.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, could I ask -- it was my understanding that there was \$34,510 was a contract and there's like \$444 additional that is just to cover the freight charges, right?

Sue Hall: That is correct.

Councilmember Raben: This is basically a freight bill that's owed for delivering the equipment.

Sue Hall: That's right. I just got off the phone with Rob McGinness to get a detail of what this covers. Let me get my notes here. On the front page that you see the equipment, the PC workstation, that was one of the things that was delivered on this. There's an additional card reader. This card reader was passed by the Election Board to be brought in. There's a laser printer that was brought in and there's software. It covers a monitor. This was brought in. This is what the freight charges are for. They're here now, we won't be getting anymore in, so this is the only one. This is the only freight charge there will be.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and this \$34,500 is a three year contract, right?

Sue Hall: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: There won't be anymore appropriations. I mean, that money is basically spent.

Sue Hall: I haven't seen the contract, so I can't tell you what the contract agreements are. I know by according to the bill, and that is on the third page...

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, it says --

Sue Hall: It says, year one of three, \$34,510. That's for the length agreement. The freight charges are for the equipment that was brought in on this lease agreement.

President Lloyd: So according to that invoice, that \$34,510 is payable each year, right?

Sue Hall: As far as I can tell off of this. I've never seen the lease agreement, so I'm not sure on that.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, that lease agreement was signed by the County Commissioners and this is the first time this has ever been put in the Election Board budget but they recommended that it be put in the budget, but the Commissioners signed that contract with them, I think, I believe it was in '96. So they did make the agreement. My point was and, Sue, was that if we had the same amount in the fall then we do it all at one time because they did make that agreement with them.

Sue Hall: This doesn't cover that. This is just a one-time charge to bring the equipment in

that's sitting there in the room now.

Councilmember Smith: Will that stay then the whole summer?

Sue Hall: Yes. It stays there as long as this contract -- as long as we're under contract by this, that equipment will stay there. It will not be moved. It was the charges for bringing the equipment in.

Councilmember Smith: Well, we never did have to pay that, but like I said, if that's for the whole thing, and that's what it takes, but the Commissioners did sign that agreement.

Councilmember Raben: I had checked with the Commissioners and they said we do owe the freight bill on it. So I think we're acting right. I think we're handling --

Councilmember Smith: Probably so, if that's the case but I do know the Commissioners signed that agreement. But I thought if you had to pay that shipping every time --

Sue Hall: No ma'am, because it's already here. It's not going to be coming in anymore.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: We have a motion and a second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben and second Councilman Hoy. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Smith: I had a motion on the floor. I'll withdraw my motion to hold it.

President Lloyd: Alright, and your motion was to pass it for \$444.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on.)

President Lloyd: Alright, any other discussion? Madam Secretary, could we have a roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Transfer passes seven to zero.

<b>ELECTION OFFICE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1210-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	444.11	444.11
TO: 1210-3530	CONTRACT SVCS.	444.11	444.11

<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1300-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,000.00
TO: 1300-3370	COMPUTER	2,000.00	2,000.00

<b>SUPT. OF COUNTY BUILDINGS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM:1310-1110-1310	SUPT. OF CO. BLDGS.	5,000.00	5,000.00
TO: 1310-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	5,000.00	5,000.00

<b>AUDITORIUM</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1440-3440	ADVERTISING	1,500.00	1,500.00
1440-3140	TELEPHONE	166.00	166.00
1440-3790	PROF. SERVICES	589.00	589.00
TO: 1440-3530	CONT. SERVICES	1,100.00	1,100.00
1440-2300	UNIFORMS	264.00	264.00
1440-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	891.00	891.00

<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2130-3510	OTHER OPERATING	20,000.00	20,000.00
TO: 2130-1971	TERMINATION PAY	20,000.00	20,000.00

<b>LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2861-3130	TRAVEL	633.00	633.00
2861-3140	TELEPHONE	634.00	634.00
2861-3530	CONT. SERVICES	8,380.76	8,380.76
TO: 2861-3210	EMERGENCY MGMT.	9,013.76	9,013.76
2861-3310	TRAINING	634.00	634.00

**(Motion unanimously approved.)**

President Lloyd: The next transfer would be County Commissioners. I'll take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I included them all in my motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, so you had all the rest of them, County Commissioners, Superintendent of County Buildings, and Auditorium.

Councilmember Sutton: I had one real quick question. It's just more of an informational thing. Tony, if you could answer a question. On the computer request on that transfer, what does that request entail?

Tony Greubel: The hardware. So I'm just asking to get a computer to replace the obsolete one in the Commissioners Office, to replace one of the two obsolete ones. And then there's times, too, when the more powerful computer would come in handy by Council personnel, too. Since we share so much in the offices there's times when Council might need perhaps a CD Rom drive for some software, then we would have a CD Rom drive in one of our offices.

Councilmember Sutton: Where is that going to be located, this new one?

Tony Greubel: It would be at my terminal, at my desk.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, and then on page three, these transfers also included the Health Department and the Local Emergency Planning Commission, right?

Councilmember Raben: And I included all remaining transfers so those should all be taken care of and I think we have already dealt with the repeal, so we just need to move to item --

President Lloyd: Right, we had the repeal back here after Legal Aid, so we'll move to section eight on the agenda which would be amendments to the salary ordinance.

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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- A) SHERIFF**
- B) SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**
- C) HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
- D) AUDITORIUM**

President Lloyd: I'll ask the Finance Chairman to do that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we have four today: the Sheriff's Department, Superintendent of County Buildings, the Health Department and we actually have two for the Superintendent of County Buildings and I move that those be approved as previously approved.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion to approve the salary ordinance. Is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Any discussion? Okay, seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Did we include the Auditorium?

Councilmember Hoy: We've already done that.

Councilmember Bassemier: We did? Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: The repeal.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Lloyd: He meant on the salary ordinance. Did you include the Auditorium?

Councilmember Raben: I meant to include it. I may not have stated the Auditorium. Is that what you're saying? Okay. The Auditorium would be included in my motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, thank you, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: And my vote is yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Salary ordinance passes seven to zero.

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

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**A) COUNTY CLERK/STORAGE**

President Lloyd: Now we go to item nine, old business, and item A would be County Clerk/Storage. Please state your name for the record.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell.

President Lloyd: Had you talked to the Commissioners about it and they said come back to Council? Is that correct?

Marsha Abell: That's correct. You told me to go to the Commissioners and tell them I had your blessing and they said, well, what does that mean? I said I don't know, and they said well, you go back and tell them because they can't do anything for me.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I think what our intent was back then, we don't enter into contracts or agreements, so I don't know if they really understood why we sent you back but we can appropriate monies if --



Marsha Abell: They probably want to know how much you're going to appropriate. I can't either. I can't enter into a contract and I don't know -- you know, I don't know what to do except I can tell you that we have the last file cabinet in my office that we can stick on the wall and I don't know where we're going from here. I'm totally out of space. I mean, I can't wait any longer. I've been working on this with you all for over a year. Well, a full year, and it just gets worse. You know, when you generate as much paper every month as I do, I've got to put it somewhere.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well basically, my understanding is that they would have to take bids, okay. They would have to work out an agreement with someone and arrive at some sort of figure before we can appropriate any money, is that not correct?

Marsha Abell: Well, I was told to do that and that's what is in the packet. I mean, I called every storage place I could to see how much it was going to cost to store those documents.

Councilmember Raben: I'll be happy to call them tomorrow and find out what we can do. Marsha, I know, I mean --

Marsha Abell: You all have done this to me for months! You keep saying, I'll get hold of Bettye Lou, I'll write her a letter. He writes her a letter, and you all want us to go back to them, come back here, you know, I mean, talk about feeling like you're getting the run around. This is getting ridiculous. I wish you'd come look at my office. I have nowhere to put people. We have no space. My bookkeeping department has stuff under their desks. I mean, we really have no room. I've taken the whole break room for storage.

Councilmember Raben: Well again, I think this body's intent before was to give them our blessings that we'll support something if they bring it to us and again, we can't appropriate monies until they've decided how much we're going to spend and with who. Then the other thing is, you have to go through filing for the appropriation but I don't know what else we can do as a body here.

President Lloyd: They have to sign the contract.

Marsha Abell: I've got bids. I've had bids for months. You've got pictures, you've got bids. I've talked to Kinder Moving & Storage, they've come in. I've got bids in here for movable shelving. I don't have a life size picture of those Commissioners going out and getting bids.

Councilmember Raben: And we can not enter into any agreements like that. I mean, that's their call.

Marsha Abell: Would somebody tell me who is going to do this because I can't do it and I'm to the point I'm going to have to push stuff out in the hall and then the judges are going to be furious. Steve Utley is going to be furious but I have nowhere else to put it. They can't even drop my computer lines yet because there's nowhere to drop them and we've got computers coming in here in a few weeks.

Councilmember Raben: Marsha, I apologize. I thought we had told you what to do but obviously, --

Marsha Abell: So I've done it. I followed every instruction you gave me. I know that Mr. Lloyd wrote Mrs. Jerrell a letter because I have a copy of it. I went before them, I mean, I have done everything you've told me to do. I have followed it as --

President Lloyd: Right. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: She's right, because there's no place to put anything over there and I have to agree with Marsha 100%, but I was talking to you and you said there's space in the

Old Courthouse and the Commissioners is the one that has to supply the space and I agree, I got the runaround for eight years on it. Somebody is going to get hurt down in the basement because of all the storage and by state law you've got to keep this stuff. It's not because you want to, you've got to. But the Commissioners are going to have to do something because you can't sit those court records out in the hall. And when you're right, you're right. And she's 100% right! So somebody is going to have to do something. Maybe we should direct the Commissioners to try to get the space over in the courthouse. What it's costing over in Garvin Park Industrial Mall is an outrage because it is an outrage over there.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, and if I have to get a court order, I will because we're to that point. I mean, we are absolutely to the point, we have no space at all.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: It is the Commissioners responsibility, not ours. It's their responsibility to file an appropriation. We can not do that, we can not sign a contract. The ball is in their court and we can't sit here and do a contract. That would be illegal for us to do that and we're not trying to give you the runaround. I think it's the Commissioners as far as I'm concerned. They're the ones who should have written this up and had it on our desks. My God, they've laid everything else on our desks over the years.

Marsha Abell: Do you all not ever talk to those people over there?

Councilmember Hoy: We talk to them all the time. He's talked to them, the President has talked to them, we've sent them memos. You've talked to them. The newspaper is sitting there, they can talk to them.

Marsha Abell: They obviously talk to them more than you all do because I'm not sure you all talk to them.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I disagree with that. We have talked with them and our President has and they should have gotten something on our desk.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Curt, and Mr. Hoy, you're right on that. That's not our call. Curt, you're the liaison, why don't you get with the President over there and put it to him the way it was put to us and let's get on the ball and let's get this thing resolved, okay?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I went down with Marsha and we went all over there on modernizing and everything else. But this, as Mr. Hoy said, this is the Commissioners'. They've got to take bids, when they get the bids in they take the cheapest price, they make it in an order, then they send it to the Council for approval. Upon approval, then it goes to the Clerk and they get the job done. That's the procedure.

President Lloyd: I think there's two issues here. One would be short-term, which is your immediate problem.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, like tomorrow.

President Lloyd: And then the second one would be what does the county want to do about storage because you have other offices besides yours that have record storage problems. I wonder if we could put this on the Commissioners' agenda. Would that be a problem?

Councilmember Hoy: Would you welcome a motion for an overture to the Commissioners?

I'd be glad to make that motion that they do just what you said.

President Lloyd: Yeah, or they have a meeting Monday. Maybe we could get that on the agenda.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, it would put us on record one more time. I mean, it is really their job to do it and I will make such a motion that those two items be placed in a resolution or an overture, rather, to the Commissioners.

President Lloyd: Okay, so that's a motion?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Did you have anything to add, Mr. Greubel?

Tony Greubel: Yeah, Tony Greubel, Administrative Assistant. There's probably about three things that we were looking into. One of them, which is likely, is there's about 900 square feet in the Old Courthouse, one room that we can use relatively quickly. The other option, really, is probably solving the Clerk's problem and it's also the Prosecutor's problem, they're running out of space, is a combination of all three. So getting more space in the Old Courthouse and then number two, getting them more efficient filing cabinets and shelving units in the basement here in the Civic Center.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, there is not any room for any more filing cabinets and shelves in that basement in that area.

Tony Greubel: I've been talking with, for example, a person from Atlas Office Supplies came in today with some sort of like a bankers box type system. I should have had a picture. I wasn't prepared to talk about this. But it's a really efficient system which you would be surprised how much wasted space we have because some of the shelving units and the boxes that don't work right there. And then the other option, I don't know about this legally, but maybe there's some more stuff that we can microfilm to save space. So maybe between all three of those I think we can get this.

Marsha Abell: I have a proposal for movable shelving in the basement, it's \$80,000. It would probably double our storage space, but, I mean, if we're going to start digital or microfilming, you're going to cut down with the problem in the years to come but that doesn't help what I have now and I'm getting calls daily from Greg Hager over at Willard. You know, I'm way beyond what we're paying for in space and they want me to get that stuff out of there and short of putting it in my basement, which is illegal, I don't know what to do with it. I am literally to the point, I don't know where to go with this thing. I appreciate that, Mr. Hoy, but that was like two months ago when I was here and you gave me the little pat on the back and said tell the Commissioners we like you and we want to help you because if you're not going to help me it doesn't do me any good to have a directive to them.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I --

Paul Hatfield: (Inaudible -- comments not made from microphone.)

Councilmember Hoy: I apologize. I'm not a Commissioner, I'm a Councilman. And that's all we can do and that's their responsibility and --

President Lloyd: You don't have to apologize for that.

Councilmember Hoy: I mean, you know --

Marsha Abell: Maybe they've got some room in the jail that I could use.

Councilmember Hoy: I think it would be wonderful if you could double your space for \$80,000 --

Marsha Abell: Eighty, 8 - 0. Eighty thousand.

Councilmember Hoy: Eighty thousand.

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: That's what I said.

Marsha Abell: I thought you said eight. It's 8 - 0.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I said eighty, 8 - 0, comma 0 - 0 - 0, is much cheaper than building anything. I mean, that would be a good price, but they have got to sign that and I, Mr. President, I don't know whether you want to -- I would add an amendment to my motion if my seconder would accept it, that if need be we call a special meeting just to vote on this issue to push it along. I'd be glad to meet again to get it done.

Marsha Abell: I appreciate that. We need to get it done.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll add that to my motion. Who seconded it, Mrs. Smith? Would you accept that?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

President Lloyd: My question, I mean, could that be put on the Commissioners' agenda Monday? Is there a problem with that? I mean, it could be treated as an emergency.

Tony Greubel: Yeah, we can put that on the agenda Monday.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman, would you be willing to go to the meeting?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, now Mrs. Abell, have you made your request to the County Commissioners for bids and shelving and all that?

Marsha Abell: They have a packet exactly like yours.

Councilmember Wortman: Tony, then, why don't you -- both of you appear there before the Commissioners Monday and I'll be there and we'll get this thing solved and work it out so we can get the show on the road and then we'll see what solution there is. Does that sound alright? Does that agree with all the Councilmen?

Councilmember Hoy: We have a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, you've got a motion and a second. But that was my discussion. So, it's up to...

President Lloyd: Any other questions? So the motion is to what?

Marsha Abell: I think the motion was for me to sit down and shut up.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on.) -- and then I amended it -- and then (inaudible).

President Lloyd: Right, I mean, one suggestion would be why don't we see what happens

Monday at the Commissioners meeting before we hold a special Council meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we could always cancel it.

Councilmember Hoy: If they'll act Monday night, and then what does it take, ten days in the newspaper?

President Lloyd: Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: My only point was, I mean, you can hold a special meeting to discuss this or anything you want. My only concern is that I don't think until we get the Commissioners to take action that we have the power to go -- obviously, as we've said, we don't have the power to go out and contract, so I think we just have to keep in mind that whatever meetings you're wanting to hold to discuss that, we've still got to deal with the Commissioners first, I think.

Councilmember Hoy: Set the date until they take the vote and then it's advertised, but at least we can get it in motion and wouldn't have to wait a month. That's my only purpose.

Jeff Ahlers: You'd have to know the amount.

Councilmember Hoy: All I'm saying is this would enable us to set a meeting and not have to wait a month which I think would be welcomed by the Clerk's Office, I'm sure.

Councilmember Raben: She could file an appropriation by the 15th and we could act on it at our meeting, like what is it, the 27th? Is that our meeting? We could have a special meeting before our meeting. So, that's that.

Councilmember Hoy: I just want to leave the door open so we can do it if we need to, that's all, and if we can't, then we'll have to do it next month.

President Lloyd: So are you proposing a special meeting on the 27th?

Councilmember Hoy: I was going to leave that open and at your discretion and also to keep it in legal bounds and enable us to expedite things, but if you want to put it on the 27th, I'll accept that as an amendment if the seconder will accept it.

President Lloyd: My suggestion would be let's see what happens at the Monday Commissioners meeting and the Council secretary could call us if we need to have a special meeting. That will still give us time to advertise it. Is that alright?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President? It might be that we'll have to look in the Commissioners account. There might be a transfer situation there in Contractual or something we might be able to take out and expedite that a little quicker and then wait down the road, see, to replenish the account, too.

President Lloyd: We could do that as an emergency transfer if we need to. Okay. Alright, we have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Okay, seven - zero. Motion to expedite the Commissioners on the County Clerk's storage problem passes.

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

**B) WARREN W. SPURLING  
COMPLIANCE WITH TAX ABATEMENT HEARING**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda under old business, item B, would be Warren Spurling, Hearing Tax Abatement Compliance. Please state your name for the record.

Mike Robling: I have some things to pass out first here. Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. First, I want to bring to your attention the little quarter page paragraph that outlines or provides an excerpt of the language out of the Indiana Code discussing the tax abatement non-compliance hearing which you're conducting here today. At the last meeting you preliminarily found the Spurling project to be in non-compliance and scheduled it for this hearing today. He has been notified of your finding and of the reasons for your finding, the lack of meeting the employment goal and also --

President Lloyd: Excuse me a second. We need to change our tape.

**(Tape changed at 4:14 p.m.)**

President Lloyd: Okay, please proceed.

Mike Robling: The reasons for your finding at the last meeting were that he had failed to meet his employment projection and that ...would never address the 20% low to moderate income requirement of the statute. I also passed out his 1992 tax abatement application which in a number of places makes reference to low cost housing for the elderly, affordable housing and so forth, which identified, I think, his intent to meet that low to moderate income criteria. The third thing I passed out was a couple of different ways to look up the term low to moderate and affordable. I know that the question will be discussed today that the tax abatement statute does not define these terms. Low to moderate does have definitions elsewhere in the law. The term low to moderate, the only place I am aware of that it really exists are in a number of HUD programs and in those programs low to moderate constitutes 80%, at or below 80% of the median income for the area. In this case, that's the four county metropolitan area. HUD amends those numbers annually and breaks them out by household size and the top of the first table that I gave you shows what that is for one, two and three person households for 1998. The term affordable housing also has no meaning and no definition in the statute but it does have a definition in other contexts and that is again, in a HUD context, that affordable housing is considered to be the cost of housing including rent and utilities being at or below 30% of

a household's income and I've given you a calculation there. I utilized the Housing Authority's utility allowance number for lack of any better source and backed that out to show what a maximum affordable rent might be under the broadest definition of the term. Again, that only would apply to people who are right at 80% median income. Another way to look at affordable rent would be Section Eight rents and at the bottom table I've shown what the current Section Eight rents are for one, two and three bedroom units in the Evansville area. As I said, there are two issues, compliance issues that need to be addressed. One is --

President Lloyd: Excuse me, Mr. Ahlers had a comment.

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Robling, I was wondering if you had an extra copy just so we can keep, since this is supposed to be conducted as a hearing, to keep the record clear. Maybe mark one of these as Exhibit A that you are referring to and reading off of so that -- and give it to Ms. Lukeman so that we have a record of what you are referring to and reading off of and then you've also submitted to us the application for economic revitalization area designation and abatement that was file stamped June 19, 1992 for this particular property and for Mr. Spurling and then the statute, and if you want to just show one as Exhibit A, one B, maybe show the application as B, and then C, the excerpt from the statute you submitted and then what you just went through was Exhibit A as I referred to, what you said you had gotten from HUD guidelines as low and moderate income definitions. Is that right?

Mike Robling: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, just to make sure we're all on the same page and the record will be clear. Thank you.

Mike Robling: The employment issue is probably the easiest one to deal with. The 1992 Statement of Benefits projected creation of three full-time and two part-time jobs. Mr. Spurling subsequently submitted a second application in 1994. At that time he reported twelve full-time employees and four part-time employees, so therefore, I considered that he had met his 1992 goal, but at that time he projected a new goal of ten additional full-time and eight additional part-time. The compliance form he submitted February 25th of this year reported a full-time current employment of twelve and part-time employment of eight, showing that since 1994, he's added no full-time jobs and five part-time jobs.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, a question on that issue. The original statement that we approved in '92 stated that there would only be three and two, though, correct?

Mike Robling: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So he's far exceeded what he originally said when we granted the abatement.

Mike Robling: The first abatement. He proposed this project and did not complete it within the two year designation period, so when he came back for redesignation in 1994, he established new goals on his own.

Councilmember Sutton: For the record one more time, when the new goals were --?

Mike Robling: The new goals were ten full-time and eight part-time.

Councilmember Raben: And the current is what, again?

Mike Robling: He currently reports twelve full-time and nine part-time.

Councilmember Raben: So he's right on target, isn't he?

Mike Robling: Well, if you take the twelve that he started with in '94 and add ten, that would be twenty-two.

Councilmember Raben: Oh. Okay, but he would not have had to change those projections in '94, correct? I mean, he could have left it three and two.

Mike Robling: He could have said he would retain the jobs that he had at that time if he chose to.

Councilmember Raben: And with that he's in compliance, had he done that.

Mike Robling: He was in compliance with his first goal, but he hasn't done much on the second goal.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, if you don't care, I would like to call on our legal counsel and question, can you better define the guidelines that have to be followed as far as this 20%? I mean, again, I hear discussion about HUD and whatnot, clearly define how the statute reads. I mean, we need to know what we're doing here in a legal sense.

Mike Robling: Because this will set precedent for Leisure Living West, which is not a dead issue at this point.

Jeff Ahlers: To respond to your question, Mr. Raben, the statute is not real specific but what it does say under section, the Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1-3 and if we come down to Subpart D, Sub. 11, Sub. a, you will see that it talks about the requirement saying that the facility is a multi-family facility that contains at least 20% of the units available for use by low and moderate income individuals. The statute, unfortunately, does not define any further that term. So essentially, that leaves it up to this body to define that term. One such guideline that you might look to, as Mr. Robling and the Department of Metropolitan Development use HUD guidelines to define low and moderate income housing, the statute in that section does not specifically say that that is per se the guideline that must be used. That may be one indicator so, as a Council, you have to draw upon your knowledge and the presentations made here at this hearing and make that determination as to whether or not you believe that they've made 20% of the units available for use by low and moderate income individuals. So, unfortunately, the statute does not give us precise guidance with regard to the definition of that term.

Councilmember Hoy: While that is true and you're correct, it does not, certainly the HUD guidelines are the guidelines that all of us who operate in the area and work with low income people are mandated to follow. I'm mandated to follow as a food banker, so for what that's worth, the guidelines that Mr. Robling has here, the income guidelines are the guidelines that I am obligated to follow in my dealings with the agencies that we serve. The recipients of the food have to meet these guidelines. They are the benchmark for us and I would be reluctant to go higher than that benchmark as a Councilman.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Hoy, I was just wanting to echo that really, because I deal with a lot of different organizations and even in my work situation we deal with the guidelines from an income standpoint of what qualifies for low and what qualifies for moderate income and the HUD standards that come out on an annual basis are the determining factor that are used, really, across industry wide and non-profits just all across the board use the HUD figures to determine what meets the designation of low and moderate income. Moderate income is defined as someone who has an income of 80% of the area's median income -- excuse me, let me correct myself. Low income is 50% and less for the area's median income and moderate income is 51% of the area's median income up to that 80% figure. That's the moderate income figure. So when people use the term low and moderate sometimes they combine those together but they are two different percentage thresholds that you're looking at. Anytime you're talking about housing income related information, HUD figures are the figures that are used to determine low and moderate income, whether it be for Vanderburgh



County or some other county in some far off state, these are the guidelines that are used.

Councilmember Hoy: And I would add to that, and you may have said this, Mr. Sutton, and if you did I apologize for repeating, but the HUD guidelines are different than the poverty guidelines. The poverty guideline is a national figure used for every state, every community, every city. HUD guidelines that we use are adjusted to fit the economics of the particular area they're designed for, this being the metropolitan Evansville area. So you would find different figures in a market where it cost more to live than you would find here and in a market where it costs less to live, you'd find them lower.

Councilmember Raben: Does this, again though, does it state low and moderate income when it refers to the 20% or...

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, it used the statement "contains at least 20% of the units available for use by low and moderate income individuals". That term, it doesn't necessarily allocate between low and moderate and how much of the 20% has to be for low income or how much for moderate, so it could be either way, and again, this is going to be something that this Council is going to have to define that term. And as Mr. Robling said, that the HUD guidelines would be one such indicator of a definition to that, the statute does not say that you're obligated to follow HUD, so you could draw upon your knowledge and the presentation here today to reach other conclusions or establish your definition for that or whether you feel that this particular property complies with that area of the code.

Councilmember Sutton: What other information-wise that details or documents how many of the residents of this facility either meet this guideline or do not meet this threshold as we may be reviewing from this HUD perspective or what criteria or judgement does the facility use to determine whether someone is within that 20% threshold of low to moderate income? Is there a figure that they're using?

Mike Robling: There have been no statistics officially filed.

Steve Bohleber: My name is Steve Bohleber, I'm an attorney and I've been asked by my client, Bill Spurling, to assist in this process. A few opening comments and we'll just discuss the 20% occupancy or the 20% low to moderate income standard. Like Mr. Ahlers and I think Mr. Robling, I likewise read the code section in question which is I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-3 E. 11-a, it makes reference "the facility is multi-family that contains at least 20% of the units available for use by low and moderate income individuals". Like Mr. Robling, I had to look beyond the statute since there are no statutory definitions of low to moderate income either in this section dealing with property tax or in the Indiana Code in general that I could locate. By analogy, using the same 1998 HUD income guidelines, and I think Mr. Robling has made these a part of the record and the copy I have is a little differently styled than I think the one he's presented to you, but it says that low to moderate income is 80% of the median, for one person that's \$23,000, for two persons that's \$26,300. Are those the numbers you have? I believe they are.

President Lloyd: Yes, they are.

Steve Bohleber: Now, I asked Mr. Spurling and his staff to examine the occupants of their apartment community using those figures and written out in handwritten form and I can certainly share this copy and make it a part of the record. We have monthly income, annual income and an average for both single occupant and double occupant units. Keep in mind that Mr. Spurling is providing a retirement-type community for primarily those 55 and older and of the 201 single-occupant dwellings, 165 of them fall in that low to moderate income definition that you have in front of you. In other words, 165 of the single-occupant dwellings have an income of less than that \$23,000. That's 82.08% of these single occupant dwellings meet the criteria that I think we're suggesting should be used here. That's 62.08% greater than the 20% threshold. Of the double occupant facility, there are 83 of those; 62 of the 83 meet the low to moderate income criteria from the 1998 HUD income guidelines for the Evansville

Metropolitan statistical area.

President Lloyd: Excuse me, on your single, how many units total were there?

Steve Bohleber: Two hundred and one, one hundred and sixty-five meet the criteria we're discussing here. Of the double occupants, 62 of the 83 or 74.69% meet the low to moderate income threshold for two persons, so he's far, far beyond that 20% criteria utilizing the numbers that I think we are suggesting should be appropriate to determine low to moderate income in this particular situation, so I think he far, far meets that criteria and that should include that issue.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith had a question.

Councilmember Smith: You know, you're sitting here looking at \$23,000 for one person and there's very few people unless they're rich that draw \$23,000 a year at 65 and older when they're retired. Now you think about it, there's not too many people that draw that much money.

Steve Bohleber: It's really a high standard and he --

Councilmember Smith: It may be standard but --

Steve Bohleber: It's a high standard is my point.

Councilmember Smith: It's a high standard, right.

Steve Bohleber: And many of the people that Mr. Spurling services, and you can see these numbers fall far, far below that \$23,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Where do his rents fall within these figures given to us by Mr. Robling?

Steve Bohleber: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Hoy: The rents, I mean, it's one thing to have that many people but then, they also, the rents have to be within --

Steve Bohleber: Well, I would suggest to you that rent is mentioned nowhere in this statute. It says units available for use by low to moderate income individuals. It doesn't say rents and I think we all sort of agreed that this is the criteria. I would indicate to you that one criteria that could be used, Mr. Hoy. I'll let Bill tell you the range of the rents because I'm not conversant on those. I don't think that's a relevant measurement of this statute.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'd like to make a comment here to the Council. This is exactly why I feel this abatement should never have been, it should not have been approved on the other criteria. That is, this housing was not built in an economically depressed area where the housing is economically depressed which is one of guidelines and the one on St. Joe isn't either and we're going to open the door here. I mean, my God, we could just be inundated with all kinds of abatements right and left on apartments and I, for one, I would say that while income levels are not mentioned in the state statute, the state of Indiana does follow those income levels because and I'll go back to my food bank, I distribute USDA product for three states and in distributing that product, I must follow the HUD guidelines. And it seems to me that whether or not that's in the state statute, it certainly is a benchmark.

Steve Bohleber: And I'm not disagreeing with you. What I'm --

Councilmember Hoy: And the second thing is, if there's no rent level then you talk about opening Pandora's Box, that certainly will do that with rents if there's not some sort of sense

of what moderate or modest rent is.

Steve Bohleber: I'll certainly let Mr. Spurling answer that question. I'm just saying that we're on very, very thin ice here by even defining those terms. But I think we have an agreement that low to moderate income should be defined exactly the way that you say it should be and exactly the way that Mike says it should be and when we do that, we find he far exceeds that minimum. In fact, around 80% total of all the people that live there fall at or below that minimum standard so they are by that definition low to moderate income individuals. And I think that's the only real criteria. We can nitpick in an attempt to try to defeat this, and come up with other criteria that are going to be somewhat inventive and creative because I think we can by analogy say the low to moderate income is an acceptable figure. But there's nothing in the statute that talks about rentals. He's going to answer that and I think you're going to find those rentals are reasonable as well. They have a ten to fifteen person waiting list all the time, very satisfied tenants. I think he's also able to tell you that they've not raised rents since they opened even to meet inflation rates or cost of living adjustments. Also another legal point, it appears when I'm looking back at the history of this, and I haven't been involved in this very long, that there was a question all along as to whether or not this was appropriate. Well, I don't think we can go back now and say it isn't. I think all we're looking at now is whether or not he has complied with the benefits promised and that has to do with jobs, and I'm going to let Mr. Spurling address that in a minute, and whether or not 20% of the folks meet low to moderate income standards. I think, clearly, they do by like four times that minimum standard. So I'll turn the podium over to Mr. Spurling to, I think he has a few things he wants to say and maybe bring everyone up to speed historically who wasn't here when all of this started, and I'm sure he will answer your questions about rent, too, Mr. Hoy.

President Lloyd: I had one question, Mr. Bohleber. When you had mentioned 165 units that had income less than \$23,000, where were you getting that data?

Steve Bohleber: From my client, from applications that were provided by the tenants. Is that correct?

Bill Spurling: That's right.

Councilmember Sutton: Now is that at the time of application, is that updated at any point in time after the application when they first apply for residence there? I mean, is that just based upon when they first come and apply?

Steve Bohleber: Almost all of them are on fixed income. That may have increased a little bit, but I think when you're looking and you're looking at these numbers, it's certainly not going to reduce it by 62% or 54% respectively in these two categories. We're far, far in excess of that 20% criteria.

Councilmember Sutton: So are you saying that when they apply, that's when you find out --

Steve Bohleber: That's what you're telling me, right?

Bill Spurling: That's right.

Steve Bohleber: There's mostly social security recipients here, people on pensions.

Councilmember Smith: I was just going to ask Bill, and I don't think Bill minds because we discussed this before, what his rent level was, and I went to him and asked him and he told me and I think it's \$360 for one bedroom, wasn't it?

Bill Spurling: That's right.

Councilmember Smith: And \$480 for a two bedroom?

Bill Spurling: That's correct.

Councilmember Smith: I don't think there's anything to hide because at the time when this was discussed, I went out to his place of business. I don't know if you've been there or not but these are all people that are handicapped, there's no children there and by talking to the people that I've talked to there, they like it because it's a quiet place. But the rent there meets these guidelines here, and if I'm not right, correct me, but I think that was the figure that you had gave me.

Bill Spurling: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Your figure for the single was \$360 and for two?

Bill Spurling: It's \$480.

President Lloyd: Okay, please state your name for the record.

Bill Spurling: My name is Bill Spurling. I'd like to pass this out.

Councilmember Raben: While he's passing that out I was going to make the statement that based on those figures, following the guidelines for low and moderate income, it's possible 100% of his tenants could rent that would fall under that guideline, so I mean, I see that he's in compliance --

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to comment, Mr. President.

Steve Bohleber: If I could, while we're making a record, if I could mark Spurling A and Spurling B being copies of unit by unit rents, averages and the way the statistical analysis that I articulated was arrived at. I'd like to make that a part of the record.

Jeff Ahlers: Did you mark that?

Steve Bohleber: I marked it Spurling A and Spurling B, does that sound reasonable?

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, and then the other ones that we marked A, B, and C, why don't we call them Metro Development Exhibits A, B and C.

Steve Bohleber: I can name them one and two, if you'd like.

Jeff Ahlers: That's fine, however you'd like to do it. I just want to make sure it's clear so that if we ever need to sort this out or somebody needs a record, they've got one.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President? We've discussed this today, we've discussed it before, our questions were has he complied with the state statute. I'm comfortable with it and I'm going to make it in the form of a motion that we continue the abatement.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: We have a motion by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Bassemier. The motion was to continue the abatement. Any questions or discussion?

Steve Bohleber: I have one question if I could. Since we've not heard from Bill on the employees, I presume if this does not pass, we'd then be allowed to present that information for a re-vote here today.

Councilmember Hoy: I'd like to hear the information on the employees, the update, before we vote.

Steve Bohleber: I think if, unless you're going to allow a re-vote if this doesn't pass, we almost have to hear that information at this time.

Councilmember Hoy: I think so, too, and I'd like to hear it.

President Lloyd: We need to hear it if Councilman Hoy is requesting it, so...

Jeff Ahlers: Technically what we would have to do, I think, is that if this motion did not pass, a new motion would need to be made anyway because actually, the language of the statute requires that in order to terminate, you would have to pass a resolution stating that you found that the property owner did not make reasonable efforts to substantially comply and that the failure to substantially comply was not caused by factors beyond the control of the property owner. So we'd need to make those in a resolution, so what I'm saying is if this motion passes, then that's the end of it, but if you're going to attempt to terminate, the motion would need to be worded to terminate and set forth these specific items in the statute, okay? Just so everybody understands.

Steve Bohleber: Yeah, and if I'm understanding you, at that point if we do have to go further, you would allow him to make his presentation concerning employees?

Jeff Ahlers: That's fine with me. I mean, Mr. Lloyd controls the presentation.

Steve Bohleber: It's a moot point, obviously, if this motion by Councilman Raben passes at this time.

President Lloyd: Right. Okay, and if it doesn't pass then we would ask for a motion to terminate. Any other questions for either gentleman or Mr. Robling?

Councilmember Hoy: We need the answer now to the employment question.

Councilmember Smith: I think we're under discussion, this motion and a second is discussion, so if they want to ask him a question, that's within the law, right?

President Lloyd: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, my question has to do with compliance on -- employees, that isn't clear to me, I'm not sure whether it's clear to the Council or not, that is one of the benchmarks for approval or not.

Bill Spurling: For all of you who were not here in 1992 when I came before you, I am prepared today to kind of walk you through this entire process and what I represented to you all, this body, who were here at the time. It will take a little bit of time; if you want to allow me that time, why I would appreciate it.

Councilmember Hoy: Please do.

Bill Spurling: Thank you. In 1992, I appeared before you and I have my notes here from that meeting. I'll just skim over them. I came before you and told you that I wanted to build a retirement community on North Green River Road for senior citizens. I asked for tax abatement because without it, the project was not economically feasible. I did not ask for any low income help from the government, no subsidies from the federal, state, local or any type, other than tax abatement. I stated that I will build and manage this complex. It will be very stable and something we can all be proud of. There's a great need for affordable housing in the Evansville area and this development helped to satisfy that need. There would be 408 units, single story, no steps, a community building for activities. The property is located at 3201 North Green River Road. At that time, please remember that there was nothing out there, this property was in the middle of cornfields. There was no sewer, there was no Spring

Valley Road extension. When I received this abatement and went forward with development, we put a lift station in, a sewer lift station. We had to extend the sewer and put a lift station in to pump the waste to the nearest lift station south. We sized this thing at the city's request and it was more than a request, so it would serve not only our 44 acres but the 60 acres to the north and 35 more acres to the south. In order to develop this property, I felt like my property did not go all the way to Spring Valley Road. It stopped about 75 feet short and I got the Hirsch family to let me have like about a third of an acre in order to extend the Spring Valley Road. They contributed the land, I put the road in so that our residents would have access to a stoplight because we didn't want our elderly folks pulling out on Green River Road; it's five and six lanes wide without a stoplight. We knew that sooner or later somebody would get hurt and so we had to put that in and it was an expensive item. I told you that during the construction period, probably it would be like 75 full-time jobs would be created. After construction there would be six full-time and five part-time jobs plus four full and two part-time jobs retained, for a total of ten full and seven part-time jobs. Well -- and then I kind of had a summary of what the county would get if they allowed this tax to be phased in rather than insisting that it be put in all at once and I'd like to stress the fact that if I wouldn't have gotten the abatement, that project would not have come about and so we would not be here today. I passed out some information -- if you look at the original application, it was right on top, and go to the second page. At the time that I came before you in '92, you were paying about \$300 a year of property tax on that 44 acres. It was just farmland. On the bottom of that page you can see that on my original application, and at the time we thought that this would be the only application, we thought that we would build the apartments and we anticipated a total of ten if you look at that. On line two it says, how many new employees do you plan to hire over a five-year period and include the employees listed in one above. So we were going to have seven new and we had three, so that gave us a total of ten full-time and eight part-time. When we got into this project, of course like with any project, financing is always a big issue, and the reason that this project was not completed in that first two years, the bank that I was dealing with insisted on two things. First of all, they insisted if I didn't get this because I had to give them all this data on cost and expenses and so on, and starting our rents out as low as we dared, they --

President Lloyd: Excuse me a minute, we need to change the tape.  
**(Tape changed at 4:50 p.m.)**

Bill Spurling: -- they wanted two things. First of all was the tax abatement, it was mandatory. The second thing was, they wanted me to phase this project in thereby kind of testing the market rather than commit to build all these buildings and so on, only to find out there was no market and have the project fail. Therefore, we built the first phase and we came back not realizing that we would have to come back. We contacted, or I think we were contacted by D.M.D. that we would have to reapply and so we came back and applied in 1994, and that's the second, the reapplication. If you take a look at the second page there, and if you look at line three, that was our ten employees that we promised on the first application and eight part-time. And we anticipated this time because now we knew a little bit more about what we were up against and what kind of help it would take. This was our first residential venture. We'd always built commercial property before. When you add the three and three here, it came to a total of 13 and 11. As of today, we have fifteen full-time people and my office and I went through all of our, the people that come out on a part-time basis, whether it's technicians, lawn care people, cleaning people and so on, and we have 22 people part-time. This is kind of where we are on the employment thing. Now if you will turn in the same reapplication --

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me, these lawn technicians, are these your employees or are they contractual people?

Bill Spurling: They're contractual people.

Councilmember Hoy: So you contract with companies?

Bill Spurling: Right. It's such a large job.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that. I contract also, but I don't count them as employees. That's my point.

Bill Spurling: If you'll look on SB-1 Form that was filed with that, you know, I was brought up here last year or one year ago I was here, and at that time I explained this very form we're looking at and where it says ten full and eight part-time, this form is hard for a layman that's not used to this, to figure out what is wanted here and that ten and eight were full-time and part-time people that I would hire for the second phase, the building of the second phase during the construction period. And as you can see from my original, I promised 13 and 11 and we're very close to that. We have a lot of compassion for our residents. You know, our apartment complex isn't a cold, hard strictly business, by-the-book, we have folks out there that have all kinds of little problems like everybody else when they get older, and we are not out to gouge them in any way, shape or form. We have started out with rent at \$320 a month. I think that you had a guy come in here in the last month or two looking for tax abatement and he told you the rents were going to be \$600. I mean, I think that it should give you some kind of an idea what we are doing. We have raised our rent two times in the five years that we have been open and what we've been doing is every two and a half years, we have a rent increase. It takes a whole year for the rent -- we just have started our second rent increase. It will be an entire year before everybody gets up to that rent. So depending on when you moved in there, you know, you might get an extra year almost at the lower rent. Our rent has gone up \$6 a month per year, is what we've raised our rent for the one bedroom, and \$7 for the two bedroom. Now if I just took the \$320 that we started out at and just adjusted for inflation then our rents would have gone up \$9 and \$12 respectively. So we're not even keeping up with inflation. This is not to mention the fact that last year our tax bill was \$50,000. This year it's \$80,000. I mean, I'm going backwards, I'm not going forward and I'm not complaining except that -- well, I might add too, that this includes a washer and dryer, not just the hookup, but we actually put a washer and dryer and maintain it in every apartment so that these people don't have to take their laundry out and go to the laundry room or get in their car and drive to town. I mean, that's got to be worth \$20 or \$25 a month.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to call for the question.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I call for the question.

President Lloyd: Okay. Mr. Bassemier wanted me to go ahead and call for the vote so this is the vote on the motion by --

Councilmember Hoy: Point of order, Mr. President, it takes a two-thirds vote of any body to close debate and my question has to do with hard figures on employees. I don't feel I have that. You may wish to vote on closure, that's fine, but it does take two-thirds.

President Lloyd: Well, let me ask Mr. Spurling. Are you about finished with your presentation or --?

Bill Spurling: No, but that's okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on.)

President Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: That's correct. That's what the question was about was employees, and that only.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on.) He's a very sensitive person and he's taking care of these people out there and he used to own a transportation service and he does very fine work. I'm telling you that.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Bassemier called for the vote, does anyone want to second that?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we've got a motion and a second to go ahead and have the vote on Mr. Raben's motion. I'd like to go ahead --

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on.) -- your motion to close debate takes precedence. It takes two-thirds vote to close debate. Mr. Bassemier's motion (inaudible).

President Lloyd: Right. Madam Secretary, we'll have a vote on closing debate. Roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Okay, debate is closed.

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

Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call vote on the motion by Mr. Raben on finding the taxpayer in compliance?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I vote yes and I'll tell you it's one of the nicest facilities in the city of Evansville. And I think most older people would like to live there and, Bill, you've done a great job.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: In my regular profession, I guess, where I actually eat, I spend a lot of time working with housing developments and it is extremely difficult to put together some of the deals now that you have to do to put housing developments, whether it be for low income, whether it be for senior citizens, it takes an awful lot of time and effort and I commend anyone who does that. It's no secret that I was opposed to this particular abatement primarily, not necessarily because of the users of the services, but more in terms of the way it was structured in terms of compliance with the law in meeting the standards for being developed in an economically depressed area and I didn't feel like it met that criteria. However, that's not the question today. And I have, like I said, was opposed to it but that's water under a bridge. I think what this particular development is doing is a very strong development in terms of providing a service and normally I don't make this long of a speech on a vote, but I felt like it was very necessary given my votes in previous times and I don't expect that a housing development is going to employ necessarily a lot of people. The development is up, the rents are reasonable, you're not trying to gouge senior citizens. It's kept up in a very good fashion. I've heard a lot of good things about it even myself. And as well, when we look at who is being served, a lot of good people are being served by the development. So from that standpoint, I'm all in favor of that particular type of development. But the one on the west side, we'll talk about that when it gets here. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm going to vote no because I'm not sure. I'm not convinced about the employment figures and I am voting a symbolic no because I think we're taking wrong directions. I consider farmland very valuable land. I do not consider it depressed land and so for a lot of reasons I just have to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: I'm going to vote yes and I'd like to state that the rent levels being below the HUD guidelines, I mean, I think that's important and you provide a good service to the people out there. Thank you very much.

**(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Hoy opposed.)**

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I would like to suggest that this Council, since this has been an issue, that in the future we look at establishing those guidelines as our guidelines so at least we're not involved in this debate again about income levels and rent levels. I'm not making it in the form of a motion, but I think perhaps that's something we should do so we'd save some time in this kind of discussion.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Hoy, that was just attorney double talk! You did a fine job, Steve.

President Lloyd: The taxpayer is found in compliance --

Councilmember Hoy: That's why they make 75 bucks an hour and I don't.

President Lloyd: You're found in compliance. Thank you.

Bill Spurling: Thank you. Is it possible to say something off the record?

President Lloyd: Well, we have mikes, so...

Steve Bohleber: It will be on the record.

President Lloyd: It will be on the record. You can call anyone of us if you want to talk off the record.

Bill Spurling: Okay.

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) RESOLUTION - SOLARBRON POINTE, INC.  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda would be Welfare to Work Gate Keeper Report. That was given at the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting April 29, so now we'll move on to new business. The first item, Family & Children's Fund Financial Report was given at the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting, April 29th. The next item on our agenda, Item B, Resolution - Solarbron Pointe, Inc. Economic Development Revenue Bond. We have Mr. Robling here and we have some representatives from Solarbron.

Mike Robling: Back in December, you had established an ordinance creating the Vanderburgh County Economic Development Commission. It has met twice since the first of the year and on April 21st adopted a preliminary resolution concerning economic development bond financing for Solarbron Pointe. Solarbron is proposing to construct a 65,000 square foot addition which would be used for assisted living. Sixty thousand square feet of that will comprised of 16 studio apartments, four two-bedroom apartments, and 48 one-bedroom apartments. It will also utilize 5,000 square feet, which will be leased to St. Mary's Medical Center for use as a comprehensive out-patient rehabilitation facility. This again, is an assisted living facility which is much different from the type of housing they have provided in the past. It's very similar to nursing home care. The total cost of the project is -- of constructing and equipping the project is estimated at \$6,000,000. They have requested \$5,000,000 in economic development revenue bond financing and that is the amount that has been approved by the commission. Terry Miller, who is Executive Director of Solarbron, is here as well as Wayne Trockman and Howard Trockman, Solarbron's attorneys, and Mike Schopmeyer, who is legal counsel for the Economic Development Commission, if you have any questions for them.

Councilmember Hoy: This is to provide, as I understand it, because we've talked, if Mr. Trockman would come to the mike, nursing home space actually.

Wayne Trockman: This is an assisted living facility which is, and Terry could define that more appropriately than I --

President Lloyd: We need your name for the record please.

Wayne Trockman: Wayne Trockman, attorney for Solarbron, excuse me. Which is a step above the facility in terms of care to the residents, a step above the facility that is there currently. Terry, do you want to describe very briefly the services that will be provided?

Terry Miller: Yes. I'm Terry Miller and I'm the Executive Director of Solarbron Pointe. Assisted living will be one step above the independent housing, the retirement housing we offer at Solarbron Pointe. It is an alternate to nursing home care, it is not nursing home care in that each resident will have their own apartment. The care that's delivered, the type residents that will be making this their home will look very similar to residents that you find in a nursing facility. The difference is the approach in which it's carried out in assisted living. It's very residential, it's very hospitality oriented versus what most people typically would think of nursing home care as being institutional and regimented. This is a hospitality approach to delivering services to people who have needs for what's referred to as ADL's, or activities with daily living. So the service package of Solarbron would include of course, three meals a day, assistance with activities of daily living, activities, nursing care, transportation services, housekeeping, maintenance, but it's all delivered in a very residential home-like atmosphere and that's principally the difference between assisted living and nursing home care.

Councilmember Hoy: You will have some medical staff available?

Terry Miller: Yes, we will. We will have medical staff available 24 hours a day.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I just want to state, and I think I'm accurate when I make this statement, this goes without cost to the county. I mean, we're basically allowing them to use our bond rating, so --

Wayne Trockman: That's correct. We are not asking in addition to that, Mr. Raben, we're not asking for any public utilities, we're providing all of that, not only are we not asking that the county expend any money in terms of the issuance of this bond, but we are not asking the county to expend any money with regard to the construction that's ongoing at this project currently. And I might point out a couple of other things, Solarbron is a charitable foundation, and it's a not-for-profit with full exempt status under 501(C)3. We do not have the profit motive that most facilities that provide these types of services have. This assisted living facility will be licensed by the Indiana State Board of Health and monitored by the Indiana State Board. And then with regard to the -- I know that there will be some questions and I'll just answer those now with regard to employees, since you've been talking about employees this afternoon. We estimate 40 to 45 additional employees and there have been some questions about well, how can you guarantee that those will be hired? We'll be here for your review process first, and second, there's the answer to that previously given is it's just not possible to operate a 65,000 square foot facility with the number of apartments that have been described and provide the services that will be provided without hiring those employees. We've estimated the additional payroll at about \$750,000 annually. The project is, of course, an all union project. We've estimated about an 122,000 man hours, construction man hours.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President? I'm going to move that we approve the resolution for the economic development bond for Solarbron Point.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Hoy: Second. You got two seconds.

President Lloyd: Okay, we've got a motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Bassemier. Any other questions?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a comment. Go ahead with Mrs. Smith.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I feel that this is going to be an asset to the city and when I was on the City Council I was Public Works Chairman where they did all the bonds, and it doesn't cost us anything but it brings a lot of money back into the city of Evansville and I would like to ask you one thing, are you going to use labor from Evansville or are you going to go out of town to get it?

Wayne Trockman: All the labor is coming locally.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, that's one of the things I always ask and there's probably not a tax base there because it's a medical facility so it will be tax exempt, right?

Wayne Trockman: It remains tax exempt from property tax. That's correct.

Councilmember Smith: But the full-time jobs and the building of the facility will bring a lot of business into the Evansville and --

Wayne Trockman: Even the entry positions at Solarbron pay above minimum wage and all employees are offered and receive health insurance. Solarbron takes very good care of its employees.

Councilmember Hoy: The additional comment I'd like to make is I'm very familiar with Solarbron. When we were talking about income levels, I work in the profession where, and I apologize to my lawyer friends for the remark a while ago, but you do make more money than I do. Solarbron has been an excellent place for retirement for my clergy friends. In my denomination we've had as high as a dozen clergy couples retire at Solarbron and only because the rates are such that they could afford it because I know what our retirement looks like and so I think you've got a good project going. I have no problem supporting this one.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Trockman, were there some employment figures that were provided to you guys for the space that you're going to lease out to St. Mary's? I'm assuming they will obviously need some employees as well.

Wayne Trockman: The estimate that we gave at 40 - 45, I don't believe, and I'll ask Terry to confirm this, included the staff that St. Mary's would send to the facility.

Terry Miller: No, that did not include the St. Mary's -- and again, we talk about this as St. Mary's operation, however, the CORF, the agreements and such are not in place for the operator of that CORF and that potentially could be, I would even suppose Solarbron could potentially be the operator of the CORF, but it's been referred to specifically as if St. Mary's, that we have concluded that deal and that is just not the case. But I would anticipate they would have an additional ten employees for that and their payroll would be sizable because of the professional nature of their employees. All would be licensed employees as I would see it: physical therapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, cardiac rehab specialists, potentially physician/nurse practitioner, registered nurse, that's what it takes to operate a comprehensive out-patient rehab facility.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? I'd like to point out, as Mr. Raben had said, that this would not cost the county anything.

Councilmember Sutton: What is the length on these? I didn't see that on these.

Mike Robling: I can't answer that at this time.

Councilmember Raben: I had really wished to (inaudible) and I'm going to go ahead and ask it now just to get it over with. Has there been discussion as to how to handle the additional

traffic there on McDowell?

Wayne Trockman: I can't answer that question and I would refer that again --

Councilmember Raben: And again, you don't have to answer the question today, but I would ask that somebody look at a long term traffic plan because we don't want McDowell Road to be another intersection much like we used to have at USI. Maybe you can negotiate something with USI to use the overpass, to cut through or something like that, but again, I'm not asking for answers today, but simply asking that you might possibly --

Wayne Trockman: There is access to Solarbron through USI and the overpass --

Councilmember Raben: It's been a while since I've been back there. I didn't realize that. How long has that --

Wayne Trockman: There is a working relationship between Solarbron and USI, the residents that use the facility there and attend the programs. I don't know if there's been a concerted effort; at this point I don't think there has been for the employees and residents to use that overpass, but it certainly is available.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Wortman: Call for the vote.

President Lloyd: We've got a motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Bassemier. Any other discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote on approving the bond issue, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Bond issue passes seven to zero. Thank you very much.

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

Councilmember Sutton: What is the timing on this project? Could you guys state that?

Wayne Trockman: November of '98, this year.

**B) HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT**

President Lloyd: The next item is item C, which is Homestead Tax Credit. You have in front of you a copy of a resolution that was passed by the Evansville City Council, a resolution the Common Council City of Evansville proposing an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council of which we are a part of, establishing a percentage credit allowed for homestead tax exemption for 1999. This credit will be 8% as it states in your resolution, so what I would ask from the Council, I would be in favor of this 8%. I believe the City Council has 76% of the votes on the Income Tax Council, but I would hope the County Council would give the president the authorization to sign this resolution.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Jeff Ahlers: It's the ordinance. It would be that you are resolving or moving to allow Mr. Lloyd to sign on behalf of the Council and cast the 22.68 votes of the ordinance, so it's actually the ordinance that was published by the City Council.

President Lloyd: Needless to say, it would pass regardless of what we do, but I mean, I'm always for lowering taxes for our taxpayers, so I'll ask for a show of hands. All those in favor of me signing the ordinance, raise your right hand. Okay, seven-zero. Thank you very much.

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

**C) JOB STUDY CONTRACT**

President Lloyd: Item D, job study contract. You have in front of you a copy of a contract from Gaither Rutherford and Company to do the county job study. This basically is the same contract that we've had in the past. I know we had discussions about possibly looking at redoing some of the job study and something to that nature we may want to look at after the first of the year but in the meantime we need a contract with them starting May 1st so...it's the same one I submitted to you that the Council go in and approve this contract. The rates are the same. Any questions on the contract or do we have a motion to accept or reject?

Councilmember Wortman: I make a motion that we accept the contract.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion from Councilman Wortman and a second from Councilman Hoy. Any questions on the contract or discussion? We'll have a roll call vote on that, Madam Secretary.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The Council approves the contract six to one.

**(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Sutton opposed.)**

#### **D) 1999 SALARIES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is 1999 salaries for county employees. This is something that we do every year at this time for guidance to the county department heads and officeholders. What I would propose to you is that we have a three percent salary increase for the budget for 1999, three percent, which has been the same for several years, seems to be an adequate increase at this time with inflation as low as it is. I would ask someone to give me a motion to that effect and --

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Lloyd: And then I'd ask for a second.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion from Councilman Raben and second from Councilman Wortman. Any other questions or discussion on this?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, we've had probably three percent over the last three to four years and I think that when we were doing that I think we were really doing the best probably that we could and what we were able to provide, but given where we are right now I really would like to see us consider at least moving that up to the four to five percent range for county employees. We've got a lot of people who really work hard. When you really get down to it, three percent really isn't a lot. I just really would like to see us look at picking that up a little bit more especially in light of the fact we have an unappropriated balance that's pretty healthy right now and I don't think it's going to adversely impact our tax rate by going above three percent. We were presented with an option last year of making some adjustments to the insurance that could even put more money into county employees' paychecks. We probably didn't have enough time to consider that as an option because we just had so many other things and I really would like to see us look at considering those to really make more than three percent a threshold for county employees. I just think they deserve it.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? I agree with Councilman Sutton because the cost of living has gone up, everything else has gone up, water bills, electric bills and whatever, and three percent is not that much money and I'd like to see us take a look at it and try to give them five, if not, maybe four, but to give them an incentive, too, when they also know that we're trying

to give them a little more. I'd even make a motion if necessary that the Council not raise their own salaries, but let's think about the employees.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I would like to see us make it -- three keeps us maybe even with inflation and that's -- you know, that all depends on when you bought your house. I mean, if you've owned your house as long as I've owned mine, a three percent raise is worth a whole lot more because my payment doesn't go up, but somebody who is starting out as many of our people do, I would like to see us make it more. The other thing, I'll go ahead and put my foot right in it here, but another thing that bothers me about the across the board and has ever since we've been doing it is that the people at the upper levels, their three percent is so much more, you just keep widening the gap between folks who don't make as much money, and that's not to say the people who make the good salaries aren't worth it, and I don't know what kind of formula it's set on, but some year I'd like to see us set some kind of formula on it so that we don't have that big of gap. My board does it at the food bank and a lot of places do that so that you just -- I hope you hear what I am saying, you just keep widening the gap. But I'd like to see us put it a little higher if we can, at least at four, perhaps five.

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to offer something maybe to the Council that may make perfect sense and Councilman Lloyd had stated earlier there was earlier discussions as to maybe having a complete review of all the jobs in the county and if we stuck with the three and used the money that we would spend going as high as five, we could probably go through and do a complete evaluation of the county with that extra two percent and I would much rather do that, do another three and at the same time during budgets, appropriate money to do a complete review.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, you're right if they do it fair, but so many times with the job studies they don't do it. It all depends on the individuals and the bosses pushing for certain individuals and if you did it five percent across the board for everybody, everybody is going to get the same amount of money. Even though their salaries are higher, they're still going to get the same amount of money.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there a way we can get some figures on at various levels, what it would cost the county? Sandie, is there a way you can put something together at the various --

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on.)

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, because I really just hate to just throw out arbitrarily low figures or something we're not going to run in here and say nine or ten percent, or something, but I think we want to understand the impact to the county and I think that's where Jim is kind of trying to go to and understanding how much this would cost the county. But like I said, what my thing is, if a person does a good job, they get three percent, they do a bad job, they get three percent. I just really would like to see us get some equity here from that standpoint, but five percent really does seem to be what we really need to work toward.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President? Yeah, I'd like to make a comment here. I'm not making a political speech, but I'd like to see the little guy be taken care of. I know in the middle of the stream after the budget hearings, we did approve an officeholder a little bit more money when we did agree last year to three percent and I'd like to see the little guy make it and I won't name the office I'm seeking, but if by accident or good luck I win that office, I would not take that raise or -- I'm going to suggest a five percent raise. I would not accept it, but I'd like to see the little guy this time, the hard working little girls in these offices that's way down here at this low level, let's get them up there where they belong. Like Royce said, they're hard workers and doggone it, this time let's take care of it and I'm in favor of giving them more than -- I'm in favor of the five percent.

Councilmember Raben: Well, let's do like Mr. Sutton said, let's have him work it up three, four



and five percent.

Councilmember Hoy: That's a good idea.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Deig had a question or comment.

Sandie Deig: The question I have is what would the Council like for the officeholders to submit with their budgets, because we won't meet again until June 1st when the budget is due.

Suzanne Crouch: We usually send them out the third week in May.

Sandie Deig: And when are they due back?

Suzanne Crouch: We usually ask that they're back a month later, so right before the first of July around the third week.

Sandie Deig: Okay, it would be pushing it, but see, they can't turn their budgets in until they have an answer from the Council.

Councilmember Smith: Sandie, could you figure it at three percent and five percent and bring it back to us, would that be -- if we got it well, that still wouldn't give you a lot time but you could figure it both ways to June the 1st.

President Lloyd: The Personnel & Finance is May 27th. Well, we could just ask the budgets to come in at three percent and if we come up with more, go back and raise it up. Couldn't we do that? No?

Councilmember Sutton: Can we go four?

Councilmember Raben: Well, they can figure it -- the job study company can figure based on three, four and five, we can discuss it at our Personnel & Finance meeting at the end of this month and we can actually act on it because we're not appropriating money, okay? So we could take a vote on it the 27th of this month. So if that's okay, let's do that, okay?

President Lloyd: Okay, so you're proposing to make a decision at the end of the month.

Councilmember Raben: All I'm proposing is we can go ahead and have them run it based on three, four and five percent. We'll have it for our May 27th meeting, we're not making any appropriations, we could go ahead and discuss it and vote on it or just somehow come to an agreement or recommend to the other departments as to what to set in so we can do what we need to do May 27th and it doesn't even have to be advertised.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, we've done that years ago (inaudible -- microphone not turned on.)

Councilmember Smith: Then do we need to withdraw our second and our first with the motion and just leave it stand at that because we don't want to vote on the three percent then?

President Lloyd: Or we can table that or --

Councilmember Raben: I'll withdraw the motion.

President Lloyd: Ed, were you the second? No, Mr. Wortman, you were the seconder.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll withdraw my second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I want to make a comment. I just want to kind of

add to, this isn't unusual for -- five percent sounds like a lot but of course, I wasn't on the Council in '92, but they did approve a five percent raise in 1992. So I just wanted to say that.

President Lloyd: I'm just going to throw it out here that I'm for three percent and I'll be against anything higher. I think the taxpayers are what is important and I think some jobs are overpaid, some jobs are underpaid, but with inflation as low as it is, I think three percent is a decent wage. So I'm opposed to anything above three percent. But we will do what the Council requests and we'll look at it in May.

**E) PERSONNEL & BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Lloyd: Okay, I've got personnel and budget announcements real quick and then we might have another item of new business. The budget hearings which are the same as your Council calendar will be held August 11th, 12th and 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and August 18th, 19th, and 20th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The first week of budget hearings will be discussion and presentation of budgets including all questions and answers; the second week of budget hearings for be for voting purposes only. The final budget hearing would be September 2nd at 12:00 noon. Sandie Deig will be sending out the budget schedules around July 1st and within the month she'll also be sending out rationale sheets to all offices.

**F) REQUEST TO SCHEDULE JOB STUDY MEETING FOR REASSESSMENT STAFF**

President Lloyd: Was there any other -- you had an issue to bring up, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I laid a request for appropriation on everybody's desk. This was filed last November and was asked to hold it because they wouldn't need anybody to start until July the first. Mr. Folz and Mr. Hatfield were here earlier and they left and they need to have these in line by the first day of July and they would like to have a meeting with the Job Study so they --

President Lloyd: Excuse me, the tape ran out. We're really running long.

**(Tape changed at 5:30 p.m.)**

President Lloyd: Please proceed.

Councilmember Smith: They'd like to have a meeting and I was talking to some of them earlier and Ed, you're the chairman of the Job Study, could you have a Job Study meeting the 27th before the Council meeting?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll do whatever you all want me to do.

Councilmember Smith: Because they need to get this in line and then if we voted on it the first of June, it still would be appropriated by July the 1st and this is something they need.

President Lloyd: I don't know if Mr. Deisher has seen this yet or not, but I mean, as far as the job description, wouldn't that need to go to him?

Councilmember Smith: I don't know. I talked to Sandie about it, we took it up to Sandie and I think they do have to go in front of the Job Study, don't they?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on.)

Councilmember Raben: The job descriptions are actually written. We'll have to determine

what the fee is we'll pay these individuals per hour because they will be part-time employees.

Councilmember Smith: If you'll notice on there, it's whether they would be a COMOT IV or COMOT V, and I think that's probably what the Job Study, the reason he wanted to meet with them because they wanted some kind of direction and it will be from all of the Township Assessors.

Councilmember Raben: Are these people not part-time then?

Sandie Deig: The reassessment, last time the Council allowed each Assessor's Office to have one or two employees with full benefits, the rest were all part-time at \$7.00 an hour.

Councilmember Raben: The understanding that when reassessments were completed --

Sandie Deig: They're gone.

Councilmember Raben: -- their jobs were terminated, that's right. So they're not part-time, they are in fact full-time. Okay.

President Lloyd: I have no problem with scheduling a meeting sometime around that date, the 27th, or I don't know if it needs to be before the Council meeting or --

Councilmember Smith: Well, that was -- we were talking earlier and that would stop everybody from coming up here twice and they could all do it maybe that afternoon and it shouldn't take that long.

President Lloyd: Okay, you're saying just consider that one item?

Councilmember Smith: I think so. It will be for all the Township Assessors.

President Lloyd: Were there any other things that Job Study needed to look at?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on) we might possibly have one or two more that I know that I've passed out the forms to you.

President Lloyd: Okay, so...

Councilmember Smith: If there's not that much they could probably call it at 3:00 p.m.

President Lloyd: In a half hour or --

Councilmember Smith: What do you think? I don't know.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll work it out however you want to do it.

President Lloyd: That's fine with me.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on.)

President Lloyd: Not Job Study, you've got too many people, don't you?

Sandie Deig: You could do it over there.

Councilmember Raben: Do we need a motion on this or -- Sandie will check and make sure this room is available and we'll meet right here.

President Lloyd: Two-thirty would probably be better. We'll just plan on doing that. If there's

any problem, we'll let the Job Study know.

Councilmember Smith: Sandie, will you let Al and Paul know the time? Thank you.

President Lloyd: I'll take a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy seconded and Mr. Raben made the motion. We are adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.)**

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JUNE 3, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 3rd day of June, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

President Lloyd: I'd like to call to order the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council June 3rd, 1998. Do we have a member of the Sheriff's Department to open the meeting, please?

(Meeting opened by Sergeant Eric Williams of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department)

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda would be the attendance roll call. Madam Secretary, please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Lloyd	X	

President Lloyd: I would like to ask everyone to stand so we can pledge allegiance to the flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 6, 1998</b>
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President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda would be the approval of the minutes from the May 6th, 1998 meeting. I will take that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Lloyd: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Councilman Raben, second by Councilwoman Smith. Any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, approved the minutes.

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

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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**A) COUNTY CLERK**

President Lloyd: Okay, we move on to Appropriation Ordinances. The first item on the agenda would be the County Clerk, Child Support Supplies. I'll ask for a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the correct figure, I believe, is \$6,000. Is that not correct? \$6,240, I move that it be approved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, the 1010-2611, motion and a second for \$6,240. Any discussion? Okay, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes. Is that four to three? Okay.

<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1010-2611	CHILD SUPPORT SUPPLIES	68,000.00	6,240.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>68,000.00</b>	<b>6,240.00</b>

**(Motion carried 4-3. Councilmembers Smith, Sutton and Wortman opposed.)**

## **B) AUDITOR**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be County Auditor, Computer. I'll ask for a motion on that.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve 1020-3370 in the amount of \$11,500.

President Lloyd: Second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Sutton. Any discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>AUDITOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1020-3370	COMPUTER	11,500.00	11,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11,500.00</b>	<b>11,500.00</b>

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

**C) SHERIFF**

President Lloyd: The next item would be the Sheriff, Payment Officer. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I move we approve 1050-1210-1050 in the amount of \$652.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Hoy. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1210-1050	PAYMENT OFFICER	652.00	652.00
TOTAL		652.00	652.00

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

#### **D) JAIL**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be Jail Expense and I'll ask for a motion on that.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval. There was a question raised last week on the Jail Commissary account which the two representatives last week weren't able to get that information for us today, but we may get it but we don't have it today. So I'm going to move for now to approve 1051-2200 in the amount of \$5,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Hoy. Any discussion? I guess I have a question. You said that they weren't able to supply the Commissary Fund information?

Councilmember Raben: No, they were not able to get the information, so I know they are working on it. I spoke with Brad Ellsworth today and he is still working on it.

Suzanne Crouch: I have the balance. As of May 1 in National City Bank, there was \$180,667.37 in Jail Commissary.

President Lloyd: \$181,000, is that what you said?

Suzanne Crouch: \$180,000.

President Lloyd: \$180,000, okay.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to leave my motion as it stands. I guess with the current situation with the Jail, the last thing I want is to read tomorrow that the County Council didn't fund a \$5,000 appropriation although the funds are there and he should use that account to



do it with. Mr. Ellsworth and I had a conversation this morning and he said maybe down the road...he's willing to discuss that Commissary account with the Council, but that's kind of out of his control.

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff's Department. In my conversations with the Sheriff this week, he did want to remind the Council -- and I don't know if that's the balance or not, it could be. I trust the records. But a lot of that money is budgeted. We just recently spent nearly sixty or seventy thousand dollars on replacing the entire complement of the departmental weapons, we recently contracted for almost \$40,000 to replace our departmental trip van that's used to take prisoners back and forth to prison. The current one is about on its last leg and we did spend Commissary money on that, along with paying off the remaining balance of over \$10,000 for the purchase of the training center, the additional money to pay that off. Any other purchases, and there's a list, I don't have the entire list right here, but I'm sure deducting that off it, that's why it was necessary to go to the Council for that amount.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President? Brad, what did the weapons cost?

Brad Ellsworth: With leather and everything, it was around \$70,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: And how much did the van cost?

Brad Ellsworth: The van will probably be a little over -- by the time we put all the guts in it to keep the prisoners in it, probably a little over \$40,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, and there's \$181 there. Are you going to use the rest to what, replenish the Commissary that's been --

Brad Ellsworth: It always comes out of Commissary to replenish the goods that we do sell. Also, additionally, I know that's coming up, they just talked about paying off the training center. The additional, I believe, the balance of that is \$10,000 for the 28 acre complex out there on Kansas Road and that's going to be paid off this year to pay that off. And that's just off the top of my head. I'm sure there's other things, too, that have not been paid, but that's three of the items I know, the big ticket items, that are coming out of that Commissary account right now.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

President Lloyd: So those are some big checks that may not have cleared yet? Is that what you are saying?

Brad Ellsworth: Right, I don't believe it has. And I know the van hasn't. That was just ordered within the last two weeks and the weapons purchase is still ongoing. I know that's going to be around \$70,000, like I said, and I know this land has not been finished off yet.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Ellsworth, the city, do the officers there, the city policemen, supply their own weapons or are they purchased by the city?

Brad Ellsworth: I'm a county employee, I don't know. I think the city --

Councilmember Hoy: The city -- my son is a city policeman. The city supplies them.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2200	JAIL EXPENSE	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**E) COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

President Lloyd: Okay, the next item would be the Cooperative Extension Service, Rent. I'll take a motion for that.

Councilmember Raben: I'll get it on the floor, 1230-3600 in the amount of zero. I'd like to zero that account.

President Lloyd: Okay, is there a second on that?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben moved to set it in at zero and second by Councilman Wortman. Any discussion? We have a representative from Co-op Extension here. Any discussion or questions on this? This is the balance of the contract that was entered into in 1996 for the rent out on Darmstadt Road.

Councilmember Raben: I think due to the current situation, I think it's probably in the best interest of the county to set that in at zero and allow the County Commissioners an opportunity to renegotiate the contract or to spend a little more time working on the existing contract and there's monies in that account through like October or September to continue to pay rent, so we can come back to this down the road.

President Lloyd: One thing I guess I could add to that, we met with the Commissioners, a couple of the Councilmen, and discussed it and there are certain items in that contract that may cause that to be a problem and we'd like to address that with the landlord. Mr. Ahlers, would you have any comments on that? You've reviewed the contract.

Jeff Ahlers: We looked at the contract and I would say this, that one thing that is absent in that

contract that state statute provides should be in there is that the lease must provide that the lease is subject to annual appropriation by the appropriate fiscal body. And in review of that contract, that is not in there. Also there are some of the issues concerning whether or not an appropriation was ever in place at the time that the lease was entered into that also calls into question the validity so there's several issues there surrounding that lease as to whether or not it's valid. I will send a letter to the County Commissioners to ask the County Attorney to review it and then if they want to speak with the landlord or handle that however they choose at that point. But depending upon the outcome of this motion, I suppose, you know, it may depend upon whether or not there's an appropriation made or not, but if no appropriation is made, I believe that there needs to be -- there are some circumstances that question the validity of that lease agreement that need to be looked into.

President Lloyd: I know one of the reasons the Council set that annual amount lower was they felt that the market value of rent in that area would be more around \$8.50 a square foot instead of the \$10.59 that was agreed to. The Council had no knowledge of the contract until it came up at budget time, so that's why the Council Attorney reviewed the contract and we reviewed it and it just looked like there were some items there that maybe the county didn't get the most favorable deal on it, so that's why we want to have the attorney talk to the Commissioners about that. Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: I would just point out that I just handed out to the Councilmembers a couple of the statutes that I think are relevant to this. I mean, there may be some other issues when the County Attorney looks into it, but that I think show that the lease should have had a clause in there saying it is subject to annual appropriation by this body and that lease does not contain that. Since an appropriation at the 1997 budget hearings for the 1998 budget, the full amount of the rental under that lease was not what was set in or appropriated by this body. So that needs to be looked into as to whether or not that lease then is not valid in that respect.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. McCampbell, the question that I have is on this -- the amount of funds you have left and available. Given what was appropriated for this year for the lease, how long will what we have carry us out based upon the payments we are making at this time?

Jim McCampbell: I'm sure it's through August, but I'm not sure exactly. I don't have that information in front of me exactly when it runs out. We do have two or three months in which to talk to the Commissioners.

Councilmember Sutton: Have you had any subsequent discussions since last Wednesday with the landlord about some of these issues that we raised last week about the cost related to this particular lease?

Jim McCampbell: Just that he's pretty firm as to what he wants out of the -- he wants the ten point five. What was agreed to on the lease is what he wants. He didn't say he wouldn't negotiate but he didn't say he would, either.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess maybe this isn't necessarily a question to you, Mr. McCampbell, but are we talking about money or are we talking about the structure of the contract? What is the issue? It sounds like we've got two different things on the table.

President Lloyd: I would say both. There are some problems with the way the contract was written and that the money was excessive and that was the feeling when we met with the Commissioners and talked to them about it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if given the -- I guess I'm looking at this...I think that there probably could have been some other ways they could have gone about this in terms of the move that was made, but I don't know. Going back and opening up this lease and this contract, it sounds like we're nitpicking more than anything when I guess our basic bone of contention is that we just think we're paying too much. And we just found a little small clause

here that it doesn't appear to be in line, but I don't know. When we talk about this that was passed out to us, being subject to an annual appropriation, I guess that's more for the legal guys to take a look at, but in a sense aren't we reviewing that each time when they come up for budget time, we're essentially re-reviewing that amount that we're going to pay for a lease on any particular office that might have a lease arrangement with someone?

President Lloyd: I would agree with that and last year at the budget hearings the vote from Council was to lower that amount, that the amount was too high, from \$44,000 to \$35,000. And that's why he has come up to us now. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I think this should be a lesson for all of us because the Commissioners entered into a contract with these people that Council expected to fund it and that's where the problem is and this gentleman right here is right in the middle because two other forms of government have decided that it isn't right and he's got a couple of months, so maybe by that time why the Commissioners can work out something with the landlord and I don't think it's your fault because that was entered into without you being present.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I would ask our Executive Assistant, if I'm not correct on the sequence, but I believe the move took place in July and the Commissioners did not approve the contract until September. Is that correct or am I incorrect?

Sandie Deig: I think there was a contract signed in June, but in September another contract was signed for a higher amount, for a larger amount --

Councilmember Hoy: And that was after we set in the lower amount?

Sandie Deig: No, the Council didn't even have an appropriation request for them to consider until October of that year.

Councilmember Hoy: So the sequence was then that it didn't get to our desks till much later?

Sandie Deig: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: So I, frankly, don't -- I don't think this is our fault. According to this law that Mr. Ahlers has laid before us here, a contract is not complete until we move the money and we had not had a chance to vote the money until October.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, refresh my memory. You set it in at zero.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. It is set in at zero, six to one.

<b>COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1230-3600	RENT	8,726.00	0.00
TOTAL		8,726.00	0.00

**(Motion carried six to one. Councilmember Sutton opposed.)**

**F) COMMISSIONERS**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be County Commissioners, Record Storage. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of 1300-3603 in the amount of \$5,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: We have a motion from Councilman Raben and second from Councilman Hoy. Any discussion? This is for the County Clerk Record Storage. Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. That motion passes seven to zero.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3603	RECORD STORAGE	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### G) CIRCUIT COURT

President Lloyd: The next item on the appropriation agenda, Circuit Court Law Library Books.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we had some lengthy discussion on this last week. I'm not particularly fond of this request, these gentlemen that sat at that seat over there would go through the roof today after this motion, but 1360-3260 in the amount of \$30,000, I move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and second Councilman Hoy. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Are any discount book chains out there that could get this lower? I guess they've got a monopoly on this.

Councilmember Hoy: We checked Books-A-Million and Barnes and Noble. They don't have them.

Councilmember Sutton: We don't even get a frequent use discount or something like that?

President Lloyd: We had a discussion on this last week and from what I recall, the judge indicated that's the only place you can get them. Is that correct? So it seems expensive.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like to make a comment on that. Being a professional person, when Judge Heldt came before us and I can't remember your name, but when you told us how many volumes, really and truly folks, when you're buying professional books, this is not out of line. I know what my books cost me because they are for a specialized field and you don't have a lot of publishers and in this case you've got one, I believe. So I know \$30,000 is a lot of money, but professional books are very expensive and it is something I think we need to provide.

President Lloyd: And also it was noted that part of that was for unpaid bills from last year.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, a two year bill.

President Lloyd: Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1360-3260	LAW LIBRARY BOOKS	30,000.00	30,000.00
TOTAL		30,000.00	30,000.00

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

**H) LOCAL ROADS & STREETS (Two requests)**

President Lloyd: Okay, we move out of the General Fund to Local Roads and Streets Other Contractual. I'll take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 2160-3930 in the amount of \$100,000 and that is to cover the paving projects and traffic signal at St. Joe and Allens Lane, so they need it.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion from Councilman Raben and second Councilman Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	100,000.00	100,000.00
TOTAL		100,000.00	100,000.00

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

President Lloyd: There is another component to Local Roads and Streets, so I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, this is 2160-4300 in the amount of \$19,500 and 2160-4310 in the amount of \$60,000, for a total of \$79,500 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The motion passes seven to zero.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
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2160-4300	TRUCKS	19,500.00	19,500.00
2160-4310	ROAD EQUIPMENT	60,000.00	60,000.00
TOTAL		79,500.00	79,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**I) CENTER ASSESSOR (Two requests)**

President Lloyd: We move to the Reassessment Fund. The first item would be Center Township Assessor. I'll take a motion for that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to call these out slow, so you can write in the prorated figures, okay? First, under Center, Land Coordinator, the figure should read \$10,944; Insurance \$4,099; FICA \$838; PERF \$657, all other accounts should be zeroed out, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion is made by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Wortman. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: What is the total on that?

Councilmember Raben: I just told Phil, don't ask, I don't have that. Now you ask.

Suzanne Crouch: \$16,538, that's in my head so you might want to see if the old math works.

President Lloyd: I have a calculator. It's \$16,538. Hey, that's pretty good!

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Any discussion on this?

Councilmember Smith: They will have to come back after the first of the year for the rest of it that we zeroed out, is that the way they're going to do that?

Councilmember Raben: We'll make the appropriation during the budgets. This is just for the rest of this year.

President Lloyd: This is to get them started July 1st, I believe. We have one of the Assessors coming forward. We're on Center Township.

Paul Hatfield: That's alright. We're handling all four of them. I'm Paul Hatfield, Pigeon Township Assessor and this is a case -- I think, you correct me if I am wrong, but you're in the appropriation ordinance section but what you've been discussing, shouldn't that fall under the amendments to the salary ordinance?

Councilmember Raben: Later.

President Lloyd: Well, it's in the Reassessment Fund.

Councilmember Raben: We'll approve it first and then we'll make the amendment.

Paul Hatfield: Fine with me.

President Lloyd: Thank you. Any other discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1110-1120-1110	LAND COORDINATOR	21,639.00	10,944.00
2492-1110-1920	INSURANCE	7,542.00	4,099.00
2492-1110-1900	FICA	1,656.00	838.00

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2492-1110-1910	PERF	1,299.00	657.00
2492-1110-1130-1110	OFC. COORDINATOR	21,639.00	0.00
2492-1110-1920	INSURANCE	7,542.00	0.00
2492-1110-1900	FICA	1,656.00	0.00
2492-1110-1910	PERF	1,299.00	0.00
2492-1110-1140-1110	FIELD COORDINATOR	19,863.00	0.00
2492-1110-1920	INSURANCE	6,953.00	0.00
2492-1110-1900	FICA	1,520.00	0.00
2492-1110-1910	PERF	1,192.00	0.00
TOTAL		93,800.00	16,538.00

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

President Lloyd: The next part of that would be Center Township Assessor Printing Plat Sheets --

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I move that those three lines: 2492-1110-3400, 2492-1110-

2600, 2492-1110-3130 be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Councilman Raben, second Councilman Sutton. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

**CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2492-1110-3400	PRINTING PLAT SHEETS	5,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1110-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,000.00
2492-1110-3130	MILEAGE	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,000.00</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>

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

**J) KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: The next item on Reassessment Fund, Knight Township Assessor. Is there a motion?

Councilmember Raben: First is Land Coordinator, the correct figure is \$10,944; Insurance \$4,099; FICA \$838; PERF \$657, and that will give you a total of \$16,538. Account 2492-1130-1130 down through 2492-1130-1910 PERF be set in at zero; line 2492-1130-2600 Office Supplies; 2492-1130-3130 Mileage; 2492-1130-3400 Printing Plat Sheets be approved as submitted. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Hoy. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Does anybody have the total?

Suzanne Crouch: That would be \$24,538.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, please call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

**KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

2492-1130-1120-1130	LAND COORDINATOR	21,639.00	10,944.00
2492-1130-1920	INSURANCE	7,542.00	4,099.00
2492-1130-1900	FICA	1,656.00	838.00
2492-1130-1910	PERF	1,299.00	657.00
2492-1130-1130-1130	OFC. COORDINATOR	21,639.00	0.00
2492-1130-1920	INSURANCE	7,542.00	0.00
2492-1130-1900	FICA	1,656.00	0.00
2492-1130-1910	PERF	1,299.00	0.00
2492-1130-1140-1130	FIELD COORDINATOR	19,863.00	0.00
2492-1130-1920	INSURANCE	6,953.00	0.00
2492-1130-1900	FICA	1,520.00	0.00
2492-1130-1910	PERF	1,192.00	0.00
2492-1130-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,000.00
2492-1130-3130	MILEAGE	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1130-3400	PRINTING PLAT SHEETS	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>101,800.00</b>	<b>24,538.00</b>

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

**K) PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR (Two requests)**

President Lloyd: The next item would be Perry Township Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 2492-1140-1220-1140 Land Coordinator in the amount of \$10,944; Insurance in the amount of \$4,099; FICA in the amount of \$838; PERF in the amount of \$657, for a total of \$16,538. All the other accounts set in at zero and let's skip on over to page four. 2492-1140-3400 Plat Sheets \$5,000; Office Supplies \$2,000; Mileage \$1,000, for a total of \$8,000. I make that in the form of a motion. We're including both pieces there.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion made by Councilman Raben. Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second by Councilwoman Smith. So he's taking all of the Perry Township at one time?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, please call the roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1140-1120-1140	LAND COORDINATOR	21,639.00	10,944.00
2492-1140-1920	INSURANCE	7,542.00	4,099.00
2492-1140-1900	FICA	1,656.00	838.00
2492-1140-1910	PERF	1,299.00	657.00
2492-1140-1130-1140	OFC. COORDINATOR	21,639.00	0.00
2492-1140-1920	INSURANCE	7,542.00	0.00
2492-1140-1900	FICA	1,656.00	0.00
2492-1140-1910	PERF	1,299.00	0.00
2492-1140-1140-1140	FIELD COORDINATOR	19,863.00	0.00
2492-1140-1920	INSURANCE	6,953.00	0.00
2492-1140-1900	FICA	1,520.00	0.00
2492-1140-1910	PERF	1,192.00	0.00
TOTAL		93,800.00	16,538.00

PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR

REQUESTED

APPROVED

2492-1140-3400	PRINTING PLAT SHEETS	5,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1140-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,000.00
2492-1140-3130	MILEAGE	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		8,000.00	8,000.00

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

**L) PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR (Two requests)**

President Lloyd: The next item under Reassessment Fund is Pigeon Township Assessor. I'll take a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, it's pretty much the same. Land Coordinator \$10,944; Insurance \$4,099; FICA \$838; PERF \$657, for a total of \$16,538 and I'm going to save a roll call here again. Let's skip on down to the next section Printing Plat Sheets, Office Supplies and Mileage as submitted for a total of \$8,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben. Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Councilman Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Okay, and all those were related to the Reassessment, the land positions. So that's all been approved.

**PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

2492-1150-1120-1150	LAND COORDINATOR	21,639.00	10,944.00
2492-1150-1920	INSURANCE	7,542.00	4,099.00
2492-1150-1900	FICA	1,656.00	838.00
2492-1150-1910	PERF	1,299.00	657.00
2492-1150-1130-1150	OFC. COORDINATOR	21,639.00	0.00
2492-1150-1920	INSURANCE	7,542.00	0.00
2492-1150-1900	FICA	1,656.00	0.00
2492-1150-1910	PERF	1,299.00	0.00
2492-1150-1140-1150	FIELD COORDINATOR	19,863.00	0.00
2492-1150-1920	INSURANCE	6,953.00	0.00
2492-1150-1900	FICA	1,520.00	0.00
2492-1150-1910	PERF	1,192.00	0.00
TOTAL		93,800.00	16,538.00

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1150-3400	PRINTING PLAT SHEETS	5,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1150-2600	OFC. SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,000.00
2492-1150-3130	MILEAGE	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		8,000.00	8,000.00

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

#### **M) LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY**

President Lloyd: We'll move on to Local Drug Free Community and I'll take a motion for that.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that we approve 3280-2990, 3280-3951 and 3280-3952. Turn to the next page 3280-3953, all as submitted for a total of \$20,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Councilman Raben, second Councilman Sutton. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
3280-2990	DISC. OFC. EXPENSE	5,000.00	5,000.00
3280-3951	TREATMENT	5,000.00	5,000.00
3280-3952	PREVENTION	5,000.00	5,000.00
3280-3953	LAW ENFORCEMENT	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		20,000.00	20,000.00

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

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**A) COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll move on. We're out of the Appropriation Ordinance. We're on number six, Transfers. The first item would be Co-op Extension Service.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to get this on the floor. I move that we approve the transfer as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: All of them?

Councilmember Raben: No, just the Co-op Extension.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second by Councilwoman Smith. Any discussion on this?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I had some questions here.

President Lloyd: We have a representative from the Co-op Extension here. Please state your name.

Jim McCampbell: Jim McCampbell.

Councilmember Raben: Jim, how are we going to fund the Youth Program this summer?

Jim McCampbell: Well, the -- the Youth Program funds...we also, we get donations from businesses and the last two years we've had a fund raiser. The discount cards for different businesses around town, and we were looking at this and a way of using the funds that...these funds are about what we've made extra the past year on the fund raiser so that it's not going to take away from the program this year to use those funds in this manner.

Councilmember Raben: Could you explain what the Contractual Services are? What this transfer is all about?

Jim McCampbell: Well, it goes back to '96 budget time when we requested the Contractual Service line and funding for -- additional funding for our four educator positions that Purdue changed the way they did their funding allocation for -- or requirements for the county to come up with funds for those positions and so it caused us to request more money and at that time you had set the 3% cap on salaries for that year so we chose to put the additional money down as a request for Contractual Services. You funded at the one third rate and -- well, I thought when we were talking at that time, budget time, that would kick in, the one third the first year, go up to two thirds the second year and at the end of the third year, that it would be up to the amount that we had requested. I found out in a meeting a month or so ago that wasn't what you as a board had in interpreted what we were doing. I missed that in our discussions. You assumed one thing and I assumed something different. This is money to...that Contractual Service that we needed in '96 is an ongoing amount...and at budget time for '99, I would like to -- I will be proposing that all four educators, all the salaries for all four educators be put in a Contractual Service line for a purpose that at Purdue we're finding that Purdue pays most of the benefits for the educators and they are paying benefits for myself, I'm Civil Service, for the total salary and they're finding that the IRS is saying, well, if you're going to pay on the total salary, you needs to be writing the check. So the money for the four educators for benefit purposes need to go to Purdue to be paid out to us. There is savings in that regard, you'd only be writing two checks versus twenty-six checks times four. It would -- there is a savings in social security. Two of our educators, you are paying social security on that part of their salary right now, that would be a savings to the county as well as hospitalization, there would be a savings there. So this is a step to get part of the way there. At budget time for this summer, I'll be proposing that all four educators' salaries be combined into one Contractual Service line item.

Councilmember Raben: So, I mean, that's basically a stipend, right? I mean, it's over and above what we approved in '97 for '98?

Jim McCampbell: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I think I've had my questions answered. I don't know if anybody else has got any.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. McCampbell, when we had this discussion about how the positions would be paid for and if the county was going to pick up a third, if my memory serves me correctly, Commissioner Jerrell was on the Council at that time and we had rather lengthy discussions about that. Am I correct, Commissioner Jerrell?

Commissioner Jerrel: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: And I guess one of the issues that was raised was the fact that the EVSC provides a lot of programs and we had quite a bit of discussion about it, but you indicate that there may have been some misunderstanding about how much the county would pick up or when we would pick that up.

Jim McCampbell: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: Maybe even with that understanding, maybe I'm trying to gain a

certain amount of understanding in terms of, if we were going to fund a third of that, weren't you pretty --

President Lloyd: Excuse me, we have to change the tape.

**(Tape changed at 4:14 p.m.)**

President Lloyd: Please proceed, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: When the county indicated through the budget process that we were going to fund a third of the cost of those positions, wasn't it pretty clear that's all we were going to pay for and nothing more than the third, whether it's from one pot or the other? I mean, I thought that was pretty clear. Maybe I'm not getting an understanding of how you were reading into that.

Jim McCampbell: My throat is getting a little bit dry. I was -- in the discussion I thought that the Council was going to fund a third of it a year. I made that assumption that a third -- a step up each year. I, as I found, as I said, in discussion about a month or so ago, I found out that wasn't...the intent of the Council at the time.

Councilmember Sutton: In terms of the Youth Program, how much are you able to raise with some of the fund raisers?

Jim McCampbell: I can't...and I'm sure Larry don't know either, but I am not aware of the total amount of -- I don't have the information, what the county 4-H Council budget is for the year. I know that it's probably twice...what the county provides is probably no more than half. So we do have outside support from businesses and individuals. The Youth Program is only one program, we have three other programs in the county.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess when I see us taking the money out and we're requesting a certain amount with the thought that we're going to provide some programs and then we take it down to zero, and I think Councilman Raben's question is a very good one: what are we going to do Youth Program wise? And if we're saying now that we're going to depend upon fund raising efforts to fund that, you know, maybe back in August or so when we were looking at this, maybe we didn't need to put this in.

Jim McCampbell: Well, also, the reason -- one of the reasons we took -- we're taking part of it from there is that if we do not -- if we're not able to get all of the funding that we need for positions, the youth, that position, I mean, we won't have a position there to run the program also. So we have a problem there if we have a shortfall enough that we have to do without a person. That person, right now, would be the youth person that goes. I know that doesn't make sense, but the way it's structured, so that we need the youth person there to run the programs and we need the dollars, too. So it's one of -- this year it's one of those Catch-22's. We need the funds to -- for funding of the position. Through budget time I hope to show you how we can do that without dipping into that fund next year.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm just going to make one more comment and I'll be through, but I think quite often we've seen this happen in the past where we've got different employees in the county that are on, their salary is paid by a grant and for some reason or another there's either changes in the grant or reductions that are made, and the natural person to come to is the county to pick up the cost for that and I think it should be made very clear that when a person does work on a grant, that they understand that it is just that. And that grants come and grants go and that there is some insecurity there, but you understand that when you work on a grant -- I've worked on grants before -- you understand that when the grant runs dry, that unless some other sources of grant funding are found, that pretty much does the program. So I don't know if that's where we find ourselves even now, just really in a real precarious situation. We don't like to see these things happen, but sometimes it does. The old SETA program,

when that was around. So I don't really have anything more to add.

Councilmember Raben: At some point in time it may be a good thing to have a representative from Purdue come down and maybe meet with this body or with a representative, the President or somebody. Do you think that's --

Jim McCampbell: That would be fine. Tell me when you'd like that set up and we can do that.

Councilmember Raben: Just whenever, we might even ask them, I wonder if it would be possible to get them here for our budgets.

Jim McCampbell: Yes, I'm sure we could.

President Lloyd: The Part-time Paraprofessional, you're going to run that down to \$651. Is that, I mean, will that be sufficient to carry you through the year?

Jim McCampbell: Well, it's a position right now...yes, I see no problem. We can get by with doing what we're doing; otherwise, I would not have presented that.

Councilmember Hoy: Is there someone in that position now?

Jim McCampbell: No. Well, there was a part-time person that we had been paying up until sometime in May. We transferred that part-time person into another part-time line item so that we could use those funds. We have no person in there right now.

Councilmember Hoy: So what would the \$651 be for then?

Jim McCampbell: At this point in time I don't know. We could have --

Councilmember Hoy: Is there a --

Jim McCampbell: We could have run that to zero, we just decided not to.

Councilmember Hoy: In line item 1230-1200-1230 4-H Assistant, is there someone in that position?

Jim McCampbell: Yes.

President Lloyd: I guess one other question I had before the vote, if this transfer would not be approved, then would Purdue not be initiating sending money to you for the salary and benefits?

Jim McCampbell: I'll need to talk to the gentleman that Jim is talking about to see exactly what the ramifications would be.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? If this transfer is not granted, how many staff will you lose?

Jim McCampbell: If we can't come up with sufficient monies, we would lose one full-time person.

Councilmember Hoy: And that would be?

Jim McCampbell: Right now, that would be Randy Brown.

Councilmember Hoy: And his function is?

Jim McCampbell: He's the 4-H Youth Educator.

Councilmember Hoy: And that's the only 4-H Youth Educator you have?

Jim McCampbell: Educator, yes. That's right.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you have other 4-H workers?

Jim McCampbell: We have a 4-H Assistant, full-time 4-H Assistant.

Councilmember Hoy: So you have two people working with 4-H?

Jim McCampbell: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: When you said the 4-H club administrator would be the one to go, and then you say there is an assistant, why wouldn't the assistant be the one to go instead of the director of that program?

Jim McCampbell: Because the assistant is fully county funded on a separate line item. This Contractual Service line deals with the salaries for the four educators.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I do hope we have someone from Purdue here at budget time because I am reflecting on the minutes. I think I was the president of this Council when we first discussed this and my understanding was we were funding positions. I have looked at the minutes and still feel that way. I have to say I find this a little strange, this transfer, to be honest with you.

President Lloyd: Maybe Mrs. Deig can answer this, normally the 3000 line items, you're not funding salaries out of that, is that correct?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

President Lloyd: Any other questions or discussion? Okay, so the motion by Councilman Raben was to approve the transfer for the amounts in question, so a vote yes would be to approve. Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Repeat the motion. I'm sorry. It was for the amount that was requested, right? No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: No. Transfer denied six to one.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1230-1220-1230	PT. TIME PARAPROFESSIONAL	6,300.00	0.00
1230-3910	VAND. YOUTH PROGRAM	7,001.00	0.00
TO: 1230-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	13,301.00	0.00

**(Motion fails 1-6. Councilmembers Sutton, Bassemier, Hoy, Raben, Wortman and Lloyd opposed.)**

#### **B) AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be Area Plan Commission.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I move approval for 1240-3520 Equipment Repair, 1240-4250 Miscellaneous Equipment in the amount of \$1,500 and that's to fund a second auto cad computer. I think we went over that last week.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben, second Councilman Hoy. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero. The transfer passes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1240-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	1,500.00	1,500.00
TO: 1240-4250	MISC. EQUIPMENT	1,500.00	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**C) COUNTY HIGHWAY**

President Lloyd: The next transfer would be County Highway.

Councilmember Raben: I move we approve 2010-2210 to account 2010-3630 in the amount of \$15,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben, second Councilman Wortman. Any discussion? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Transfer passes seven/zero.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-2210	GAS & OIL	15,000.00	15,000.00
TO: 2010-3630	EQUIP. LEASE & RENTAL	15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**D) HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

President Lloyd: The last transfer request, Health Department. I'll take a motion for that.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that we approve as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion to approve the Health Department transfer as submitted by Councilman Raben, second Councilman Hoy. Any questions, discussion? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Elder? What happened with the Ozone Officer there that we had to have these dollars for?

President Lloyd: Please state your name for the record.

Sam Elder: Sam Elder, Director of the Health Department. Would you repeat your question, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: We're transferring out of the account, the Ozone Officer \$8,199. Just the --

Sam Elder: She's not in place yet. She won't be here until June the 15th, so we've had the funding since January 1st.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Hearing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Transfer passes seven/zero.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2130-1550-2130	OZONE OFFICER	8,199.00	8,199.00
TO: 2130-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	1,000.00	1,000.00
2130-3140	TELEPHONE	150.00	150.00
2130-3700	DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	120.00	120.00
2130-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	6,929.00	6,929.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

**E) COUNTY HIGHWAY**

President Lloyd: The last item on the next page would be a late transfer for the County Highway. I'll take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Bassemier. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Transfer passes seven to zero.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

FROM: 2010-1053	SECRETARY	1,992.00	1,992.00
TO: 2010-1052	BOOKKEEPER/PAYROLL	1,992.00	1,992.00

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

### AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Lloyd: We move to item number seven, Amendments to the Salary Ordinance and I will turn that over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: First would be the Sheriff's Department, I move to set the salary in as previously approved. Next would be Center, Knight, Perry and Pigeon Assessor. These are to set in the Land Coordinator salaries for each department. Next would be Co-Op Extension, I move to set that in at zero; County Highway as previously adopted; and Burdette Park needs to be -- we need to set in the part-time salaries at an additional \$.15 per hour for returning employees after the first year, \$.30 per hour for returning employees after the second year, and \$.45 per hour for returning employees after three or more years, and that's basically, -- well, let me finish, and \$5.25 per hour for the first year slide guards with certifications and \$5.25 per hour for office clerical staff. And there won't be any more additional office staff at the \$7.00 rate, but that's partly due to the increase in minimum wages. It's just a little incentive to keep those guys coming back, or boys and girls, so I move approval on Burdette, and that's the last one.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Raben for the salary ordinance, second Councilman Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The salary ordinance passes seven to zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A) RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA - PETE McCULLOUGH AND CAROL HALLER D/B/A/ LEISURE LIVING WEST**

President Lloyd: We'll move to item eight, Old Business, A, Resolution Rescinding the Declaration of an Economic Revitalization Area, Pete McCullough and Carol Haller D/B/A Leisure Living West and we have Mr. Robling.

Mike Robling: Really, A and B are one matter. I provided alternatives for you to choose from. Today has been advertised as the public hearing on it concerning economic revitalization area designation for the property at 3078 N. St. Joseph Avenue for the Leisure Living West project. You should have received on your desks today a copy of an amendment to section five of the tax abatement application which Leisure Living West pledges to set aside 20% of their living units for low and moderate income individuals, also pledging to verify tenants' income and determination as to whether they are low and moderate and stating that the rent will yet be determined, but that it will likely be in the range of \$500 per month plus. You should have also had on your desks a breakdown of it shows what section eight rent limits are for the area right now and it also shows what 30% of a low or moderate income household's income would be which is considered the affordability level for rent. I believe it shows that the rent for one or two bedroom apartments would be \$500 or more but keep in mind that is for someone at the 80% level. If someone is making less than the median income, 30% of their income would be proportionately less than that figure. If you choose to confirm this tax abatement today, I think we need to add something to section two of the confirming resolution reflecting this amendment and I would like for it to be on the record so that when we come to compliance time -- okay, if this is approved and it comes back for compliance next year, that everyone understands what you feel is going to represent compliance for this project next year. As an alternative, I've also provided you with a resolution to rescind the preliminary resolution which was adopted several months ago. I'm sure there is someone here from --

President Lloyd: Mr. Ahlers has a question.

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Robling, in that amendment, I don't know who prepared that, but I was just curious, I got it this afternoon. The word in the second line in the second paragraph uses the word availability. The statute uses the word use and I am wondering if there is any difference in those terms or not, or whether they are just being used synonymously, whether or not that makes a difference.

Mike Robling: Yeah, the way that is worded, I would question as to what, if they don't have people who qualify or want to pay that kind of rent that are low and moderate, what does that mean? Do they have to keep the units empty or can they rent them to someone else? Also, in the second to last line, I think there's a typo. It says, but it is assessed that the rent may be in the range of \$500. I'm assuming that word should have been assumed.

Jeff Ahlers: Or is it expected or assumed?

Ed Johnson: Expected.

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Johnson, do you know whether that -- and as I was looking at this when I got here, in that section 11A of the statute, and it says a facility is a multi-family facility that contains at least 20% of the units available for use by low and moderate income individuals and so I just wondered just on that, just to make sure we're in compliance. You say for availability, is that also intended to be for use?

Ed Johnson: That's correct. That is correct. We intend to comply with the statute.

President Lloyd: Please state your name for the record.

Ed Johnson: Edward Johnson, representing the petitioners.

Jeff Ahlers: Would you want to caret in there, for use --

Ed Johnson: That's fine.

Jeff Ahlers: -- availability. Is that --

Ed Johnson: That's fine.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: If we change the wording here, Mr. Ahlers, does that make it mandatory or not? If we change that wording, does that make it mandatory, because availability is not a strong enough word, I don't think. We're changing it to --

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I was just looking to track the language of the statute. I mean, I suppose if you wanted to make it mandatory, I mean, I suppose there's probably stronger language that could be inserted. All I was trying to do was to track the language of the statute there on that part and it uses the words units available for use, so if we change that to units available for use instead of what is in there, then that would seem to track that language. When you say mandatory, I guess the remedy for this body is when they come up annually for review, if they're not in compliance you can revoke the abatement. But when you say mandatory, I don't know, the language could be strengthened if that's the concern or you can ask Mr. Johnson what their intentions are.

Councilmember Hoy: That's my concern, and the second concern is to ask Mr. Robling, I believe the law reads that for an abatement such as this, the housing in this area must be substandard. Is that correct?

Mike Robling: No.

Councilmember Hoy: What does the law read?

Mike Robling: The thing about substandard refers to a residential designated area, residentially declining area or something like that. That's not the part of the code that this applies to. The part of the code, in fact, I believe only applies to incorporated places. The only way you can approve an abatement in an unincorporated area is with this 20%. That 20% of the units be --

Councilmember Hoy: So the law that --

Mike Robling: -- for use or whatever the term is.

Councilmember Hoy: The law that was given to us, the Indiana Code does not apply, that part does not apply here. Is that correct?

Mike Robling: Right, the part about residentially -- the part that speaks to substandard conditions does not apply.

Councilmember Hoy: Does not apply?

Mike Robling: Right.

Councilmember Raben: When you were discussing terminology and you were stating 20%, I guess you can have the nicest place in the world and the most reasonable rent, but you can't make it mandatory. I mean, Mr. McCullough may do all the right things, but still may not occupy 20% of it for low or moderate income residents. But as long as he has 20% of them available for them, if people are looking -- I guess what I am trying to say, you don't want to make it mandatory, because again, you can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink. He could make it as appealing as can be and have very reasonable rent but that doesn't necessarily mean that he's going to be able to maintain that 20% all the time. So I don't think you want to use the word mandatory at all.

Councilmember Hoy: I have another question on the employees. There are three listed, is that correct?

Ed Johnson: That is correct.

Councilmember Hoy: And the \$31,200, is that salary for one person or salaries for all three? I like to know what these new jobs are going to pay, and do they have benefits?

Ed Johnson: You'll have to ask Mr. McCullough about that.

Carol Haller: Carol Haller. I think that's the total amount as far as benefits. There would be a full-time office manager, a part-time, there would also be some subcontracting like the repair work and maintenance work. Some of that would be subcontracted out so it was not included in salaries, but it would include more for the management and the rest of the jobs in addition to that would be subcontracted. So there really would be more jobs produced that wasn't included in salary. It would be contracted.

Councilmember Hoy: I appreciate that because we looked at one last time where contractors were included in -- you know, I don't include my contractors at the Food Bank in my employee list. Nobody does that or they shouldn't, anyway.

Mike Robling: On pages two and three of the application they state that they will have one full-time and two part-time employees and that the average hourly wage for projected new employees is \$7.50 with a range of \$7.00 to \$8.00.

Councilmember Sutton: My question is, where is this project right now? At what stage is this project? I mean, obviously, I am assuming from what we've heard that there are drawings that have been made and plans that have been put together. What stage is --

Pete McCullough: Pete McCullough. Right now the plans are completely drawn. They've been out for preliminary bids and will probably go out one more time and if we can get this going it will probably be ready to break ground very shortly. We're actually putting together the first model unit which would not have to go for state approval due to the fact that it's a duplex, so therefore, we would not be hung up with the normal state building commission applications in order to get the project going. So we would be ready just any time.

Councilmember Sutton: So a pro forma has been put together on this project?

Pete McCullough: Yes sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess as I am reading this FAX that was received by us, it gives the impression that there hasn't been a determination made on what the rent will actually be. It will depend on the size and configuration and I guess when I think of a pro forma, I think of -- in that pro forma you're going to list the number of units that are two bedroom, the number of units that are three bedroom, what the rent will be for the two, the three, and really on down the line there. But here, it doesn't really give me that impression that there's really been a determination made there, so if you've got a pro forma, how were you able to put that together

without that key information included?

Pete McCullough: At our first meeting here, you might remember the turnout we had of people looking to move into this project. We put together a survey of these folks and found out what they wanted and it was pretty much two bedroom, two bath and some other things which we couldn't put together due to price, okay. My answer to you is this: right now we have 116 units. We are looking at on our pro forma we had \$600 per month, alright? Now you have to bear in mind that included many amenities. That included covered parking which could be taken away on an individual basis. That included washer, dryer, trash pickup at the door, and many other things. We have the capability of designing areas as the project progresses and we see what the needs are which could either reduce that amount or could raise that amount. So we said we think even at the bottom, if we take away all the amenities that we might be down in the \$500 neighborhood, and that's the reason we used that number. The pro forma is based on \$600.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. McCullough, I think I was the one that asked you, and I asked you about the washer and dryer and you wasn't sure, you said \$600 and then you said well, you didn't know about the washer and dryer and whether that would be a two bedroom or a one bedroom, so that was the reason -- we didn't get any answers and we still don't have any answers. You're saying \$500 a month, but is that for two bedroom, is it including a washer and dryer, just what it includes.

Pete McCullough: For the \$600 is a two bedroom, one and a half bath, including washer and dryer, all of the appliances, and covered parking. Now if we get clients that feel like they either do not need some of this or do not want to pay for some of this, we will redesign as the project goes on. Does that answer your question?

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible.)

President Lloyd: Okay, so I know when you had come before us, I believe it was in March, this \$600 was an approximate -- I don't know if you want to call it a break even -- or anyway its projected cost of the units and did that -- did you assume like a certain number of one bedroom, a certain number of two bedrooms or are they all two bedrooms?

Pete McCullough: Right now, sir, everything is based on two bedroom, one and a half bath. That's not to say, as I mentioned to Mrs. Smith, if we get a big need for one bedrooms, we will adapt. If for some reason there's someone willing and needing additional -- you know, if the market changes as we start getting in more clients, they say, well, we would do this if you had that, we will change the project to meet the needs. So therefore, this is on 116 units and that's the price we came up with, but we are flexible and that's what we feel like we have to be in this business because different people have different needs.

President Lloyd: And then on 116 units, so this amendment that Mr. Johnson prepared, you would be willing to set aside 20% of the 116 for a rent of approximately \$500 a month but you indicated you may have to take some of the amenities out.

Pete McCullough: In order to meet the needs, yes sir. Or in order to get the rent to that rate.

President Lloyd: So that would be like 23 or 24 units, 20%? Okay. And then would that be like on a first come, first served or how would you do that?

Pete McCullough: I would assume, yes sir.

President Lloyd: Mr. Robling, does that \$500 a month, does that fall within the guidelines that you see or...

Mike Robling: Unfortunately, the statute doesn't mention the term affordability. Whenever you

throw low and moderate out, you're sort of assuming affordability, but the statute doesn't mention affordability. The numbers I gave you addressed affordability, but the top set of numbers will only be affordable for people at 80%. Most low and moderate income people fall substantially less than 80% and therefore, they could afford much less rent than that. But --

Councilmember Hoy: Correct me, Mr. Robling, I think, also, the last time we discussed this the statute does not mention income levels, either. We have the --

Mike Robling: No, it just uses the term low and moderate.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, but we have the HUD guidelines which change every year and so that's -- and the statute is vague on that point as I recall.

Mike Robling: Right. And the question I would have, if he rents these units on a first come, first served basis and nobody that shows up is low or moderate, what do you do when it comes to compliance time? That's the question you have to keep in mind.

Councilmember Raben: Well, his last statement is really, I guess that's what Mr. McCullough is asking for is, he has to come back for compliance. He's pretty comfortable that he's going to be there when the project is up and running. I realize, I tell you where I'm coming from on this, I represent the West side and I know many of you haven't been flooded with the letters and phone calls that I have, but Golden Tower Apartments, for instance, USI has taken that over so I don't know the number on the complexes there but I think there's probably two or three hundred apartments in that complex and all these people are -- most of them are elderly people and a lot of them are worried where they're going to go. And I'm not big on abating apartment housing, but I think two in a county the size of Vanderburgh County is not too many and the fortunate thing is they're on opposite ends of the county. So I don't think we have anything to lose by giving him approval today and let him get on with the project. If a year from now this Council sees that it's not where we want it to be then we can act on it then, but I think right now I feel pretty comfortable with it.

President Lloyd: We need to change the tape, so if you could hold just a second and then Mr. Wortman is next.

**(Tape changed at 4:50 p.m.)**

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Robling, how is his project affected by this depressed area? Does it qualify for that?

Mike Robling: The applicant stated that in their opinion, that because it is sitting next to the vacant Kmart property, that qualifies it as a distressed area. I see it as a cornfield which was in productive use last season and therefore it was in productive use. The application was made during the winter when cornfields are not being used anyway, so...

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I think my vote is predictable on this and so I'm going to take a risk on losing votes on the West side as well as losing votes on the East side, because I voted no on that one. I'll make my point again about the Kmart and say this to Council, I don't think we'll have to take that into account and I'll tell you why. If you go to First Avenue and Diamond you will see the Buehler's is closed at that corner, Venture is closed and almost that whole shopping center is closed. If you drive around the city as I do and get on the side roads, you will see vacant commercial buildings all over the place. This is how retail operates today. I've nothing against the Kmart Corporation, in fact, they're a donor to the Tri-State Food Bank and they're very generous, but those corporate decisions for corporations like Kmart are not made

in Evansville, Indiana, they are made someplace else, they are made on the basis of how they are going to make money. That's the way business operates, I understand that. I grew up in business. But if we start making a case for apartment houses all over town, you know, where you have vacant commercial buildings, you could have a whole bunch of them. Secondly, I think the proposal in terms of what it's going to do for low income people is vague and thirdly, I always vote against jobs unless they include benefits because \$8.00, \$7.00 an hour jobs, I can give you an economic study from my accountant on the taxes and everything else, and that does not -- that's not a job you can live on. I know a lot of people live on that, I understand that, I run a charity, but I can't vote tax abatement when that's the kind of jobs you're going to get. Thank you.

President Lloyd: One question that I had, and I don't know if Mr. Robling or any Council person would know, the Spurling Development on the East side, their rents are slightly lower than this, they're like \$465 or something along those lines, do we know what percent of low to moderate income are out there? Is that --

Councilmember Hoy: I've had three phone calls since our last meeting from residents of that development who are telling me that the rent raised a whole lot more, they're afraid to have their names used, and there are tenants there who are upset with our vote because one of them told me the last time the rent didn't go up seven bucks, it went up twenty bucks and it's going up again. And we just don't have a way, none of us, of keeping track of all of this and I think that we're just on dangerous ground, that's all. I have a suspicion that if we vote no on this, the complex will be built anyway.

President Lloyd: Okay, but Mr. Robling, did you know how many low or moderate income --  
Mike Robling: I believe they stated 80%, but then they said 80% of some specific number and the number of units they mentioned did not equal the total number of units for which the application said were built. So I'm not sure. There was a -- even if all the other units were not low/mod, they would have been over 20%, but there was a gap in the number of units reported in their project.

President Lloyd: I mean, I wasn't on Council when that was approved, when the Spurling Development was approved, but from what I was told that was kind of presented as a low to moderate income for most of the units or the whole --

Mike Robling: That's how it was presented, right.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I make a motion to close debate, and to close debate you need a two-thirds vote to close it and call for the question.

Mike Robling: You also need to decide which resolution you're going to --

(Inaudible - several speaking at once.)

Mike Robling: -- to vote on the confirming --

President Lloyd: We don't have a motion, yet.

Mike Robling: -- some amending language to it.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll put a motion on the floor then, I'll put my motion out to close debate.

Mike Robling: If you choose to select the confirming resolution, I have some language I want to add to section two.

Councilmember Hoy: I make a motion, Mr. President, that we rescind the declaration of an economic revitalization area, Item A.



President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion to rescind which would be -- on the agenda that would be Item A. Mr. Johnson, do you want to say something?

Ed Johnson: I just wondered, would we be given, I don't want to belabor the point, we've been here twice before. There's a couple of comments I think my client would like to make and one I'd like to make. Before you guys vote, could we just (inaudible -- comments not made from the microphone.)

President Lloyd: Yeah, okay we need to get a second to Mr. Hoy's motion. Would anyone like to second that?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Hoy, second by Councilman Sutton, and we'll let Mr. Johnson make some quick comments.

Ed Johnson: Very briefly, and I think Pete wants to address you, all I want to say in response to Mr. Hoy, this is not a project that is going to produce a lot of jobs. It is a project that will produce a few jobs. What it is really going to do, it's going to get affordable housing for 55 and over on the West side of Evansville, something we need. It's going to have the benefit of giving a shot in the arm to the Kmart property, and yes, I know that there will be other Kmart's across town that may or may not be vacant for a period of time, but this one in this area needs the revitalization. We've got a shot here of really turning that corner into something to be proud of. You asked us to put aside 20% for low and moderate, we will, we'll cut down on those. But we really think it's 100% for moderate income. This is not a complex or a project designed for rich people, they have their retirement. We're going to hit a need for people who don't have, and that's the middle class of Evansville. There may be some rich people who want to come in, that's their business. We'll make sure they aren't part of the 20%, but basically, we're here to address the needs of the folks that work all their lives, save some money and now, in retirement, they need a place to live, a clean, comfortable place to live. Also, Pete McCullough wants to address you, but his -- I'll let him say something briefly.

Pete McCullough: We took the complete project plans, site plans, all the drawings to the Perry Township Assessor and had them assessed as if they were constructed in March of last year. And what it means if we don't get this assessment, the exact number based on the drawings, the first year means it would be an additional \$62 per month per resident to live there. And, of course, the only thing we can do is to make the tenants aware that we have the abatement, or if they are comparing us to other similar units, make them aware that we do not have the abatement. And that's the only way we would have to lower the rent. There's no tax exempt bonds available for these people, there's no tax credits available, so we're going for the tax abatement.

Councilmember Hoy: But you do know that this abatement diminishes over the years?

Pete McCullough: I understand that, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: So then you're going to have to make up that difference.

Pete McCullough: We understand that. As a matter of fact, we do not know yet, it might be a graduated rent, but the renters would have to know coming in that your rent is based on this abatement or it's not based on this abatement.

Councilmember Hoy: But they need to know also that the abatement will diminish and therefore, their rent will go up.

Pete McCullough: That is correct, yes. And I'm sure at that time, you'll be getting calls.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Hoy would be to rescind the declaration of economic revitalization, so if you vote yes, then we want to rescind it. So if we vote yes to rescind it, then we would have to vote again to accept it or not? Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: If this resolution to rescind is passed you need do nothing else. If this resolution fails, then we would need to do a confirming resolution and Mr. Robling indicated he had some amendments to make and then I had just conferred with Mr. Johnson and his amendment to the application would need to be amended, so we would need to, depending upon the outcome of this resolution, before the next one could be considered we need to make some amendments. So I guess right now before we get into all that we need to find out what happens with this vote.

President Lloyd: Do you want to tell --

Councilmember Bassemier: -- changes, what this is all about, extending this, so (inaudible -- microphone not turned on).

Jeff Ahlers: If you vote yes to rescind this, it's over. They would not get the tax abatement and there would be no changes or anything else or any other resolutions to confirm, so a vote yes here or if the vote carries, that's the end of it. If it does not, then we'll get to the process of amending some of this stuff.

President Lloyd: The changes that Mr. Johnson gave you, are those material or was that something that's just going to be worked out after -- I mean, does the Council need to know about those now or not?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I mean, I can tell you what he's agreed to and I guess the clients would just need to affirm if you want on the amendment. He had an amendment to section five, I assume you mean part five, to the app. I think they call it part, part or section, whatever, of the application for economic revitalization area designation and abatement of property tax on real estate improvements and new manufacturing equipment. What they have agreed to is on the first sentence of paragraph two, replace the first sentence and it should read as follows: The developers and owners will make at least twenty percent (20%) of the units available for use by low and moderate income individuals. And the only other modification was in the last sentence of paragraph two, to change the word assessed to was it expected? Is that what you wanted?

Ed Johnson: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: And those are changes they're willing to make and I don't know if Mr. McCullough wants to step to the microphone and so that for the minutes he is saying he's agreeing to those changes and will re-execute this amendment.

Pete McCullough: I agree to those changes.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay. So that change is being made. So then the only other thing is that we don't need to worry about it depending upon the outcome of this resolution as to whether other amendments need to be made to the actual resolution.

President Lloyd: Okay, this vote will be to deny the abatement and the matter would be closed. Madam Secretary, roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I have to vote yes with Councilman Hoy because I do not feel that \$600 is moderate rent for elderly people.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I received a number of letters like the rest of you have about this and a lot of discussion and thought about it, but on the project we had on the East side and the reasons that I didn't support that then were my feelings that tax abatement could be used in other ways rather than for building a residential type of development and I just think that's not really what tax abatement is all about. The issue about whether it's going to be affordable or not, I think that is a major issue and I think there are some ambiguities there. And in my profession where I spend most of my time or actually earn a living is in banking and when we sit down, we look at a project, we need to know specifically what the numbers are going to be and we need to really know what rents are going to be on projects of this nature and really, just if I can't get my hands around something, my tendency is to really back away from the table on it. So really, on this one, it really makes it pretty clear what direction I really want to go. So I vote yes on this.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I'd kind of like to play their hand out, though. They are willing to make some changes and so I'm going to vote no until I find out everything they're planning on doing. So my vote is no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: My vote is no, and again, I would ask the remaining Councilmen that all these folks are asking for is a chance. We'll have our day in court next year if they don't do what was asked of them. So I'll vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: On this it's...I mean, I can agree with what both sides are saying on that and I think they've made an attempt to work with the 20%. I think if, you know, they'll have to come before Council and justify how they are doing on that project. So I am going to vote no.

**(Motion fails 3-4. Councilmembers Bassemier, Raben, Wortman and Lloyd opposed.)**

President Lloyd: Now we need a motion to the effect of...confirming resolution.

Councilmember Raben: I would move approval but I don't actually, Mr. Counsel, I don't know how to make this motion with the additional.

Mike Robling: Well, there's a resolution to confirm and I would -- basically, my recommendation would be to make reference to their amendment. So section two currently reads that the preliminary tax abatement resolution which was adopted by the Vanderburgh County Council on February 4th, 1998 is hereby confirmed and then I would add the following language: Based on the June 3rd, 1998 amendment to section five of the tax abatement application submitted by the applicant which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Jeff Ahlers: I might add, when you say based, you might say: based, and as amended by, and then everything --

Mike Robling: Well, we're not amending the preliminary -- I started out there, too. We're not amending the preliminary resolution, they're amending the tax abatement application.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, I just want to make sure that it's understood that you're not confirming the initial resolution. You're confirming --

Mike Robling: We're modifying --

Jeff Ahlers: -- as modified.

(Inaudible -- Mr. Robling and Mr. Ahlers speaking at same time.)

Mike Robling: Is hereby modified and confirmed, I guess we need to add.

President Lloyd: Any other questions or discussion? So, Mr. Raben, are you making that motion?

Jeff Ahlers: You know, the only other thing would be -- that's probably fine because that language tracks that, but if you wanted to cite the statute, you could, or compliance with that section of the statute, but that's basically what the amendment says.

Mike Robling: That follows anyway.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so I guess my motion should read that I move we approve the preliminary tax abatement resolution with the appropriate amendments --

Mike Robling: Confirming resolution.

Councilmember Raben: Confirming tax abatement resolution with the appropriate amendments that have been discussed before this body today. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion. We need a second.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second to modify and then the confirming.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Bassemier. Any other discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The motion passes four to three.

**(Motion carried 4-3. Councilmembers Smith, Sutton and Hoy opposed.)**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be --

Pete McCullough: Thank you very much.

President Lloyd: You're welcome. We'll see you next year.

**B) 1999 SALARIES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

President Lloyd: The salaries for county employees was discussed at Personnel & Finance.

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) RESOLUTION DENYING COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX DISTRIBUTION TO SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

President Lloyd: We'll move on to number nine, New Business. Resolution denying County Option Income Tax Distribution to Solid Waste. I believe we just need to read that, don't we?

Jeff Ahlers: Are you talking about the COIT? Yeah, I furnished -- and I think it was in your packet -- the COIT.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have in your packet from -- a letter from the State Board of Tax Commissioners to all County Auditors. We just need to make a declaration that we want to deny COIT tax distribution to our Solid Waste District, and that's something we have to do every year. So I'll ask the Auditor on this, do we need to read any of this, or do we just vote on it the way it is?

Suzanne Crouch: You just vote.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Hoy and second by Councilman Raben. Any other discussion? If not, please raise your right hand if you approve to deny that. Okay, it's denied seven to zero.

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

**B) PROPOSED COUNTY COUNCIL RULES COMMITTEE**

President Lloyd: The next item would be Item B. This matter goes back to a couple of months ago we had talked the rules committee and we had tentatively scheduled the -- for the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting on June 24th to have another discussion on rules committee. So I propose 3:00, a half hour prior to the regular Personnel & Finance. Does anyone have any objections to that? And we'll make sure and get all the documents we have

out ahead of time.

**C) RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFFS/ SICK TIME**

President Lloyd: Item C under New Business, retired Deputy Sheriffs sick time. You have a memo from retired Captain James Moers, and you should have received that. It says the below listed retired deputy sheriffs are requesting to be paid for their sick time and there's a list of individuals here. Is there anyone that wanted to speak to this? Mrs. Deig, did you have any comment on this?

Sandie Deig: I just received the FAX yesterday in the mail to be placed on our agenda. That's all I know. I discussed it with the Council.

President Lloyd: Okay, the only information I have on it is that there was a group of retired sheriff deputies that contacted the Council office, indicated that they thought they were due some sick time. Mrs. Smith, do you have something?

Councilmember Smith: Do they go under the same policy as the county, the county policy where you can carry sick days over, or is it different? Because according to the county policy, you can only carry over 60 sick days.

Brad Ellsworth: I had a feeling I'd be up here again.

President Lloyd: Yes, state your name, please.

Brad Ellsworth: I'm Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff's Department. Our department was made aware of this memo today for the first time. It was not generated by the Sheriff's Department or any current member there. A little history on this: up until approximately -- and I don't know who the last retiree or the first retiree on that list was -- but the Sheriff's Department went under a policy of what they referred to as unlimited sick, or at least that was the unofficial name, unlimited sick, which there was no tracking or set amount of days the person could take off. Approximately two years ago, this administration changed that and went to a nine day per year sick policy in compliance with the county sick policy with a payout of sixty days at the end of that. None of those retirees would have been included in that -- have worked here since that policy was instituted by our department if that helps you at all. We went back and carried that back to 1991 when Sheriff Hamner took office as a way to be fair to the people who had -- he wasn't comfortable enacting a policy that was prior to his tenure and that, obviously, rewarded the employee that didn't call in sick and had some sanctions on the employee that used a lot of sick days. Like I said, this wasn't generated by us and this was the first time we saw it today. I was in Sandie's office and this was strictly on the retirees.

President Lloyd: So these are retirees that are retired prior to two years ago?

Councilmember Smith: Jerry Oschner, (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on.) His name is on the list.

Brad Ellsworth: It might have been prior to the policy or because of the nature of his separation. I'd have to research that.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I would say that it's not our decision to do this. I'd say that would be referred to the Commissioners. Does that sound right?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I'm not sure, since they're retired and they are no longer employees, I'm not sure that there is anything for this body to appropriate. I mean, if they have a claim, it seems that they think they have a claim, but they might ought to detail it and send it to the

Commissioners because I don't think we can make the decision if they're alleging a claim for some sort of, what's essentially I suppose is a back wage claim. I would suggest that they detail it a little bit more or something and probably speak with the Commissioners. They can copy us with it, but I'm not sure we can appropriate anything until it would be for the Commissioners, I think, to make a determination as to whether or not they have an appropriate claim or not.

Brad Ellsworth: And let me re-emphasize, this was not initiated by the Sheriff's Department. Like I said, I saw it for the first time today and we have no play in this and don't feel it's our decision either to make that decision.

Councilmember Raben: Plus the fact that the Sheriff's Department has not even had the opportunity to confirm any of this, so I mean, there's nothing we can do today. I mean, we may as well --

Councilmember Smith: The time of their retirement, that should have been down here and how many days, if they were going to ask -- there's no information, just a name.

Brad Ellsworth: When we set the policy, and I couldn't tell you, but I can get you an effective date quickly, we felt that when a policy goes into effect, on that particular date that's who it affects and anybody who retires before that, we wouldn't have considered that. And that's, like I said, we don't feel it's up to us since we didn't initiate it.

Suzanne Crouch: May I make a comment?

President Lloyd: Please.

Suzanne Crouch: One of the problems that we encounter in the Auditor's Office is that the Sheriff's Department as well as the court has their own personnel policy different from other county employees. So when it's time to buy out the time, they want to go to the policy that favors them the most. And it's an ongoing problem and needs to be dealt with.

Brad Ellsworth: By employee, you mean --

Suzanne Crouch: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on.)

Brad Ellsworth: We're kind of proud that we brought this sick policy in line with the rest. I mean, when you go to an unlimited sick policy, there's a lot of questions to be answered when you have something with a name like that. So we're, like I said, we're proud of the fact that we brought it in line.

President Lloyd: So, and now you said that you changed the policy what, about two years ago?

Brad Ellsworth: It was about two years ago, somewhere in that area. And we would be glad to provide the Council with that new policy.

President Lloyd: Okay, because I had seen, I guess an old one that showed the unlimited, so okay, well that's good. Appreciate that.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, would there be a two year limitation maybe, from our attorney? Is that a possibility?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, probably so. I mean, we'd need them, obviously, -- that's what I'm saying. With what they furnished us now, I'm not sure that other than the remarks that have been made here, that anybody really knows what their claim is, so we'd have to find out more details on what their claim is, but generally, there's like a two year statute of limitations to -- you know,

if they're making some claim governed by certain statutes, I mean, different statutes have different ones, so I mean, you know, it may be that the issue is moot but I guess they need to detail it before we can even talk about it really. I mean, there's really nothing before us.

President Lloyd: Did you need a copy of that list for any reason?

Brad Ellsworth: It won't matter to us unless you ask us for anything more. Like I said, it's up to you or the Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: I move for adjournment.

President Lloyd: I've got one more item, please. One of the things that we need to do is -- I mean, this is something I need to do. We need to set the meeting with the Council President and the Commissioners to meet with the Township Assessors and County Assessor to go over the Reassessment budget and we need to do that as soon as possible. So I would need to meet with the Finance Chairman and those individuals. I'd like to do it next week if that would be in agreement with you. Or if you want to --

Councilmember Raben: Could you set it for Thursday or Friday of next week?

President Lloyd: I think we've got one of the Commissioners here. Thursday or Friday afternoon? Let's go Thursday --

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, let's go Thursday. You didn't have anything else to do, I'm sure.

President Lloyd: Okay, June 11th at 2:00. Do we have any other items before Council? There was a motion to adjourn, was that you, Mr. Hoy? Oh, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we adjourn.

President Lloyd: Is there a second for adjournment?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second from Mrs. Smith. We are adjourned.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.**

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President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Vice President Curt Wortman

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy



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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
PROPOSED RULES AND GUIDELINES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 24, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 24th day of June, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

President Lloyd: I'd like to call a special meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council, June 24, 1998, to discuss Council rules to order. Madam Secretary, could we have the roll call please?

(Roll call was taken by Teri Lukeman)

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Smith	x	
Councilmember Sutton	x	
Councilmember Bassemier		x*
Councilmember Hoy		x
Councilmember Raben	x	
Councilmember Wortman	x	
President Lloyd	x	

\*Arrived after roll call taken.

President Lloyd: We have a quorum to conduct business. Let's have item number 3 - Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

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President Lloyd: Okay, let's move on to item number 4, discussion on proposed County Council rules and guidelines. What you should have in front of you is a redraft of Vanderburgh County Council current rules and guidelines and this is taken from what was said in our meeting on April 1st and this is what Mrs. Deig had put together, some of the present rules that we had her research prior to that meeting and then also suggestions made at our meeting. The other thing that you would have is a memo from Councilmember Phil Hoy, with a one page memo, with some other suggestions on rules. So, anyone that has not had a chance to look at this, I will give you a few moments to read that, then we can open the discussion. As I had mentioned before and we had planned before this meeting, we will not have any voting on any rules today. We are still trying to complete and put the rules in order. What I would propose to you is that if we can get these rules codified and our Council Attorney would be in agreement with what we propose then maybe we could vote on them at the meeting following the budget, which would be in September. I will give you all a minute to look at them and then we can start our discussion.

Councilmember Raben: Could I raise a question?

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I know this is our second formal meeting on rules. Is there any one particular rule that anybody would like to add to what we already have? I know that we could

carry this thing out forever but I am somewhat unclear as to why we are still haggling over this. I ...if anybody has an (inaudible).

President Lloyd: Councilmember Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Well, Jim, I think that when you have rules and regulations, and if there is something that you want to do we can always amend it if there's something, you said if there's something that somebody wants later on it can always be amended. But, I still think it is nice to have a set of rules you go by.

President Lloyd: One of the things that we have spent some discussion on was the thought of having a one year waiting period on tax abatements. If that is something that Council wants to do then we would need our attorney to draft a specific section to the resolution at the very back on tax abatements.

Councilmember Smith: Are you saying for those that have been turned down?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: If it has been turned down then is it a year before they can come back?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: I think that is a good procedure.

Councilmember Sutton: The one question that I might have on that is, if that is the case, would we be referring to the company that might request the abatement or because I guess what I am thinking here is that if you have a company that comes before us, kind of like a similar situation that we had recently, comes before us, requests abatement, we ask and say that it is turned down. They come back and change something and apply for abatement again, with some other stipulations, or something like that, would that be considered a new request, or are we talking about a company must wait a year before they can make any changes or not?

President Lloyd: Ms. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I would think that you could always take something back and change it a little bit and bring it back and I am thinking, what my idea is, the company. You could always take something back and change a few words in it, if that would justify them coming back in another month later.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that just to maybe keep us from maybe getting into a series of reviewing identical requests or similar requests, maybe if we specify maybe a company or that a company could not come back say within in a year if we actually do deny them. Because, they could come back with a different type of request, otherwise of what maybe it had been specified at.

Councilmember Smith: Mm.

President Lloyd: Also, what if you had the same company with a different piece of property, can they come in?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess it would be related to the same piece of property. If they were looking at another site or another project, then I would think that we would want to consider them on a different project.

Councilmember Smith: If they came in the Enterprise Zone, we might want to take a look at

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that. But, that is another piece of property. So, it wouldn't be just a few changes, that would be a completely different location.

President Lloyd: We just need to be careful and not hamstring ourselves on the rules where a legitimate business maybe with a different piece of property or a new factory or something like that where we would, I don't know, since I have been on the Council, I don't think that we have had any problem with them coming back. Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: I think location is, like a company would come in, say like the west side and then they decide to move east side into certain areas that are designated, then also we've got to consider the recommendations of Mr. Robling over there, too. If that is going to have bearing on it, too. Whether they have changed enough to justify as Mr. Sutton said, I think those are things, and then Betty's comments as to them coming in and making a difference too on that we can change it. But, we need to, you gotta say, is it going to take four votes, five votes, you know, if you want to have a vote on it to change it or something of that nature, but I don't know, I am just throwing these things out.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Well, since we are on the subject of tax abatement, probably the grayest area is when they come in for compliance reviews. Basically, we are at the mercy of whoever the company is on the information. I think, I don't know if it would have to be through our direction, or through the Commissioner's direction, or the Mayor's office or what, but I think that it needs to be mandatory that DMD have access to employment records, as far as, with regards to checking the pay rates, the number of employment. You know, all of that is just simply given to DMD by whoever the individual is that has the abatement. There are no checks and balances, they are not getting any type of audit or anything like that, you know that is like a gray area (inaudible).

Councilmember Smith: Jim, that happened to a Christmas tree place over here in Garvin Park Industrial Mall.

Councilmember Raben: Hudson Valley.

Councilmember Smith: Yes, Hudson Valley. They came in and said what all they were going to do, but it wasn't taped, it was at a committee meeting and they were going to start everybody out at five something an hour but when they started out they started out at three something an hour, we went back, but at that time we didn't tape, this is City, but we didn't tape committee meetings and yet everybody remembered them saying that because we had all of those people coming to us and telling us that they are only paying us \$3.65 an hour.

Councilmember Raben: Right. Well, you know how--

Councilmember Smith: So, we should have access to it.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we can grant an abatement today and then a year from today they can come in for their compliance review and it is a matter of their records and not ours, they say, today they tell us they are going to hire fifty people at a rate of \$12.89 an hour and next year they come back and say, yes we hired those fifty and they are making \$13.00 an hour, but DMD does not go in and do any kind of audit. They never examine any files or records or anything like that, I mean, we are just basically taking what the individuals are telling us for granted. So, if we ... that is an area that we need to look at that, but I don't know if that can be handled through this Council but I think that's probably a -

Councilmember Smith: I think it would have to be a requirement for Metropolitan Development, for them to do it, but I don't know whether they'll do that or not, I don't know whether that is

within their guidelines, but I agree that there should be a checks and balances on that.

Councilmember Raben: Right and they also, they may state that they are going to purchase \$4,000,000.00 worth of equipment, they may purchase \$500,000.00. Every figure that they use is their own figure and it is never checked by anybody in this County so, I don't know how we pursue that but we never really know what we are getting there.

President Lloyd: Well, that is not part of Council rules, for DMD do to their job.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, but we grant the abatement. We decide on whether there is a continuation or everything dies the following year. The first year, if everything is speculation, or if they're just projecting that they are going to spend this much, if they are projecting that their employment figures are going to go to this, you know, they haven't even opened and are under construction. The first year you are kind of at their mercy, but the second year we don't have to be at their mercy, but yet we still are.

President Lloyd: You know, one other thing that you might consider, you kind of have a super majority to vote to waive the rules. Say, like if you get five votes you could vote to waive the one year rule. Does City Council do that, do you know?

Councilmember Smith: We start the one year and I think before it gets done (inaudible) to change the rules, I don't know -

President Lloyd: Betty, you need to turn your mike on.

Councilmember Smith: I talk loud enough, I don't need it. I don't see why five votes wouldn't change it, I mean there is no law that says five votes couldn't change it, is there?

Jeff Ahlers: No, in fact, you can change the rules with a majority of just four votes, but in order to do that you would have to go through the process of changing your rule and then bring in the issue before and that sort of thing. The only thing that I would say with regard to tax abatement which you might want to consider, obviously, is an issue for you guys to decide and I will write it up however you want, but it is not my issue, but just a point that when you consider these rules, that it is easy from where everyone sits from today that this rule would be handy now, but you have to think in the future if things change or whatever, is it a rule that you can live with in all circumstances and all of that? For instance, what happens if on the tax abatement, that is you have the one year rule, that somebody voted on in December, a tax abatement is denied, let's say in January a whole new Council comes in, the November election, these seven people aren't going to be here then you have precluded the new Council if they have a whole new way of looking at things from, you know, voting on that again. That may be fine and that may be what you want to do and I am just saying that when you look at these rules you need to think of all the possible alternatives as to where it could hamstring you. In just a year and a half that I have been on Council I haven't seen this particular issue be a problem, I don't know, with maybe one exception, when I first came on as Council attorney, that we had a situation where somebody came back again. So, I don't know that our agenda has been bogged down by it but I understand your concerns, but I just wanted to point out that you might want to make sure that you point out all possible angles, but when you enact a rule that may last for ten years, how will it not only affect you all and if you can live with it but in the future as to how that will work.

President Lloyd: Betty.

Councilmember Smith: I think that most people would honor a year's time but we are stuck, about that contract that the Commissioners signed and we have debated that, that was their contract. So, the same thing is that if a new Council comes in and they say that these people have voted it down and they have a year, and I think that most people would honor the other.

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The same thing as rezonings, if they petition to rezone they can't bring it back for a year. There is a lot of rules and things like that. We don't vote on rezonings here but you did on the City and the County Commissioners and they have a rule that you can't bring it back for a year for a change of zoning. Most people honor the other Council's, or the other people's work.

President Lloyd: On rezonings, if you have a different owner, can you bring it back?

Councilmember Smith: A piece of property, you couldn't bring it back for a year's time. You mean if it didn't sell to this person and sold to another one? Never did have that because if it is turned down, it is turned down for a year.

President Lloyd: If they make changes to it, it can come back?

Councilmember Smith: Can't bring it back, can't refile it and that is where the Area Plan Commission can't refile it for a year's time.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: And that is County and City.

Jeff Ahlers: But, I don't think that what you are saying there would apply to a tax abatement.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, no.

Jeff Ahlers: I mean with the property, you are saying make it owner or company-

Councilmember Smith: I am just talking about people honoring the other person's vote. It may not always happen, but basically it will.

President Lloyd: Once we decide on the rules and vote on them in September then we would want to, one of Mr. Hoy's suggestions is to put a book together and I believe that is what we were going to do. Put a book together where you have laws pertaining to Council in the back and then have the rules in front. Mr. Ahlers.

Jeff Ahlers: What I was going to suggest is that on page four, Roman numeral four, under voting rules summary. What I would recommend is that I make copies of the statutes for those rules and put those in opposed to this Council voting on them because they are already state statute and rather than us characterizing what the state law is that we just actually put the state law into the packet, either that or I will need to rework these to make the language nearer the statute because sometimes statutes have various conditions or exceptions and so when you get into maybe trying to pigeonhole something in five words or less it could be a mischaracterization of state statute and I would recommend that, we're not really adopting a voting rule, all we are doing is summarizing what is already state law and I would recommend that we just include that in the book so that we don't obviously take a chance on misstating the law or its applications.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Deig.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible, microphone not on)

Jeff Ahlers: Well, we could either do that or what I was going to suggest is that we can shake that section to the back and make this a table of contents section and I can make clean copies of the statutes and the only reason I say that is number one: I would want to change, if we did keep these, change the wording. But like I said, there are times where there is more than one statute that can come into play where there is an emergency situation or you have this or that so sometimes you can't just pigeonhole a state statute that says it takes this many votes for

this because somewhere else in the code it may say, if you have this emergency, or if it is for this particular use, or a court has entered a mandamus that the Clerk's Office needs this or a certain judge needs this, you know you can get caught in a riff. I just don't want us to adopt a rule that could possibly be inconsistent with the state law and so in that section I would suggest, so that everybody has a handle, we actually put the state law in.

President Lloyd: Well, that section, what I was thinking on that, was just, I mean, it would be nice to know, rather than have all of the law, just what, how many votes you need on certain issues and I agree that some of it is a little unclear, whether you just need a simple majority or if you have to have five votes or things like that. I mean that could refer to the law and have the law in there too. But, I was going to ask you to look through the whole thing and make sure that we are following the law on that. You indicated we don't need to have the law in our rules, since it is already part of the rules, but we could refer to sections of law if we need to.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, and like for instance like down there, it says appropriations affecting salary ordinance, two-thirds majority, I assume, what you mean by that appropriation, is affecting a change in compensation for a number of employees. Is that what you mean? I mean there is a statute on point for that, that uses that language.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on.)

Jeff Ahlers: If that is what it is we need to change that language to mirror the statute because this may be the statement that is currently included in there for example. That is what I am talking about when you refer to a law is that statement is a little broader than what I believe the statute concerning compensation for a number of employees is. Then there is also the requirement that it has to be by application of the officer or department. So, I am just saying that while all of that is getting kind of technical, I just want to make sure that you are consistent with state law and that nobody can construe our rule to be inconsistent on those points where the legislature has mandated a certain manner in doing things.

President Lloyd: Okay, then what I would like to do is have Mr. Ahlers go through the rules and guidelines and make any necessary changes and we can have a new draft for the September meeting and we can start voting on it there. If anyone else has any changes, they need to get them to myself or Mrs. Deig. We have Mr. Hoy's comments here and we could take a look at that and that could be incorporated into that also.

Councilmember Sutton: Two more things just real briefly, Mr. President.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: On page seven, where it indicates what the mileage reimbursement amount is per mile, how is that figure arrived at? I know the fed rate is much higher than that. I believe that it is thirty-two cents, I believe, if my memory serves me correct. How do we come ... how do we determine?

Suzanne Crouch: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on.)

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I didn't know if there was, obviously, something that we can revisit on an annual basis but I didn't know. I didn't know if we had to wait until the year end point or something or it may be still twenty-eight cents or whatever for us but I just, on the federal level, the guidelines they use are slightly higher than this.

Suzanne Crouch: You can certainly raise it.

President Lloyd: We could have Mrs. Deig check with the state on that to make sure that we are up-to-date on that.

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Councilmember Sutton: And the last thing, and it is not necessarily mentioned in here and I don't know if you can really call it necessarily rules, that was the role of our liaisons. We don't really have much of a roll, I guess, in the liaison capacity, at least not maybe what we have, what we once had on timing, I guess we could do one way or another. At one point in time, it used, the liaison would actually be the person that would present, if they were the liaison for that department, they would present that request on the floor and if there were any questions, then that Councilperson would handle the questions for that particular department, you know of course, the department head would be here as well. But, I guess now, we don't really even, we don't really even do that as much anymore, so I don't know if we have maybe taken a different turn in direction on the liaison's role in terms of presenting an appropriation request and all.

President Lloyd: Anybody want to answer that? The liaison, you know, whether they should be up-to-date on that, or on appropriations, I mean, I don't have the answer. I guess they are on some and some of them they're not. I mean any Councilmember is welcome to speak up on you know, each appropriation.

Councilmember Sutton: It just seems like that maybe we don't utilize that function as much anymore. You know there are several of us sitting here with several departments and I guess it does kind of distribute the workload to a certain extent by utilizing the liaisons, but other than that we don't really use them and they don't really have a purpose really anymore.

Councilmember Raben: I think that as far as the liaisons are, they work their best particularly around budget times because everybody works pretty hard to get with their people and go over the budgets and I am not sure what you are saying but I know, I don't think that the role is being taken away. I mean, we are still, we are all still liaisons for certain departments but I don't, I mean I don't think that anything has really been taken away. I don't know.

Councilmember Sutton: But even at budget time if that department head comes up and makes their pitch, knowing that we ultimately decide what we are going to do. There is really not much that the liaison, not really much in terms of what they actually do in our budget process. So I don't know if it is something from a rule standpoint we need to necessarily get into, but you know I don't know if it is something that we have kind of gravitated away from over time.

Councilmember Smith: Some of them even get fired.

President Lloyd: Well, there are some officeholders that may not like to work with their liaisons.

Suzanne Crouch: And vice versa.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, you had to say it, didn't you?

President Lloyd: There are some officeholders that we like to work with and others we don't, but we try to make it fair and distribute them out. If we are meeting to put the final rules together, if we have a conflict, we will go ahead and give it, maybe make that, point that out and then just have a vote on it to avoid delay. Any other questions on the rules?

Councilmember Raben: I see under grant employees, that no funds should be requested from the General Fund. I know that has always been a kind of a benchmark for this Council, but there are a lot of grant accounts that we are subsidizing either through benefits or pay itself. So, I don't know, is that too strong a language? I don't know if that clears us for the damage that has already been done?

President Lloyd: We are on page six. Did you have something about that, Mrs. Deig?



Sandie Deig: Yes, I do. What has happened, the Commissioners now and the Council are receiving the bills for all the physicals, drug testing and whatever. This should be included in the grants to begin with. I am not talking about a matching grant as with the Prosecutor. We are talking about grants that fund employees completely. What happens is that if the county General Fund starts absorbing some of these costs, it just allows them to hire more people, more employees, instead of paying the benefits.

Councilmember Raben: I agree, I agree. But, what I am saying is that the language, we do have some other ones, particularly in the Sheriff's Department, I can't remember the grant account or what it is headed under but where we exceed the grant-

Sandie Deig: Two seventy-eight.

Councilmember Raben: Where we exceed the grant by \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00, that is a pretty substantial fund. The General Fund is making up the difference. I don't know, maybe that is something that we can talk with Jeff on. But -

Sandie Deig: I don't think that we are any longer exceeding that grant amount for 278.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible)

Suzanne Crouch: I'm sorry, what's the question?

Councilmember Raben: I was just stating that headed under grant employees it says no funds should be requested from the county General Fund. I was questioning the language, "should" is that opening ... I guess what I am trying to say is that we can't completely close the door there because we do have some grant accounts or grant employees that the General Fund is subsidizing right now.

Suzanne Crouch: No, there have been employees that have been moved from grant and grant accounts and the General Fund picks it up. Is that what you're referring?

Councilmember Raben: I was actually referring to, and the one that came to my mind was the one with the Sheriff's Department, account 278, which was a grant fund account, that has always exceeded over and above what the grant is and the difference has always been picked up by the county General.

Suzanne Crouch: That is not ... the budget for that does not include the grant, but there have been some employees that have been moved out of that--

Councilmember Raben: But that account is back under the-

Suzanne Crouch: --yes.

Councilmember Raben: --limit, okay.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Deig.

Sandie Deig: This doesn't have anything to do with grants. On page five, I have asked the Council to consider a cut off date for employment changes to be included in the Salary Ordinance for budgets. I know that we just said that this would not be acted on until September, but I was wondering if perhaps next Wednesday, we could place it on the agenda for consideration? It is really difficult to take the salary changes right up to budget time and check them all. So I would like for Council to consider that August 1st cut off.

President Lloyd: Can we put that on the agenda? Any other questions on the rules? If not,

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then we will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith seconded Mr. Raben. We are adjourned and let's take three minutes for a break.

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Vice President Curt Wortman

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JULY 1, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 1st day of July, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

President Lloyd: I'd like to open the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council, July 1st, 1998. I don't see any members of the Sheriff's Department here, so we'll just go ahead and open the meeting. Madam Secretary, can we please have the roll call for attendance?

(Attendance called by Teri Lukeman)

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Lloyd	X	

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda will be the Pledge of Allegiance. Would everybody please stand?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

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President Lloyd: Moving right along, I'll ask approval of the minutes from June 3rd.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mrs. Smith, second Mr. Raben. All in favor please raise your right hand. Seven/zero, minutes are approved.

**(Motion unanimously approved.)**

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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**A) TREASURER**

President Lloyd: Moving to item five, appropriation ordinances. The first item on there is the County Treasurer. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, I'll move approval of 1030-2600 in the amount of \$1,500.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben, second Councilman Hoy. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL		1,500.00	1,500.00

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

**B) CORONER**

President Lloyd: The next item is County Coroner. I'll entertain a motion to that.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, I'll move that we set in 1070-3640 in the amount of \$15,000; 1070-3650 in the amount of \$25,000, for a grand total of \$40,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: We have a motion by Councilman Raben and second by Councilman Hoy, \$40,000 total. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>CORONER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1070-3640	DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES	25,000.00	15,000.00
1070-3650	AUTOPSIES	35,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL		60,000.00	40,000.00

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

**C) PROSECUTOR**

President Lloyd: The next item would be Prosecutor and I'll take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move we approve 1080-3250 in the amount of \$5,000; 1080-3900 \$10,000; and 1080-3901 in the amount of \$10,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Sutton. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-3250	LAW BOOKS	5,000.00	5,000.00
1080-3900	RETURN OF FUGITIVE	10,000.00	10,000.00
1080-3901	WITNESS FEES	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		25,000.00	25,000.00

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

#### **D) PROSECUTOR IV-D**

President Lloyd: The next item would be Prosecutor IV-D and I'll take a motion to that effect.

James Raben: I'll move approval of 1081-2700; 1081-3130; 1081-3520 as submitted.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Councilman Raben, second Councilman Sutton. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	1,700.00	1,700.00
1081-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	2,000.00	2,000.00
1081-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		4,700.00	4,700.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

**E, F, H, I, J) ARMSTRONG, CENTER, PERRY, PIGEON AND SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS**

President Lloyd: The next item is Armstrong Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, if you don't care, outside of Knight Township's request, I'd like to just go ahead and take all the Assessors at one time and save a lot of lengthy discussion. Most of you received a bit of information from SCT today just minutes before the meeting and it's a lot of good information and we've had a lot of good dialogue amongst the Assessors and we think we understand what their needs are but in an effort to give everybody time to review what they received, I would like to defer -- well, let's actually set it in at zero because they will have to file a new request under Reassessment Funds, so I would like to set in all the amounts for the Township Assessors offices outside of Knight and we'll take that one separately, at zero.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, so that would be Armstrong Township Assessor set in at zero, Center Township Assessor set in at zero; Perry Township Assessor set in at zero; Pigeon Township Assessor set in at zero; Scott Township Assessor set in at zero. Motion by Mr. Raben and second by Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion? What Mr. Raben was referring to was a report we received. It was addressed to me from the Computer Services Department and at our meeting last week we had talked about what equipment did the Township Assessors have now and we were going to use that as a starting point for what new equipment they needed, computer equipment, hardware and software for the upcoming reassessment and whatever else they needed in their offices. Based on conversations we had that I had with Mr. Cottun, we went ahead and upgraded this study a little bit and he also provided some information on what we're going to need over the next three years so there is some good data in here, it's about ten pages. Its got some budgetary items, it talks about the current computers, the minimum specs the new Proval is going to use and what computers would need to be replaced, which would not be all of them but quite a bit of them, so we need to take a look at this and that's why we're going to go ahead and delay this and actually do a better job of planning on this and go ahead and take those out of the Reassessment Fund at a later time. We have Mr. Hatfield up here.

Paul Hatfield: Paul Hatfield, Pigeon Township Assessor. What you've got before you today is what you should have had before you two months ago. Now with this delay, I don't know whether you all are aware of it, probably not, as to what the process is. I'm talking about the process in order to turn out the product of valuing property period. You are holding up the train and the reason the train is being held up is because I -- and I say to you frankly -- you just haven't done your job. This should have been before you two months ago. We're in to land right now and you're still talking about what computers we need. Well, what the hell? I would suggest to you that you put this on the fast track, and I understand that now we're going to have to reappropriate which we really knew that to start with in order to get these things in here so we can go to work, otherwise, I'm going to call the State Tax Board and say look, it appears to me right now that we are going to be two months behind the schedule and it's only because



you're just now getting information you should have had at least two months ago. There comes a time in the offices of which you hold that you're going to have to dig your head in, get your information, make your decision and don't wait for somebody else to make the decision for you. That's what you're doing.

Councilmember Bassemier: Who is that paid for, by who?

President Lloyd: At least we've got the information. We need to decipher this and you guys are working on your budgets now for the reassessment, so at least this will be the computer, hardware and software part that we need to work on.

Councilmember Wortman: I call for the vote, Mr. President.

President Lloyd: Okay. Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: What are we voting on, to hold it?

Suzanne Crouch: No, set it in at zero.

President Lloyd: Setting all those in at zero, all except Knight Township.

Councilmember Smith: Aye.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. So all those townships, as we mentioned, set those General Fund requests in at zero. Mr. Raben, you had Knight Township that you wanted to hold out separate.

**ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

1100-3371	COMPUTER HARDWARE	2,700.00	0.00
1100-3372	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	1,500.00	0.00
TOTAL		4,200.00	0.00

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1110-3370	COMPUTER	8,910.00	0.00
TOTAL		8,910.00	0.00

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1140-3371	COMPUTER HARDWARE	11,300.00	0.00
1140-3372	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	2,500.00	0.00
TOTAL		13,800.00	0.00

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-3370	COMPUTER	18,900.00	0.00
TOTAL		18,900.00	0.00

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1160-3371	COMPUTER HARDWARE	5,400.00	0.00
1160-3372	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	2,500.00	0.00
TOTAL		7,900.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

**G) KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Let's move to Knight Township account, 1130-1990 Extra Help set in at \$1,000; 1130-3370 zero. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Hoy. Any discussion?

Al Folz: May I say something?

President Lloyd: Sure, come on up.

Al Folz: Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor. Did I understand that, the Extra Help \$1,000.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, what I thought we might do is spend down some of the balance. There is still \$4,432.

Al Folz: There should have only been \$2,955. I mean, this is what I was given last week as of this last Friday after the payroll and I was given \$2,955.80. And \$1,000 wouldn't help me, I mean, it's just not going to be sufficient to be able to get the work done. I got this figure from the Auditor's office, the last payroll, unless I misunderstood which I could do.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Folz, what is the date on that, the figure, the \$2,000 that you're referring to?

Al Folz: Supposedly as of June the 26th.

Councilmember Sutton: Our numbers are reflective through June 12, I guess.

President Lloyd: The Auditor is going to go call the office and get the current figure.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, if you would like, I could withdraw this motion and we could come back to this request.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll withdraw my second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion withdrawn, second withdrawn, and then we'll come back to this when we get a figure from the Auditor.

Al Folz: That's fine.

### **K) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Lloyd: Let's move on to County Commissioners. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 1300-3280 in the amount of \$2,459; account 1300-3020 in the amount of \$36,326 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Bassemier? Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3280	EXAM. OF RECORDS	2,459.00	2,459.00
1300-3020	SW MENTAL HEALTH	36,326.00	36,326.00
TOTAL		38,785.00	38,785.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

**L) SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**

President Lloyd: The next item would be Superintendent of County Buildings.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of 1310-4190 in the amount of \$15,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I guess there is no chance of that coming out of the Commissary Fund, I guess. There is nobody here, a representative from the Sheriff's Department? It would have been nice if it would, but the Commissioner's requested it, so I guess we don't get no reaction, so I guess we're kind of forced into getting this \$15,000 there the way it looks to me.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, initially, the estimate they had was right around the range of, was that \$12,600 on this, so I know they wanted to have a little bit of a cushion, but in case the bids that they actually do select to complete this work, I just wanted to know if the money was going to come back our way, you know, in terms of because we are giving them a little cushion, I guess, because they aren't sure what it will actually turn out to be. I wanted to know if it is going to come back this way or kind of remain out there in limbo after the project is completed? I guess there is no one here to answer that question.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: The last report we had on the Commissary, that was last month, there was \$186,000 in that account. I asked last week if we could have some information on whether the Sheriff would okay that to pay it out of the Commissary Funds, so I don't know, I guess we're -- I don't know what to do on this. Are we forced into going ahead and -- I would like to hear if the Sheriff said it was okay, but...

President Lloyd: I didn't talk to anyone from the Sheriff, they didn't try to contact me.

Councilmember Raben: I'll tell you what I would do, though, I would withdraw my motion to read, \$12,600.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, they weren't sure. Like I said, that was in the Commissioner's meeting a couple of weeks ago, that was the figure that they had indicated that it would be, but then when we got this, it was at \$15,000 and she explained last week that depending upon what the bids came in, but so if we put them in at \$12,600 it may not actually be enough, but there is a possibility it would be fine at \$12,600. I just wanted to know if it does come in at \$12,600, then if the rest is going to -- if they are going to repeal the rest back to the General Fund.

Councilmember Bassemier: I have no clue. I guess we can ask him. I guess we can ask the Sheriff's Department after we give the \$15,000, he might want to give it back to us.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Sutton, I think that was understood that they would repeal it back when the bids come in and you always have to have an amount in there if they do, and it could come at \$14,900 and then we're alright, otherwise, we have to come back and rebid it again.

Councilmember Sutton: I just wanted to avoid maybe any assumptions. Sometimes that gets us in some trouble.

Councilmember Smith: When they get into that with 96 toilets that have to be and 30 showers that has to be repaired, they don't know what they're going to get into.

President Lloyd: Okay, the original motion was for \$15,000, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Yes. I'll leave it set in at \$15,000.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion on that? Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

SUPT. OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-4190	JAIL MAINTENANCE	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL		15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

**G) KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR - CONTINUED**

President Lloyd: Okay, I've got a balance of the Knight Township Extra Help line item. As of July 1st, that balance is \$2,955.80 per the Auditor so we'll go back to that. The original motion on that, you withdrew that, was for \$1,000, right?

Councilmember Raben: I withdrew the motion, yes I did.

Al Folz: See, Friday was the last day that, we had the 30 day period, that they had the people come in.

Councilmember Raben: I will make a new motion and it reads 1130-1990 be set in at \$2,500 and 1130-3370 at zero.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben for \$2,500 for Extra Help and second by Mr. Hoy. Any other discussion? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: That's okay, but what happens when Center, Perry and Pigeon come in for money?

Paul Hatfield: You got it.

Councilmember Wortman: I'm a firm believer in using up what you can and then come back.

Councilmember Bassemier: What do you need, a second, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: No, this is discussion, there is a second on the floor.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion?

Councilmember Raben: In answer to that, I just hope the other offices don't say, me too. I mean, I hope when you come up here it's a genuine need and not just because another individual was given a request.

Al Folz: It takes a month before you can even get any money, and then if I come back in that month, there won't be any money and I won't have any help. So we're not going to be able to get our things finished.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, we all know that, in the past, Al wouldn't be up here if he didn't need the money. So I think we need to help him out here.

Councilmember Raben: Call for the question.

President Lloyd: Okay, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to one.

Al Folz: Thank you, Council.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1130-1990	EXTRA HELP	5,000.00	2,500.00
1130-3370	COMPUTER	7,500.00	0.00
TOTAL		12,500.00	2,500.00

(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Wortman opposed.)

**M) CIRCUIT COURT**

President Lloyd: We'll move on to Circuit Court. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, I'll move that 1360-1360-1360 be approved at \$10,860; and 1360-1370-1360 also be approved for the \$10,860.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Suzanne Crouch: How about the next page?

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, I'm sorry, and 1360-1900; 1360-1910; and 1360-1920 be set in as submitted.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we've got a total motion for the Circuit Court \$10,132. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. Mr. President, at our last meeting I requested that we could get some information about what this whole study was going to lead to and what other costs we might expect to incur and this request, these Bail Bond Interview Specialists are related to that, the jail study committee. And I guess, what I am trying to really get at is I am really not wanting to see us maybe see things coming to us on a piecemeal fashion, but really, I am looking for a whole study or a whole project that comes before us that we can consider. I am

not saying that this isn't important, I really don't have any idea where this lines up in the priority of things that they feel will help to make things move more swiftly and smoothly through our jail and through our legal system and this may be a help, it may not, just don't know, but it's a little difficult for us to make a decision if we don't know how this piece here fits into a part of the whole. And I was really hopeful that today the information would come my way where I could really get a chance -- or before today -- to get a chance to review how this does fit into the whole scheme of the whole jail process and what other expenses we might expect to incur. The information that was requested just isn't here to really give us a firm idea of how this even fits into the whole piece of the puzzle.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: What was it? I don't think it was last week, or there he is, I didn't see that he was here. But at one point in the last 30 days you did a pretty good job of explaining exactly what this is all about.

Councilmember Sutton: I understand what they are going to do, these positions are going to do, I am talking about how this fits into the whole process, and that's the question that I asked and was hoping to get some answers to. I know what these positions, specifically, what they are going to do. I understand that.

President Lloyd: Before you answer that we need to change the tape.

**(Tape changed at 3:59 p.m.)**

President Lloyd: Okay, please proceed. Name please.

Harris Howerton: Harris Howerton. Royce, you were promised a report but we haven't gotten that yet from our visitors from the National Institute of Corrections. I can tell you though that I went to the meeting where it was public invited and they applauded us for being as far along in the process as we were and one of the things that is recommended is that you look at pre-trial release programs. We, quite frankly, used to have one years ago and I have explained all of that but I think that in the process you will find that this is one of the first things that you do want to look at. What can you do for pre-trial releasees? How can you move people through the jail a little bit faster? That's what we are trying to do here and recommend you do it.

Councilmember Sutton: My point is that it just seems that we are a little bit ahead of ourselves in terms of the whole process in seeing what other methods are going to be suggested to implement and help things move along more smoothly.

Harris Howerton: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, not to say that these are not important but how does this fit in with the rest of the study, that is my question.

Harris Howerton: It is an early on resolution in process. The group has already resolved that we need to try to do this. When you get your report, I almost guarantee you, that is what they are going to talk about, putting in a pre-trial release program, we are to that point I think. Now the balance of the process, I can tell you, I can guarantee that we won't know what were are going to do for another year. We are going to have more meetings. We have to involve more people in the community and you're invited, sir. I think that everyone should be invited to take part in this process.

Councilmember Sutton: What other recommendations are we seeing, expecting to come forward from that report?

Harris Howerton: I don't know. We are going to see, they haven't told us everything. They have



only told us that what we have done by forming a committee of people was a smart thing to do. They were proud of us and happy that we had done that. They didn't even know that we had even done that. They were happy to see and applauded us for suggesting a pre-trial release program. Now from there, lots of work to be done yet, lots of information, lots of input from people who have not had any input yet, including yourselves, including anyone else in the general public. So, we are that far, and I can't tell you where we are going to go next.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, in other words, you are asking us maybe to spend money and we don't a full report. I guess that, that is where I am trying to go. That is --

Harris Howerton: I understand.

Councilmember Sutton: -- what I am trying to find out. I know that you are trying to present the information the best you can in trying to explain this. But, there are several players involved with this, not just your area only --

Harris Howerton: Sure.

Councilmember Sutton: -- but since we are looking at a far reaching project that is going to benefit the whole system. I just want to know, I am trying to get a good feel on this, a good handle where we are going here.

Harris Howerton: Sure, I understand.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith, did you have something?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, we talked about this and we did have the Bond and Fine Clerks in the Clerk's office and she took over the part-time, which the Circuit Court used to handle, okay we talked about this. You still have one that is a Bond and Fine Clerk and their job descriptions are the same. Is this Specialist and the Bond and Fine Clerk, is that person coming to work for you or is that person going to stay in the Clerk's office?

Harris Howerton: No, these employees will be Circuit Clerk Court employees.

Councilmember Smith. Because, those jobs are important and ...

Harris Howerton: They only thing that they did Betty, is that they stopped doing the interview for the judges. They don't do that.

Councilmember Smith: They don't do the interviews anymore?

Harris Howerton: No, they are strictly administrative duties, collecting the bonds and preparing the court calendar.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. I have been out of town, Mr. Howerton. I understand that the jail population is down somewhat.

Harris Howerton: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you know what they might be, approximately?

Harris Howerton: Are there any judges here before I make my comments? I think that it is just

because it is on everyone's mind. It became a focal concern and the courts, the judges, and everyone, even the prosecutor, took closer looks at these bonds and they have more cognizant thought, I think.

Councilmember Hoy: And the thought is that by funding this that would help reduce the population in the jail?

Harris Howerton: I think that the judges can very, very early on, as close as perhaps on bond schedule itself and or at least the very next morning would have this reliable information pulled together, this information they can rely on to make better decisions on bonds, lowering or even releasing them on their own recognizance.

Councilmember Hoy: Is, I, since you are the only guy here, it kind of puts you on the spot but my own personal assessment is that if we can speed this process up we probably won't solve the whole problem but it will be a piece of the problem, a piece of it will be solved, because we have a lot of folks sitting there who simply can't afford certain things. Is that correct?

Harris Howerton: That is exactly right. I have seen it with my eyes and I am sure that you know that we have had people sitting in jail for weeks, two weeks, because they couldn't make a \$200 bond.

President Lloyd: The only thing that I could add to it, I serve on that committee. The committee identified some of the pressure points where things may not move as quickly, processing inmates and people awaiting trial, this was one of the solutions to try to move things along. So, even before the final report, this seemed like a good way to try and speed people through the system.

Harris Howerton: You are right. It is not the solution, it is just a piece of it.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I would join in with Mr. Sutton's question, and I will vote yes on this, and I think that it should be done. I would like to see a more comprehensive picture. I think that all of us would.

Harris Howerton: You will see, you weren't here, Phil, we are going to be receiving a report and we were hoping to have it by now, but we haven't.

Councilmember Hoy: That was National --

Harris Howerton: National Institute of Corrections, that's right.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Councilmember Hoy raised the question as far as population, last week Brad Ellsworth was quoted that it's been running roughly 230 - 260, which is down significantly. So, I had to (Inaudible).

President Lloyd: Okay, any other discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think that I made my point pretty clear, thanks to Councilmember Hoy, I am going to vote yes for this but if we get any more proposals that come before us that relate

to this without the study, I am not going to vote yes for any other aspects of this project until we see the rest of the story and you just happen to be here, Harris, and catching the brunt of everything but until we see the full breadth of the study, I suggest, I can't really vote yes until we see the whole thing. But my vote is yes on this.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. I think that we are all looking forward to seeing the study.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1360-1360	BAIL BOND INTERVIEW SPECIALIST	10,860.00	10,860.00
1360-1370-1360	BAIL BOND INTERVIEW SPECIALIST	10,860.00	10,860.00
1360-1900	FICA	1,662.00	1,662.00
1360-1910	PERF	1,250.00	1,250.00
1360-1920	INSURANCE	5,500.00	5,500.00
TOTAL		30,132.00	30,132.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

#### N) DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

President Lloyd: Next, would be Drug and Alcohol Deferral Service. I will entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of 1371-3370 in the amount of \$600.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mrs. Smith, any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>DRUG &amp; ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1371-3370	COMPUTER	600.00
TOTAL		600.00

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

**O) BURDETTE PARK**

President Lloyd: Next, would be Burdette Park. I will entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1450-1180-1450, I move that it be approved in the amount of \$50,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

**BURDETTE PARK  
APPROVED**

**REQUESTED**

1450-1180-1450	OTHER EMPLOYEES	50,000.00	50,000.00
TOTAL		50,000.00	50,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

**TRANSFER REQUESTS**

**A) COUNTY CORONER**

President Lloyd: Okay, we will move on to the transfer requests, item six. The first one will be the Coroner. I will entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I will move that the Coroner's request be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, a motion for the Coroner's transfer from Mr. Raben and second, Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Transfer passes seven to zero.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1070-3540	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	200.00	200.00
1070-3660	FORENSIC DENTIST	400.00	400.00
TO: 1070-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	400.00	400.00
1070-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	200.00	200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

**B) PROSECUTOR**

President Lloyd: Next, would be the Prosecutor and I will entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve the Prosecutor's request in the amount of \$6,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Transfer passes seven to zero.

**PROSECUTOR** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

FROM: 1080-1030	DEPUTY	6,000.00	6,000.00
TO: 1080-1990	EXTRA HELP	6,000.00	6,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

- C) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
- D) AUDITOR
- E) COUNTY HIGHWAY

President Lloyd: Next item would be Cumulative Bridge. I will take a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that we approve the Cum Bridge transfer in the amount of \$126,000 and I am also going to finish up with the Auditor's request in the amount of \$460. I would like to include both transfers in one motion.

Councilmember Wortman: And there is a late one, too.

Councilmember Raben: And there is one late one for the County Highway and it is in the amount of \$4,000. I would like to include all three in one motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben and second by Mr. Wortman, that would be the transfers on Cumulative Bridge, and the late transfers from the Auditor and County Highway. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Okay, the transfers pass seven to zero.

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

FROM: 2030-4379	SEMINARY RD. BRIDGE #1961	126,000.00	126,000.00
TO: 2030-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	126,000.00	126,000.00

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1020-1170-1020	BOOKKEEPER/INSURE- RETIREMENT	460.00	460.00
TO: 1020-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	460.00	460.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-1053-2010	SECRETARY	4,000.00	4,000.00
TO: 2010-1971	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	4,000.00	4,000.00

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

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Lloyd: Okay, we move onto item number seven, amendment to the salary ordinance. I will ask for the Finance Chair to make that amendment.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. Chair, I would move that we set in for Knight Assessor as previously adopted, I move that we set in the reassessment field collectors at a rate of \$8.00 per hour. I move that we approve the adult probation interns at a rate of up to \$7.00 per hour maximum in both the Circuit Court and Supplemental Adult Probation. Burdette Park as previously approved. Prosecutor, transfer previously approved and with that we need to add approval to pay two deputy prosecutors at the rate of \$12.00 per hour at 20 hours per week. Next is the Health Department. We need to set in the lead grant clerk at rate if \$8.70 per hour. Next, is County Highway set in as previously approved also. That should catch them all.

President Lloyd: Okay, is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, remind everybody that this takes five votes. We have amendments to the Salary Ordinance by Mr. Raben and seconded by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Salary Ordinance amendments pass seven to zero.

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

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**A) BOND ORDINANCE FOR SOLARBRON POINTE, INC./ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND FINANCING**

President Lloyd: The next item is Old Business, Bond Ordinance for Solarbron Pointe, Inc./Economic Development Bond and this will be the second reading.

Mike Robling: Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. On May 6, this body approved an inducement resolution for economic development bond financing for the Solarbron Pointe Retirement Community. As it was explained at that meeting, they are doing an expansion of their current facility to add an assisted living facility and an outpatient rehab facility. Since that action was taken, the Economic Development Commission conducted a public hearing on June 17 and took final action on this bond issue and we recommended it, the bond ordinance and other documents be forwarded to you for approval today. There are representatives here of Solarbron if you have any further questions about the project.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I can recall when you last presented this there's no cost to the County.

Mike Robling: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: And doesn't have any affect on the County's bond rating.

Mike Robling: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion for approval from Mr. Raben and second by Mr. Wortman. Any other questions or discussion for the second reading on the Solarbron Pointe issue? Okay, I guess we got all of our questions out the first go ahead. We will go ahead, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The Bond Ordinance passes seven to zero. Thank you very much.

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

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION FOR CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE/  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND FINANCING.**

President Lloyd: Okay, next item will be number nine, New Business and it's an Inducement Resolution for Catholic Diocese of Evansville/Economic Development Bond Financing. We have Mr. Robling for another round.

Mike Robling: Okay, this is the first step for this bond issue, the Catholic Diocese of Evansville has requested a \$5,000,000 reduction, economic development bond financing to assist with the renovation and expansion of the two high schools. Tim Hubert, who is their attorney, is here if you have any questions about that project.

President Lloyd: All of you should have received a letter from Mr. Hubert and it has varying information and questions regarding this project. It is very similar to the Solarbron Project and will not cost the county anything.

Mike Robling: Right.

President Lloyd: It goes into detail on some of the constructions for the improvements to the high schools. Any questions? Mr. Wortman.

Mike Robling: This was approved by the Economic Development Commission on June 17.

President Lloyd: Right.

Councilmember Wortman: I would like to make a motion that we accept this.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion from Mr. Wortman and second from Mrs. Smith. Did

you have a question, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I was just going to second.

President Lloyd: Okay. Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I have a question. Mr. Robling, I know that we have a limit on how many, I guess, of these that we actually can do. How much more, if this one were approved, how much more would be available --

Mike Robling: The Solarbron and this one seeking to be considered to be bank eligible and there is a \$10,000,000 limit on that, even if this is induced at the \$5,000,000 level it would not be possible to issue \$5,000,000 worth of bonds during calendar year 1998 because the county will have some of its financing that would need to take place to count towards that same million dollar cap. Actually, the Diocese understands this constraint and it is possible that a million or so could be issued this year and the balance could be issued in 1999 or they could sell some of them through an underwriter rather than a bank and if they sold it to an underwriter it would not be subject, that part would not be subject to this \$10,000,000 cap.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I talked to the attorney today on this and they are going to use labor from the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County and they are not going out of the county to get it and I think that is one of the things that, (Inaudible) as Chairman of the Public Works Committee, I talked to him about this, We used to ask him if there was a tax base but with a Catholic Diocese there is no tax base but the rest of it follows along the line and I think that this is probably good for Evansville.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: My question is similar to Councilman Sutton's. We are near our bonding limit, is that correct?

Mike Robling: On bank eligible bonds.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. Have we, Mr. Robling, ever granted this sort of thing to a religious organization before?

Mike Robling: This is only the second economic development bond issue that has gone through the Economic Development Commission.

Councilmember Hoy: What about through your department and the city, do you recall?

Mike Robling: This is not eligible as a religious institution, it is eligible as a 501(C)3 not for profit corporation and we have done several of those in the past through the City. Visiting Nurses ---

Councilmember Hoy: Um um.

Mike Robling: -- the YMCA, people like that have gotten some.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, this was discussed last week and I was ill last week so this is the first discussion and I am having, being a very (Inaudible) person I am also committed in separation in church and state and this does cause me a bit of a pause since it is fresh on my desk and that is the background of my question.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I was just going to share a bit of information that was supplied by Mr. Hubert, that is a pretty key fact by what we are doing here today but these two schools have a combined enrollment for 1,462 students and based on the, I guess the EVSC's breakdown per year per student, it amounts to about \$7,000 a year that it costs to put a student through the public school system. And with this, what it boils down to is the Catholic with these two high schools is saving the county about \$10,000,000 a year. So, what we are doing here today is very just and I think we need to see it through.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Maybe Mr. Raben ought to tell the School Corporation about this.

President Lloyd: I know that I got to meet with Mr. Hubert and we've discussed this item also and you know the fact that the high school renovations are for classrooms, science laboratory, auxiliary gymnasium, there is really school related necessities and projects and not towards the religious realm of things so I mean, I applaud what they are doing by using local contractors, I think is very important. They should be applauded for that and as Mr. Raben noted, the savings of these students not going to the public schools is approximately \$10,000,000. Any other questions?

Tim Hubert: Can I make a comment?

President Lloyd: Mr. Hubert. State your name for the record.

Tim Hubert: I'm sorry. I am Tim Hubert, General Counsel for the Catholic Diocese of Evansville and I am here with Richard Hall, who is from Barnes and Thornburg in Indianapolis and he is serving as one of our Bond Counsels. In addition to the number of students that we educate as a private non-profit enterprise, these two high schools employ 216 people with an annual payroll of 3.3 million dollars. This is the first time that we have ever sought out of the Diocese assistance at all. This is not money coming from the taxpayers of the county at all. This is simply an approval so that, it is a pass through, if you will. It allows us to raise the money at a lower interest rate.

Councilmember Hoy: I would appreciate that.

Tim Hubert: We are going to be providing without any question nine new jobs and probably more but nine is what we can commit to right now.

Councilmember Hoy: My concern is from the standpoint of precedent. The Lutheran Schools and the independent schools, how wide do we open this door? It causes me a bit of angst, to say the least, because of my (inaudible) stance. I taught in a Catholic college and it holds some fond memories there and I do have a strong problem with (Inaudible) of church and state.

President Lloyd: Can we pause for a minute? We need to change the tape.

**(Tape changed at 4:24 p.m.)**

Councilmember Wortman: I call for a vote, Mr. President.

President Lloyd: Okay. Mr. Wortman, is that a, do we already have a motion to accept?

Teri Lukeman: Yes. We don't have a second yet.

President Lloyd: Oh, that's right. Okay, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. First reading passes six to one. Thank you.

**(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Hoy opposed.)**

**B) CONSIDERATION OF AUGUST 1, 1998 AS CUT OFF DATE FOR PROPOSED 1999 SALARY ORDINANCE FOR BUDGET HEARINGS**

President Lloyd: Next item on the agenda is item B, consideration of August 1, 1998 as the cut off date for proposed 1999 salary ordinance for budget hearings. And that allows the time to get that into the budget books. Any discussion on that? Questions, yeah or nay?

Councilmember Raben: I think it kind of speaks for itself, I'll move for approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: The motion for approval Mr. Raben and second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your right hand. Okay, it's seven to zero so, Mrs. Deig, then you can send a notice out. Okay. Any other business?

**C) PIGEON CREEK GREENWAY PROJECT**

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I don't know how we are on time, but I had a note from Mrs. James from the Pigeon Creek Greenway. Could we give her a couple of minutes at the mike? Can we use that kind of time right now?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible)

President Lloyd: Right. Do all Councilmembers have a letter from Pigeon Creek Green-way? A copy?

Shirley James: We did send a letter requesting to be heard today. I also want to give you this. Anyway, I'm Shirley James and I'm here for the Pigeon Creek Greenway for two issues. One is far reaching. The other is immediate need. You should have received a letter addressed to the County Council a few days ago, in which we pointed out that we have an immediate need for approximately \$6,000 from the county. Now, what this is, is we have what they call a land use guidelines committee. This committee is comprised of some very capable people. Many who have served in government offices and are pretty knowledgeable regarding ordinance and so forth of city and county, but where we are not knowledgeable is in Greenway ordinances and Greenway property easements and so forth. So since you're dealing here, I'm chairing that particular committee and since my expertise is limited in this regard we have the need for some expertise. That committee, virtually is floundering right now. Even though we have all the expertise in the world in our community on it. We don't have what we really need. So, we would like to go out and get our designers to come in and help us. They have done this with other greenways in the past and have been very successful with it. The city has indicated that they would be very happy to give half of the cost. The designer's cost is \$12,000. The city would pay six, if the county would pay six. Now, the reason they're requesting this amount, the city feels that the county, should perhaps, participate in this because we are getting ready to---in fact, we're under designed from the area of the new Sunrise Park into Angel Mounds and from there on out all of the property easements and everything that would need approval will be within the county. We need to finance it and get this expertise so that we do the job right. So I'm here to ask you today if you would agree or put into this year's budget of \$6,000 to match what the city is doing. That's one thing. Another thing is that we are getting ready to do some real doing in the county. The document that I just passed out is a document that tells you what we're going to be doing in the next few years. By the year 2,000. That is, we're applying now for a grant, a TEA grant in the amount of \$4,235,703. Now, most of that is for construction for the Greenway from Sunrise Park to Angel Mounds. In fact all of it is. To date the city has put in approximately \$1.2 million, or, not. Hold on just a minute. The city has put in about \$1.2 million at this point in time in match money for the grants and that has leveraged \$1.2 million plus \$2.72 million, state and federal monies. The county to date, has put in \$354,000 for design, but that can't be considered as match. We had to provide the design money before they would consider us for TEA funds. So that was not considered, not match. The other \$300,000 was the Inn Keepers Tax grant that we applied for through the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. So to date, the county has actually given us \$654,000, \$300,000 of it which is considered a match for construction and design. Now, what's happening, if you'll go you'll see in these various graphs here that the difference in the city's and county's matches. When you get to the last one you'll see that proposed for 1999 TEA monies, we're asking now because we are moving into the county for the county's match to become (Inaudible). The city will do a match for the hi-rail property which will be in the amount of something like, \$97,000, but we're asking the county to consider a match for \$4.2 million grant of \$847,000. Now this can be paid incrementally. It doesn't need to be paid out all at once and it isn't even considered as payment until construction begins. We are doing a little pre-planning here. The grant is being prepared now. We don't know if we'll get the entire \$4.2 million, but we anticipate because of the state's attitude towards this project that we will get some. In fact, we did very well last time. We got \$2.72 million, which was pretty darn good. We do anticipate that we will at least get a million, but at any rate the money wouldn't be necessary to have in hand until construction began on the site. So, I'm here to request that, consider this for our future plans.

President Lloyd: Any questions for Mrs. James?

Shirley James: I have appeared before the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners did say that they would recommend the \$6,000, but it would be depending

upon County Council's hearing.

President Lloyd: That's one thing that we were talking about here. The Commissioners should have filed paperwork for us to approve that.

Shirley James: They did put it in their minutes that it was----

Suzanne Crouch: But they were past the deadline.

President Lloyd: They were past the 15th.

Councilmember Hoy: The funds for the Greenway are coming from that direction.

Shirley James: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: They need to file an appropriation to come to us and they can do that for next month.

Shirley James: Can they?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Shirley James: But we do need to know.

Councilmember Hoy: We can't take it just from their minutes. They have to lay it and----

Shirley James: Before you.

Councilmember Hoy: Right.

Shirley James: Well now, should I advise them of that or what's the procedure?

President Lloyd: I would think you should go to the Commissioners and ask them. They need to file paperwork before the 15th.

Shirley James: Okay.

President Lloyd: Of the month.

Shirley James: Alright.

President Lloyd: Because they are over that budget for the county side.

Shirley James: I see.

Councilmember Hoy: I knew that, Shirley, when you came in, but I asked for time because I think it's good for the---I'm on the committee, the finance committee for the Greenway. I think it's good for the Council to see the progress on this project. It's quite---

Shirley James: We actually all of the construction money (walked away from the mike). (Inaudible) we have the design money now to complete all of the way to Angel Mounds. We have the acquisition money already in hand to buy hi-rail and that's (Inaudible). That's the two mile stretch in City Center. We have acquisition money to acquire properties along the industrial corridor. We have construction money that will cover from where we leave off at First Avenue all the way down to the new Sunrise Park. We will begin construction this year, yet, (Inaudible). The reason why we are doing that is because we are acquiring easements and we're taking it slow and being very respectful of people's property rights. Trying to do a

win/win situation with each agency that's along there. So we're ready to go from the old Ohio Street bridge from just past Casino Aztar. Casino Aztar has built a pedestrian rail for us already and are giving \$25,000 for the bike path. Then, we are going to wait until the city is ready to do the esplanade. We will plan with the city and do our portion from the casino to the monument, the Korean monument, and we'll do that when they do their work so we don't disrupt Riverside more than once. Then we will get, this year, continue from the monument to the new Sunrise Park. Then we'll come back here, and we hope, in 1999 to construct this portion here. We have the money in hand to do all of that. To construct all of that. Let's see, I guess that pretty well, we just, we've had some agencies donate to us. (Inaudible) has given 150 feet off all of their (Inaudible). We have a donation of about one mile to the Greenway out near the Lynch Road (Inaudible). So that pretty much says where we are. We're also acquiring several wetlands. We are interested, in particular, in acquiring wetlands north of the city because of (Inaudible). We feel that since Gibson County is developing and there are more pavements that will put more water into the creek as a consequence what we will do is have more flooding problems perhaps. So we would like to acquire some wetlands that are being (Inaudible), something like a hundred acres almost that we can utilize for flood control. That's where we are at this point. Can I answer any questions? I'll go and I'll ask the commissioners for an appropriation request, but does that--you can't approve it then until next month?

President Lloyd: No, we don't have paperwork to approve it.

Shirley James: Okay.

President Lloyd: I did have one question. I had heard about the county match, but I'd never seen that \$847,000 figure.

Shirley James: Right.

President Lloyd: Is that something that you're proposing for next year or for the next two years or what?

Shirley James: We would imagine that we---this is for a grant that's being applied for now, but it won't be even utilized until we start construction. We think that we're going to try to start construction in the year 2000.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Shirley James: We would like to be all the way to Angel Mounds by the year 2000. We are also helping Angel Mounds people to acquire some property up there to help them out at this time. But that's not costing us anything, so.

President Lloyd: Well that would be in the state's interest, too. So that's good that you can cooperate with them.

Shirley James: Yes, that's right.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this? Okay.

Shirley James: Okay.

President Lloyd: Any Councilmember is free to discuss with you or the Commissioners.

Shirley James: Sure.

President Lloyd: Okay.



Shirley James: Any time.

President Lloyd: Alright, I appreciate that very much. Any other business? I'll take a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Smith: I'll move.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mrs. Smith and second, Mr. Sutton. We're adjourned.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.**

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Vice President Curt Wortman

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 5, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of August, 1998 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

President Lloyd: I'd like to call to order the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council August 5, 1998. First off, I would like to see if someone from the Sheriff's department would mind opening the meeting for us?

(Meeting opened by Eric Williams of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.)

President Lloyd: Thank you very much, Mr. Williams. Next, we would have the attendance roll call from the Council Secretary.

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Smith	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Sutton	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Bassemier	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Hoy		<b>X</b>
Councilmember Raben	<b>X</b>	
Councilmember Wortman	<b>X</b>	
President Lloyd	<b>X</b>	

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda, I would ask everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 24, 1998 PROPOSED RULES &amp; GUIDELINES JULY 1, 1998 COUNCIL MEETING</b></p>
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President Lloyd: I will entertain a motion for approval of the June 24, 1998 and July 1, 1998 minutes.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Lloyd: Okay, I'll take a second.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Sutton and seconded by Mr. Raben. Any discussion? Okay, all of those in favor, please raise your right hand. Okay, that passes six to nothing.

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

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**A) COUNTY CLERK**

President Lloyd: Okay, the next item on the agenda will be appropriation ordinance. The first item is County Clerk , Office Supplies.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I move that 1010-2600 be set in at zero.

President Lloyd: Okay, is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Raben and seconded by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,000.00	0.00
TOTAL		3,000.00	0.00

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

**B) SHERIFF**

President Lloyd: The next item would be the Sheriff.

Councilmember Bassemier: Uh.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: That was okay by Marsha last week to be paid out of the Incentive Fund?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that 1050-2220 be set in at \$2,500.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben seconded by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none. Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1050-2220	TIRES & TUBES	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL		2,500.00	2,500.00

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

**C) SHERIFF/JAIL**

President Lloyd: Okay, the next item on the agenda would be the Sheriff/Jail.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 1051-2240 be set in at \$20,000.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben and seconded by Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1051-2240	MEDICAL	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL		20,000.00	20,000.00

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

President Lloyd: Next item on the appropriations agenda would be Jail/Jail Expense. I will entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 1051-2200 be set in at \$5,000.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2200	JAIL EXPENSE	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**D) CORONER**

President Lloyd: The next item on the appropriations is item D, the Coroner. I will take a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move that Body Transport be set in at \$1,600; Lab Supplies, \$3,000; Maintenance Contract, the Commission President, Mrs. Jerrel, and Dennis Buickel have reworked some of the contracts and they have come up with a lesser figure in the amount of \$3,050; Forensic Dentistry in the amount of \$1,875. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Bassemier. Yes, Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman; Now, this is for the remainder of the year?

Dennis Buickel: Yeah.

President Lloyd: Any discussion? Let's see, I'll have a total here in a minute. I have a total of \$9,525. Okay, no further discussion, Madam Secretary, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-2410	BODY TRANSPORT	1,600.00	1,600.00
1070-2720	LAB SUPPLIES	3,000.00	3,000.00
1070-3540	MAINT. CONTRACT	7,800.00	3,050.00
1070-3660	FORENSIC DENTISTRY	1,875.00	1,875.00
TOTAL		14,275.00	9,525.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**E) GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: Next item on the agenda is the German Township Assessor and I will entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I am not sure that we made this 100% clear last week, but I am going to move that 1120-3371 and 1120-3372 both be set it at zero. I am not sure that we made it clear to some of these offices that we are going to deal with today, that they need to refile an appropriation for those out of Reassessment. So, if they have not done so, then they need to file an appropriation.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion. Do we have a second? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: The question is will all of these computers be bought out of the Reassessment Fund or will some of them have to come out of the County General Fund? Curt talked with me about it earlier, some of them are going to have to come out of the County General Fund. Jim, you weren't here then so I didn't know whether you knew.

Councilmember Raben: I don't see a reason why they would, we have used Reassessment money for computers before. They do serve dual purpose, they'll use them for reassessment as well. It's just their general day to day.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: We had German Township and we also had Union Township and I was under the impression that they were coming out of the General Fund. He wants to take pictures down there in Union Township on those river camps and keep record of that. He asked me, he had another meeting to go to, and I told them I would relay this information. But, the impression that I got was that it was coming out of the General Fund. Now, if you go to Center Township, which is on here, that is coming out of Reassessment. Pigeon Township was turned down at zero and they are going to have to readvertise next month for Reassessment on their computers. Do you want to put them all, do you think? I was under that impression.

President Lloyd: You have talked with Mr. Bernard, Curt?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes. He was under the impression that they would come out of the General Fund because he was going to use them, and that won't be reassessment, that will be out taking pictures of those river camps out there. He is getting a camera through that, see?

Councilmember Raben: I mean, are those properties assessed?

Councilmember Wortman: I am under the impression he keeps track of them like that. That is the impression I got from him. That way I can keep track of them.



Councilmember Raben: I think that we need to be consistent and it is going to be difficult to act today on Union and defer another 30 days on these others. I will do whatever is the pleasure of this body, but to be consistent, we need to handle them all the same way.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Crouch has a comment.

Councilmember Raben: My motion was to set it in at zero and allow them to refile under Reassessment.

Suzanne Crouch: I think that is what you did with the other townships who did file appropriations for General Fund. Was that last month for computer and hardware? And they refiled under Reassessment, we also included it in their budget next year for Reassessment.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: If we can do it I think that's fine. The reason I didn't second your motion, Jim, was because of what we had talked about earlier. So, I didn't know if whether there had been a change and you wasn't here or not. So, if they can take it out of Reassessment Fund that's great.

Councilmember Wortman: The only thing is we don't know about reassessment yet, do we? Does anybody got any word on reassessment, when you are going to start and all of this stuff? Mrs. Jerrel, can you shed some light on that? I mean, Mr. Chairman there.

President Lloyd: I'd be happy to take some light from anyone.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I just need to make one comment. They are going to begin Land Use July 1 and some of them are working on that. All of the townships will be working on that, regardless of what the final outcome, in preparation for reassessment. So, you are perfectly within the guidelines that have been established by the Tax Commissioners.

Councilmember Wortman: Now, that land commission has to be done by next August of 1999.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Right, and you will be paying for this from Reassessment money and that is what it is for.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, I guess I got the wrong impression on that, I'm sorry. So, okay, I stand corrected.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a second and that is to set the amounts in at zero and ask German Township to come back and refile out of the Reassessment Fund. Any other discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

<b>GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1120-3371	COMP. HARDWARE	3,000.00	0.00
1120-3372	COMP. SOFTWARE	1,760.00	0.00
TOTAL		4,760.00	0.00

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

**F) SCOTT ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda is Scott Township Assessor Real Estate Deputy.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I will move that 1160-1130-1160; 1160-1900; 1160-1910; 1160-1920 be approved as submitted.

President Lloyd: Okay, there is a motion, is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mrs. Smith. Motion, Mr. Raben. Any discussion? Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: This is for the remainder of this year, right?

President Lloyd: Right. I might remind Council that it takes five votes since it involves a personnel matter. Mr. Harris is here from Scott Township if anyone has any questions for him. Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I was going to ask Mr. Harris if he could kind of talk about the reasoning behind moving the person from part time to full time. That is what is being requested here. It is not a short term thing.

Bob Harris: Well, this individual has been working in my office, or in Scott Township's office for the past 28 years on a part time basis. We went through job study in 1996 and it was approved in job study and she has continued to work basically on a full time basis but on a part time salary, I think that this is just a fair thing to do for her. And it is for the rest of this year.

President Lloyd: I know, and I guess this happened to Council back in 1996, but we did add a full time position at German and the amount of parcels between German and Scott are not that far out of line. You talk about 3,516 and you might tell me what Scott is, but I have 3,225.

Bob Harris: It is growing every day.

President Lloyd: Right, so we are moving the part time to full time. It was approved before and it was deleted at budget time. Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman; I think that with all of the industrial growth out there that they have been overworked. Compare them to German Township it's the same thing as that and the reason that we kept that down is to keep the taxes down in poor old Scott Township. So, I think that it is time to do that.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Poor old Scott Township, I feel sorry for you, Curt. But anyway, the woman has worked 28 years out there and she is working full time for part time salary and she deserves a full time salary. Let the poor old taxpayers in Scott Township pay for it.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Okay, thank you very much, Mr. Harris. Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

1160-1130-1160	REAL EST. DEPUTY	7,210.00	7,210.00
1160-1900	FICA	552.00	552.00
1160-1910	PERF	433.00	433.00
1160-1920	INSURANCE	983.00	983.00
TOTAL		9,178.00	9,178.00

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

**G) UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be Union Township Assessor and I will take a motion for that.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 1170-3370 be set in at zero.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Again, I don't know if there is anyone here from Union but we need to make sure that these people refile under Reassessment.

President Lloyd: Alright, so for them to receive their computer they need to refile under the Reassessment Fund. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Wortman: I will call and tell him that.

President Lloyd: Alright, Madam Secretary, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

**UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

1170-3370	COMPUTER	3,833.00	0.00
TOTAL		3,833.00	0.00

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

**H) ELECTION OFFICE**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda is the Election Office.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that 1210-1160-1210 be set in at \$1,670; 1210-1170-1210 be set in at \$3,010; 1210-1910 be set in at \$12; 1210-2290 be set in at \$50; 1210-1180-1210 be set in at \$1,360 for a total of \$6,102.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? This is related to election workers. With the minimum wage going up, that would be for their pay and their meals. I think that it is important that we keep up with the times on this. Any other discussion? Okay, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

<b>ELECTION OFFICE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1210-1160-1210	ELECT. INSPECTORS	1,670.00	1,670.00
1210-1170-1210	ELECT. JUDGES	3,010.00	3,010.00
1210-1910	PERF	12.00	12.00

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1210-2290	ELECT. BRD. MEALS	50.00	50.00
1210-1180-1210	ELECT. CLERK	1,360.00	1,360.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6,102.00</b>	<b>6,102.00</b>

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

**I) SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**

President Lloyd: Okay, next on our agenda is Superintendent of County Buildings.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that 1310-3510 be set in at \$840.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben, second Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes 6-0. Before we move out of the Commissioners office I would like to recognize someone. Heidi Schoffstall has been working as an intern for the Commissioners and also the Council this summer. She is sitting in the front row next to Mrs. Jerrel, in the yellow coat. So, we appreciate the work that you have done and thank you very much, and hope that you have learned something about county government. I asked her to attend this meeting.

Councilmember Bassemier: She stays busy too. Every time that I am up here she is everywhere, she works hard.

President Lloyd: Right, and we appreciate that.

<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1310-3510	OTHER OPERATING	840.00	840.00
TOTAL		840.00	840.00

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

**J) CIRCUIT COURT**

President Lloyd: Okay, moving along we will go to Circuit Court/Special Reporter. I will entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that 1360-3944 be set in at 20,000.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

**CIRCUIT COURT**

**REQUESTED APPROVED**

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-3944	SPECIAL REPORTER	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL		20,000.00	20,000.00

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

**K) SUPERIOR COURT**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda is Superior Court. I will entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that 1370-3903 be set in at \$25,000.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1370-3903	PETIT JURORS	25,000.00	25,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>

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

**L) COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Lloyd: Next item on the agenda is County Council Accrued Termination Pay and I will take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 1480-1971 be set in at \$50,000.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? We had a lengthy discussion on this last week. Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

<b>COUNTY COUNCIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1480-1971	ACCRUED/TERM.PAY	50,000.00	50,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>

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



**M) RIVERBOAT**

President Lloyd: Next item on the agenda is Riverboat and I will take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 1490-3112 be set in at \$255,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion on this? We had a lengthy discussion on this one also last week. Okay, no other discussion, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1490-3112	INFRASTR./DRAINAGE	255,000.00	255,000.00
TOTAL		255,000.00	255,000.00

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

President Lloyd: Let's see, that moves us through the appropriation ordinances.

**N) CENTER ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

President Lloyd: We will move to the Reassessment Fund. The first item would be Center Township Assessor. I will take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 2492-1110-3370 be set in at \$8,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion? These are new computers being paid for out of Reassessment Fund. Okay, no other discussion, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

<b>CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2492-1110-3370	COMPUTER	8,000.00	8,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,000.00</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>

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

**O) SCOTT ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

President Lloyd: The next item is Scott Township, Computer Hardware and Software. I will take a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 2492-1160-3371 and 2492-1160-3372 be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion from Mr. Raben and a second from Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero on the new computer for Scott Township.

<b>SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2492-1160-3371	COMP. HARDWARE	5,400.00	5,400.00
2492-1160-3372	COMP. SOFTWARE	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL		7,900.00	7,900.00

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

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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President Lloyd: That moves us through the appropriation requests and onto the Transfer Requests. The first one would be for the County Clerk.

**A) COUNTY CLERK**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I know that there are some discussions that is probably wanting to take place here but I am going to go ahead and get it on the floor. This is a rather lengthy transfer and I am going to make it brief here 1010-1190-1010 through 1010-1990 be approved as submitted.

President Lloyd: Okay motion to approve the transfer has been submitted, is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Bassemier. Okay now we have time for discussion. Anyone want to speak on this transfer? Well, Jim, you said that there would be discussion. Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I don't know, these people in the Clerk's office have been moved around so much and I think that is going to have to, as far as I am concerned, check on those people. Some have been lowered, some have been raised and I am just not satisfied with the adjustments over there so I am going to vote for a postponement if it comes to that, that's my opinion.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I really don't have any questions on it but I don't know if the Clerk would like to come up and give any explanation on it.

President Lloyd: The paperwork we have on it says that the transfer is to cover payroll for the remainder of 1998. So, you just have all of these jobs moving from one slot to the other.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell. What do you want to know?

Councilmember Raben: I don't have any questions, on it.

Marsha Abell: Those people are actually moved. I asked the Council, have asked the Council numerous times to try to put everyone in that office in the same COMOT category so that I wouldn't have to be doing this. But, you turned that down. Now, I am moving these people around. I have moved everybody in Misdemeanor and I have brought some over to the big office, I have one who came in off of surgery and can't get up so she can't very well work the counter and put her on the phone. That changes their COMOT levels. When I change their COMOT levels and I change their jobs I thought that I had to put through the paperwork but if everybody was the same COMOT level we wouldn't have this problem. People move around so much on the paper because they are moving around in jobs in the office to cover the work that has to get done.

President Lloyd: Well, some of the jobs have different duties and they shouldn't all be of the same COMOT level should they? When you have quite a few different duties on some of the jobs?

Marsha Abell: They should be a lot closer than they are. It wouldn't be this hard, but when I have somebody answering the phone at a COMOT III and you have somebody handling a \$20,000,000 bookkeeping account at a COMOT II, I have problems. I have to keep putting people in places that can get the jobs done. Terri Pace just got moved from being Supervisor of Superior Court down to Misdemeanor and took a lot of people with her to get the place cleaned up down there. When I moved them down there I had to change their job that moved with them. This is where these people physically are. You are certainly welcome to come down to my office and watch if they are there.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: The only thing that I have a problem with is that .. how come they are all moved around? The ex-Clerk, over there never had all of this over there and I thought that they were pretty knowledgeable in some of these positions, but here we've got a mass movement here and I am not comfortable with that and I will be honest with that. You haven't been in long enough to me to justify that. I just don't, I am going to ask for a postponement until I find out if this here is warranted or not, and that is just the way that I think.

Marsha Abell: I would ask that you that you ask the Judges how good of an office I am running before you make a decision as to whether or not I am capable of running that office. I was elected by the taxpayers to run that office.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I don't think that there is anybody in that Clerk's office that ought to be a COMOT II, because that is one of the hardest jobs in this building and unless you are there you really don't know. You know, I have a problem with all of the moving and all of the transfers, too, but I think that the whole thing should be reevaluated because if they go downstairs to COMOT IV or COMOT V and they get \$5,000 more than they make up in the Clerk's office and it is underpaid. There shouldn't be, I think the last time I looked, there was what, 28 COMOT III's and there shouldn't be. I mean, that job over there is hard and I agree to sit and look this over, but I think that they all should be reevaluated.

Marsha Abell: Well, it is just a matter that those people are actually physically moved. Mr. Wortman, Mary Judge just had her foot operated on and she has been off on two months medical leave and she came back and told me that she can't get up and walk. Now, where do you think I am going to put her when she was handling the counter? I have to put her on the phone. Well, I didn't move her just because I wanted to, I have no choice on those things, if you want me to leave them exactly where they are in the COMOT level, well, that's fine. But, when this County gets sued because they are not getting paid for the job that they are doing, I want this transcribed so all of you will know that I am telling you, I move them, when I physically move them, I move them on paper. If you want me to leave them and have them not being

compensated for the job that they are doing, that is when I was told that we would be opened up for a lawsuit. I don't think that any of the Judges in this building will tell you that I am doing a bad job at managing that office.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that maybe the question that I have on this is, Ms. Abell, is that there are so many at the same time. I guess I don't recall any other office, and I know that the Clerk's office has the largest number of employees, I just don't recall any other office having maybe this many moves at one particular time.

Marsha Abell: Well, Misdemeanor Court has already hit right at what they did last year which means that we have the rest of the year to go with the same amount of staff. So, when Terri Pace agreed to go down there to take care of that problem, she would only go if I would let her take certain people with her to get that job done. I don't think that I can ask a supervisor to go to a department and clean it up and not let them take with them the people that they think they need to get the job done when I've got people down there who obviously couldn't get it because it was already getting farther and farther behind. It is just simply a tool of trying to find who fits where. There are some people that hardly fit anywhere, quite frankly. But, I am trying to find a place for everyone to fit in. But, I can't continue to run something like Misdemeanor Court where they are pulling bench warrants left and right and putting them back in with people who don't know how to pull it up on the computer. That is just simply a management tool of trying to put those people into a slot where they can do the job. I can guarantee you that Terri Pace did not want to give up her job in Superior and Circuit to go down to Misdemeanor but she did it because she saw that the place needed some help. But, she only agreed to do it if she could take certain people with her.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess the question is, you know, we have a Job Study that we have, it's in place. A group that handles that whole process in evaluating positions in terms of time that people put in, I guess we are wholesaling moving people around at a rapid rate, you know it would be difficult, it would be awful difficult for Job Study to really keep up with that. So, are we really compensating the job that is being done or the person that is in the job and I think that is where we are kind of back and forth here in terms of how we address those issues. If we have certain projects that come up and special things that do occur, every time a person may move on a special project and move back into the original position, do you change them back again once that project is done? How do you approach that?

Marsha Abell: Well, for instance, Andrea Bray. She was a COMOT III when she worked in Small Claims but the job that she took in Misdemeanor is a COMOT IV. Now, was I supposed to leave her at a COMOT III or was I supposed to take her up to a COMOT IV? My understanding is that I am to take her to a COMOT IV and whoever takes her position in Small Claims takes the COMOT III position. That's what all of these are. These are people who moved into different jobs. I gave the COMOT level as closely related to that job as could relate. As you may recall, I indicated that some of those jobs we don't even have anyone. Appeals and Venue Clerk we don't have an Appeals and Venue, everybody does appeals and venue. But, I tried to do that as closely as possible. If I am misunderstanding and I am to move Andrea Bray from a COMOT III position in Small Claims to Misdemeanor and leave her at a COMOT III when she is actually doing what was rated by the Salary Administration Committee as a COMOT IV then I am doing it wrong. But that isn't the way that it was told to me to do.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you walk down through, we have a motion on the floor and everything, since in the transfer requests there wasn't a lot of detail. Explain for us down through there what is going on with these positions that you are transferring from.

Marsha Abell: Well, I'm afraid I couldn't off of what I've got because I don't have names. Do you have names?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, it doesn't have to be names.

Marsha Abell: Well, I'd only know by names, I don't know by numbers. I don't know what all their numbers are in your line items. I only know them by name.

Councilmember Sutton: We should be able to get a copy or something--

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on.)

Marsha Abell: Well, like I know Andrea Bray went from a COMOT III to a COMOT IV because I know where she went from because I know the names of my employees but I don't know what their numbers are. I don't know what all of their titles are I just know whoever was sitting in that seat what COMOT level they had. I just presumed that seat is that COMOT level.

President Lloyd: Well, I guess that we will see if someone can come up with the names. I guess one question I have is, is this a permanent move?

Marsha Abell: Well, I hope it is. But, what if I get somebody down there and for instance, I put somebody down there in Juvenile and Judge Lensing called me and said I don't want them down here because they are not working out. I can't very well say well that's too bad I am going to leave them there.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I really need to see, more than what we might see on our ordinary transfers. You know we have limited room and space there to try and explain things. Something that kind of explains what each of these moves are and who is moving to where and who is filling what. We just basically got this today so it is really difficult for us to really fully know what the process is, how it is affecting things and it is really hard to really give us a good grasp on the thing. We have a motion on the floor to approve it and I am of the impression that really with what we've got here, we've got so much stuff, I don't know if we spend some time so that we can gather some more information and take a look at this--

Marsha Abell: That's fine with me.

Councilmember Sutton: I think that would probably be the prudent thing to do.

Marsha Abell: It's not my salary so it is fine with me.

Councilmember Bassemier: Would it be okay to, from what I am hearing, to defer it and go over this, is that okay with you?

Marsha Abell: As long as you realize that those people are in that seat, doing that job, and they know how much they should be making. I don't have a problem with it.

Councilmember Sutton: Anytime someone has a job before they assume that job the pay would need to be in place. At least, I am of that impression. Before we make any moves on anything, before hiring in somebody new or creating a new position, that money needs to be there. We had something earlier today, where somebody is going from part time to full time and the money was put in place today as a result of the action that was made here. The person didn't move the person up to full time before we put the money in place. So, even though those people may have made some moves from a procedure standpoint the money really needs to be there. I know that you have some pressing issues it just really works out more smoothly when we do it that way. So, really for us if we can have some information on what we are doing here I think it would help you, help us, most definitely so.

Marsha Abell: I can give you the information, but I will say that I will never be able to wait until you appropriate the money to move people around. There would be no way. If I have a Judge that is very unhappy about something that is going on, we have a court to run. This isn't

something, you know, I am not down here just running a little parking meter department. We are talking about warrants that are issued for people's arrests and they have to be pulled when the judge has ordered it. If I have someone in there that is not doing that job then I just can't leave them there because the Council has yet to see whether or not I can move them around. Quite frankly, Mr. Sutton, financially that may be your decision or whether or not to allow the money but I think the management of who belongs in what seat for who is doing the best job is actually mine.

Councilmember Sutton: I am in no way asking you to give up that right and responsibility to manage that department. But, just allow us as Councilmembers to make good prudent decisions, that is what I am asking.

President Lloyd: I think that Mrs. Deig has something to add.

Sandie Deig: I don't think that it is the names of the people that are in these line items. What has happened is that the Clerk transferred different personnel and they went to perhaps someone who had been here ten years went into a line item where someone had been here one year. So therefore, the money wasn't in the line items as a Step One instead of a Step Four or Five and I think that is what the Auditor' office advised her to do, to file this. So that none of the line items would be in the red. Bill Fluty did.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I was just going to add, Councilman Sutton, you can't really treat this as an appropriation, it is a transfer. Do you understand, what I am saying? On your prior comments you had mentioned that the money needs to be appropriated before you would hire somebody or new positions, the money is in these accounts, it is just being shuffled around. It is not really an appropriation.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, you are adding money to some accounts, though.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: And you are taking away, potato, potato, You are still adding money to an account or taking money away from an account, so there is a change there. An appropriation, no it is a transfer but we are making an addition to that account so it has the effect of like an appropriation.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman and then Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Wortman: We have to the end of the year so that they don't show up in the red so we don't have to get excited about doing this today.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I have a question about the part time help. I never ever had a dime of part time help and there is \$5,000 in there and I know that when she was handling the bond and fine you had part time help but you don't have that anymore.

Marsha Abell: No, I've still got them.

Councilmember Smith: You have?

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

Councilmember Smith: I thought that Circuit Court took that over.

Marsha Abell: So, did I. I was hoping they would but they haven't yet. But I would be real happy to give that \$5,000 to Circuit Court.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Marsha is running this department, and dog gone it, I want to stand behind her and she says that she needs it, she wouldn't be up here and I have to go in her favor. Let's help her out here. We took that other away from her on her other request, but she wouldn't be up here unless she needed it. She said, and she was elected to that office, so maybe we should help her out here. She wouldn't be here unless she needed it.

President Lloyd: Comments? Okay, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Councilmember Raben: To approve them all.

President Lloyd: The motion was to approve all of them as submitted and that was seconded.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No. I will not vote until I found out exactly like Curt said we need to know what is really going on because there is an awful lot of changes here and I do know that some of the people that have been there a long, long time were cut \$2,000 out of their salaries and that is the bad part. Until we know exactly what is going on I have to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I am going to vote yes and I am going to tell you the reason because I trust her decision and I am going to vote yes on this. She is running that office and I am just trusting her on that decision.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. That is a three to three tie so that fails, is that not correct, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, that is correct, it would take a majority.

President Lloyd: We have to change the tape, so please hold on.

**COUNTY CLERK**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**



FROM: 1010-1190-1010	SUBPOENA/SUMMONS CLERK	6,916.00	0.00
1010-1420-1010	MINUTE CALENDAR CLERK	2,227.00	0.00
1010-1230-1010	GARNISHEE CLERK	3,221.00	0.00
1010-1530-1010	CHILD SUPPORT CLERK	641.00	0.00
1010-1130-1010	SM. CLAIMS COURT CLERK	525.00	0.00
1010-1350-1010	COUNTER CLERK	3,235.00	0.00
1010-1380-1010	DEPUTY CLERK	3,100.00	0.00
1010-1390-1010	JUVENILE CLERK	1,900.00	0.00
TO: 1010-1150-1010	ASST. CHIEF DEPUTY	4,545.00	0.00
1010-1270-1010	COUNTER CLERK	1,976.00	0.00
1010-1610-1010	ADMIN. SECRETARY	395.00	0.00
1010-1450-1010	ASST. CHIEF DEPUTY/CASH	2,160.00	0.00

1010-1500-1010	FEE COLLECTION CLERK	67.00	0.00
1010-1280-1010	COUNTER CLERK	1,794.00	0.00
1010-1550-1010	COUNTER CLERK	876.00	0.00
1010-1520-1010	ORDER BOOK CLERK	551.00	0.00
1010-1310-1010	COUNTER CLERK	641.00	0.00
1010-1360-1010	POSTING CLERK	525.00	0.00
1010-1440-1010	BOOKKEEPING CLERK	341.00	0.00
1010-1650-1010	DEPUTY CLERK	2,894.00	0.00
1010-1990	EXTRA HELP	5,000.00	0.00

**(Motion fails 3- 3. Councilmembers Smith, Sutton and Wortman opposed)**

President Lloyd: Okay, is there anything else on this one, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Marsha, why don't you go ahead and refile this and in the meantime we can all look at it. Why don't you go ahead and refile it maybe, next month--

Marsha Abell: Tell me exactly what you people want to know because obviously you want to know stuff from me, you don't want to know from other department heads. So I need to know exactly what it is you want to know.

Councilmember Bassemier: I just...I'm just doing...again, I'm in your corner. It got...it actually got defeated and what I'm hearing here today, they just want, the other ones that voted it down want a little time to study this. So to save some time here go ahead and refile this whole thing

what you're asking for, and then they'll study it and they'll find out that you're right. I feel like you're right, I wouldn't have voted yes. And then next month, well, this will pass probably when they study it. Okay, and then this...nothing is hurt here.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President?

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Do we not need, I mean since the motion was not successful do we not need a motion to bring this back to the floor to actually officially defer it to the next meeting, rather than just leaving it kind of hanging out there defeated. Do we need to bring another motion to the floor to that affect?

Jeff Ahlers: I think all she needs to do is refile it--

Councilmember Sutton: Just refile.

Jeff Ahlers: --because this is not passed. If she just refiles there's nothing to, I mean, you didn't defer it. If you'd have deferred it, yes. But I mean, it did not pass so just refile it and it'll just be decided again, denovo, you know, as if it just came--

Councilmember Wortman: Well, yeah. It was defeated. You can't come back and defer it now.

Jeff Ahlers: No.

Councilmember Bassemier: No, we're not--

Jeff Ahlers: What she can do is just refile it and I mean, the same thing, and she can give whatever the information everybody wants to us. But I mean it just needs to be refiled and it'll just be heard again next month. We're not reopening it. I mean, that would be a motion that somebody could bring now if they thought the vote would change and you could revote on it now if you had two thirds to reopen. But what you're saying is that you just want to vote on it again in a month and all she has to do is refile, and nothing needs to be done.

President Lloyd: Right. We're missing a Councilmember too so that might change the outcome of the vote.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: You see, that gives us time to study this thing and see what is going on. I think this is what we are trying to do here and this mass transfer business here makes you wonder what is going on. Nobody else has done this so I think this is in fairness to her and fairness to us. That's the way it should be. That way we'll go from there.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Ms. Abell, really I think rather than just leaving you with not much direction, I think we need to give you some type of idea what it is we might be looking for I mean, I think that would be helpful. I think...personally what I'd be looking for would be if you could take...make some type of summary where you take each of those positions or take each person. What position they were in, and what position they have moved to.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: And the appropriate salary adjustments for each of those persons.

How that's been affected with the change. Is that helpful?

Councilmember Raben: What was the classification that they left and what did they move into?

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Councilmember Bassemier: Tell you, anybody...Mr President, anybody that's got a question just call her and ask her.

Marsha Abell: They know, they know that.

Councilmember Bassemier: If you think about some other things, just call her and ask her.

Marsha Abell: If Ms. Deig would have some time maybe she and I could get together and work on this.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on.)

**B) COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: Okay, thank you. The next appropriation or transfer is County Assessor and I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move we approve 1090-1180-1090 in the amount of \$1,835 to be transferred to account 1090-1970 in the amount of \$1,835.

President Lloyd: Okay, is there a second for that?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben and second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Transfer passes six to zero.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1090-1180-1090	OFFICE CLERK/DEPUTY	1,835.00	1,835.00
TO: 1090-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	1,835.00	1,835.00

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

President Lloyd: The next transfer will be County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, if everybody is okay with it, I'm going to take the remainder of the transfers and lump them together. I move that we approve the County Assessor as submitted; Union Township as submitted; Circuit Court; Community Corrections; Legal Aid; County Council; Superior Court; Circuit Court; and Cumulative Bridge, and I think we've got one late one in addition to that. No we don't.

Councilmember Wortman: County Clerk.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, County Clerk. That we approve all those as submitted.

President Lloyd: On our sheets here, we've got Cumulative Bridge behind the late transfer request of County Clerk. Were they a late transfer request? So there were two late transfer requests. The County Clerk and Cumulative Bridge. Okay, the motion has been made to accept all the remaining transfers at the stated amounts. Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second by Mrs Smith. Motion by Mr. Raben. Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: The question I got is on Legal Aid. You're transferring \$569.52 from printing to travel and I'd like for that an explanation to the fact that you're going all the way to California. Is that correct?

Sue Hartig: It is. That's the National Legal and Defender Association. I'm Sue Hartig, the director at Legal Aid. That is the National Organization that we belong to where we get our malpractice insurance. This is a week long substantive training event. There aren't any training events on poverty law in Evansville or in Indianapolis.

Councilmember Wortman: They can't send you anything on what goes on out there instead of traveling out there?

Sue Hartig: No, it's being there listening to nationally known speakers from organizations that specialize in poverty law. This is an example of the kind of thing that we need to do every year and we have never done in the 13 years that I have been there and we, you know, with welfare reform everything out there is changing. Housing, benefits, support and we need to network and know other people and hear the speakers in our specialty just like anyone else needs to learn about their specialty.

Councilmember Wortman: This looks like they would have had it in the central part of the United States. Is that...everybody come from New York and travel all the way out there?

Sue Hartig: I can't address where they choose to hold their seminar. This is an annual seminar and it's always in Berkeley.

President Lloyd: Oh, Berkeley, California?

Sue Hartig: Uh huh.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

Sue Hartig: Uh huh.

President Lloyd: You indicated that was for one person, or one of your attorneys?

Sue Hartig: Yes, one person.

President Lloyd: Okay, there was a motion and a second. Any other questions on any of the transfers? Okay, seeing none, Madam secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I'm going to vote no, due to the count of Legal Aid. I think that travel could be something different set in or something. My vote is no.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The remaining transfers pass five to one. And that takes care of the transfers under item number six.

<b>COUNTY ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1090-1970	TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT	2,766.00	2,766.00
TO: 1090-1120-1090	CHIEF DEPUTY	2,766.00	2,766.00

<b>UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	
<b>APPROVED</b>			
FROM: 1170-3000	BOND & INSURANCE	270.00	270.00
1170-3310	TRAINING	500.00	500.00
1170-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	330.00	330.00
TO: 1170-3140	TELEPHONE	270.00	270.00
1170-3370	COMPUTER	830.00	830.00

<b>CIRCUIT COURT</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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FROM: 1360-1980	OTHER PAY	246.00	246.00
TO: 1360-1250	RECEPTION CLERK	246.00	246.00

<b>COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1361-2300	UNIFORMS	3,000.00	3,000.00
TO: 1361-2750	WORK RELEASE SUPPLIES	3,000.00	3,000.00

<b>LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF EVANSVILLE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1460-3410	PRINTING	569.52	569.52
TO: 1460-3130	TRAVEL	569.52	569.52

<b>COUNTY COUNCIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1480-1920	INSURANCE	10,000.00	10,000.00
TO: 1480-1971	ACCRUED/TERM. PAY	10,000.00	10,000.00

<b>CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2600-1350-2600	PROBATION COUNSELOR	1,000.00	1,000.00
TO: 2600-1930	UNEMPLOYMENT	1,000.00	1,000.00

<b>CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2760-1990	EXTRA HELP	708.00	708.00
TO: 2760-1750	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	708.00	708.00

<b>LATE TRANSFER REQUEST</b>
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<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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FROM: 1010-1130	SM CLAIMS CLERK	50.00	50.00
1010-1140	COUNTER CLERK	290.00	290.00
1010-1160	DEP CLERK SUPPORT	570.00	570.00
1010-1170	CIRCUIT CT CLERK	90.00	90.00
1010-1180	JUVENILE CLERK	800.00	800.00
1010-1240	ASST CHIEF DEP SUPPORT	3,000.00	3,000.00
1010-1250	COUNTER CLERK	700.00	700.00
1010-1340	JUDGEMENT CLERK	950.00	950.00
1010-1350	COUNTER CLERK	500.00	500.00
1010-1380	DEPUTY CLERK	200.00	200.00
1010-1400	MINUTE CLERK	1,700.00	1,700.00
1010-1420	MIN. CALENDAR CLK	100.00	100.00
1010-1530	CHILD SUPPORT CLK	200.00	200.00
1010-1540	ABSTRACT CLERK	1,050.00	1,050.00
1010-1560	TAX WARRANT CLERK	800.00	800.00
1010-1600	ASST CHIEF DEPUTY	1,100.00	1,100.00
1010-1630	ASST CHIEF DEPUTY ELECTION	1,250.00	1,250.00
TO: 1010-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	13,350.00	13,350.00

<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2030-1100-2030	ASST. COUNTY ENGINEER	199.00	199.00
TO: 2030-1971-2030	ACCRUED/TERM PAY	199.00	199.00

**(Motion carried 5-1. Councilmember Wortman opposed.)**

**AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Lloyd: We move onto Amendment to the Salary Ordinance and I'd ask the finance chairman, Mr. Raben, to take that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to attempt to do these all at one time as well. First is Scott Assessor. I move it be set in as previously approved, which is a COMOT III step one. Election Office, be set in as previously approved. County Council, as previously approved and that includes the appropriation and transfer request. The Assessors office, both requests set in as previously approved. Circuit Court, set in as previously approved. Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, set in as previously approved. Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender, set in as previously approved. Cumulative Bridge, set in as previously approved. Health Department, which is to set an annual salary from an Ozone Officer, which would be line item 2130-1550 be set in at the rate of \$30,173 and waive the initiation salary. And then we have Center, Knight, Perry, and Pigeon Assessor's Reassessment account which would be Land Coordinator salaries be set in at an annual salary of \$21,639. This salary will be firm

during the 18 months, or the, yeah, the 18 month budget. On that one as well, initiation salaries are waived for the reassessment position. Prosecutors, line item 1080-1150 should be set in at \$41,855 as recommended by the Job Study Committee, which is a Executive II Step II position. And last, is the County Clerk set in a late transfer as approved. I make all those in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion from Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: On those--

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: --Job Study changes, can we get copies of that? Generally, we don't have that in our packet. But if we could get a copy of those adjustments--

President Lloyd: Ms. Deig?

Sandie Deig: It's not in here. We've been busy with the budgets.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, alright. That's no excuse.

Sandie Deig: But you'll have it.

Councilmember Sutton: You can get that done in an hour.

Sandie Deig: You'll have it within a week.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, you understand.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other discussion? Seeing none, Madam secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?



President Lloyd: Yes. The Salary Ordinance passes six to zero.

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

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**A) CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND FINANCING**

President Lloyd: Okay, we move onto item number eight, Old Business. Catholic Diocese of Evansville/Economic Development Bond Financing. We have Mr. Robling here if anyone has any questions. This will be the second reading on this matter.

Mike Robling: This...there's really nothing for the agenda this month. We adopted the inducement resolution last month and it won't come up again until October for the Bond Ordinance.

President Lloyd: Do we need to vote on this?

Mike Robling: No, you adopted the inducement last month and that was--

Councilmember Raben: Is this the second reading on it? Is that--

Mike Robling: I didn't think we did second readings on things like that.

Jeff Ahlers: It'll need to be adopted again in October again, right?

Mike Robling: Well, the Bond Ordinance itself will be...will come up for adoption in October.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: If we don't need to do anything why is it on the agenda? I mean, you know, we got it on our agenda.

Unidentified: Why is it in the agenda?

Councilmember Smith: Because they requested it obviously.

Jeff Ahlers: Who requested it?

Councilmember Smith: I don't know.

Mike Robling: I think you, just got left on because it was on...you knew the last time was preliminary. Usually these things follow one another and this time it didn't.

President Lloyd: I mean, I may have asked to leave it on there because I misunderstood that...just like our tax abatement votes, they have to go up twice. So maybe I thought this was the same thing and apparently it's not.

Mike Robling: But they're not. You know the tax abatements are not different readings they're separate documents each time.

President Lloyd: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: Why don't I just...I'll call the Economic Development Commission Council and see if there's anything else from their perspective that needs to be left to be done with that and lets

just defer it for today and I'll let Sandie know whether or not it needs to come off the agenda or come back up.

President Lloyd: Does that sound okay? Alright, I'll entertain a motion to defer this item.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mrs. Smith. Second Mr. Sutton. All those in favor please raise your right hand. Okay, six to zero. The motion is deferred. On Catholic Diocese of Evansville.

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

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) AUDITOR'S OFFICE /1999 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

President Lloyd: We'll move onto New Business. The first Item Auditor's Office /1999 Budget Presentation was given out at the Personnel and Finance. Mrs. Crouch, did you have anything to add to that?

Suzanne Crouch: No.

President Lloyd: Okay, very good.

**B) FULTON AVENUE BRIDGE RESOLUTION**

President Lloyd: Item B, Fulton Avenue Bridge Resolution was voted on in Personnel and Finance. There's nothing else to add to that.

**C) PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION - E.H. SEAMAN III**

President Lloyd: Item C, Preliminary resolution E.H. Seaman III and we have Mr. Robling here to discuss this with us.

Mike Robling: I just passed out a corrected version of the preliminary resolution. The one that had originally been submitted was a blend of the city and the county resolution, which was not appropriate. E.H. Seaman has requested tax abatement for an addition to his facility at 9845 Hedden Road. Tax abatement was originally approved for this property in the name of Evansville Industrial Foundation, which put up a spec building on this site. Mr. Seaman ultimately bought the building, which was just a shell. I believe, added on to it and finished it out to operate his business which is Product Acceptance and Research. He's come back today to request abatement on the 39,600 square foot addition to that building. He plans to retain this 59 full time and 17 part time employees and add two new jobs to his work staff.

President Lloyd: Okay, are there any question on this tax abatement?

Councilmember Bassemier: Is someone here from the company?

President Lloyd: Oh, did you have anything to add, sir? Please state your name for the record.

Bob Temme: I'm Bob Temme. Im the Human Resource Director at PAR. The only thing I'd like to add is if you looked at the last time that we asked for the abatement we had projected adding ten new employees in five years. We've already added 16 new employees to be up

to 59. Again, projections are very difficult with our business. It's such a growing business with the economy and everything else. So the two is pretty, a little bit low. We'll probably add many more full time positions than that cause we did this the other time when we added on.

President Lloyd: Any questions for Mr. Robling?

Councilmember Wortman: Is the bear going to affect you?

Bob Temme: Excuse me?

Councilmember Wortman: Is the bear going to affect you, the stock market?

Bob Temme: Oh, I don't...bear could. There may be more outsourcing by companies, and that's what we do. We do a lot of outsourcing for companies.

Councilmember Wortman: I think business is floating around in certain areas--

Bob Temme: That's right.

Councilmember Wortman: --like the blue chips and I think it's a resettling and readjustment, whose is going to be readjusted and things of this nature, I think.

Bob Temme: That's correct.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: If you're ready for a motion I'll make a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Wortman to approve and second by Mr. Bassemier. I mean, I'm familiar with this operation and this company. I mean, they're a very good corporate citizen to my knowledge. Okay, if there's no other questions we'll go ahead and have a roll call vote on this please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Lloyd: Your vote sir.

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, sir.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero. Thank you very much.

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

**D) LETTER TO POLICE CHIEF ART GANN**

President Lloyd: Okay, moving down item D, which is not on your agenda but something that I've discussed with some of the Councilmen and I'd like to...I've got a letter from the Vanderburgh County Council to Police Chief Art Gann and I'll read that out loud.

"Dear Chief Gann:

We the members of the Vanderburgh County Council were sad to learn of your leaving your post as Chief of Police for the City of Evansville. We have the highest regard for the work and professionalism you maintained for the city and in numerous cooperative situations with our county government. You have aided Vanderburgh County in many ways and for that we are grateful. Good public servants assist all of us in government when the public receives outstanding service for their tax dollar. Congratulations on your new position in the private sector and good luck.

Sincerely,

Vanderburgh County Council."

Then I would ask any member to sign that, you know, it's their choice. But we have an original to pass around.

**E) ADOPTION OF COUNCIL RULES**

President Lloyd: Okay, item E, we...and this isn't on the agenda either. But when we had our last rules meeting in June we had talked about setting a date for final adoption of Council rules, and in discussion with the Auditor's Office and various other entities we were looking at September 30th. That would get us well through the budget and that would be the Personnel and Finance meeting in September. So I was going to propose that we have that meeting at 3:00 on September 30th for adoption of the rules and we'll make every effort to get that out ahead of time so we can make discussions and, you know, if there's any conflicting areas in the rules we'll just have up and down votes on it. Does that date sound good to the Council members or...Mr Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, the only thing I wanted to ask was that I assume it was the intention of everybody to pass this as a resolution and that we're not adopting it as an ordinance. I mean, we need to know how we're treating this. I assume these were just internal rules that you didn't want make an ordinance. And we're just going to make it an internal resolution, okay?

President Lloyd: Would an ordinance have to go to the State Legislature?

Jeff Ahlers: No. It wouldn't, and I mean, and I think the City Council may have some. But I mean, the problem is that obviously if it's an ordinance we need to...it needs to be drafted differently. It needs to be advertised differently and I mean, my assumption was because we have put some things in the rules that are maybe a little more informal and I assume you don't want to make them an ordinance and I just wanted to clarify that to make sure. So we'll just make it a resolution.

President Lloyd: Is there any Councilmember that would have a problem with that date and time, 3:00 p.m. on September 30th? We would anticipate a half hour, it may go a little bit longer. Okay, then we'll advertise it as such. Any other item to come before Council? Mr, Raben?

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on)

President Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I don't know if this needs to be a matter of record or not. But this is Cindy from the Prosecutors Office. It was just...minutes ago it was brought to my attention that the request for the Prosecutors Office was to be retroactive to June the 1st.

President Lloyd: You need to speak in the microphone.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, it was brought to my attention a few minutes ago that the request for the Prosecutors Office for this new Deputy Prosecutor be retroactive to June the 1st and I...Sandie has pulled copies of the minutes from the Job Study meeting, and I don't see where that was really discussed during that meeting and it would be my opinion that until we get real clarification as to what was discussed or better clarification and outside of the minutes, I don't know what that would be. But I would say that our action that we took today should hold and I'll go to the Prosecutors Office on this in the next week or so.

President Lloyd: So the action we took today was not to pay it as retroactive, correct?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

President Lloyd: We'll, and we've had discussion here and I think some Councilmembers, me as one, is opposed to retroactive unless you have some very unusual situation. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I don't recall us discussing that. I mean, I though it was just from the time after it was okayed and appropriated by the body. I didn't realize that we were going back.

President Lloyd: Okay, so we're going to leave it as is and not make it retroactive this time and then Mr. Raben is going to look into it. I'll take a motion to adjourn. Mr Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Question about this that was lumped upon our desk--

President Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: -- before the meeting. What is this?

President Lloyd: Okay that's, I mean, we've got a member of the Sheriffs Department that might be able to explain it better. But that's the National Institute of Corrections Report to the Vanderburgh County Sheriff on their findings regarding the jail overcrowding and court procedures. So it should be a pretty lengthy document.

Councilmember Sutton: Is this separate from the Jail Study Committee, or is this the findings of the Jail Study Committee based upon all the hearings and meetings and things that were conducted resulting up that? Is this what this document...or is this a separate--

President Lloyd: Separate.

Councilmember Sutton: Separate, okay.

President Lloyd: That was two consultants. One was from Oregon, the other was from

California, I believe, that came in and interviewed all these people and you'll, you know, when you read it you'll see that. And that was their findings on the current situation in our jail and the courts. So it's an outside consultant's evaluation and recommendations. And the jail committee itself is going to take that document and have a meeting to talk about it to kind of keep going.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I kind of scanned it a little bit I didn't...I guess I was noticing there wasn't necessarily any recommendations made in it. Just kind of more of an assessment of the conditions is what it appears to be to me. Is that fair to say? Is that what this study is really all about?

Unidentified: They were only here three days, Royce.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Unidentified: (Comments made away from the microphone.)

President Lloyd: If you have any lengthy comments you need to come to the microphone, please. That meeting will be advertised. I mean, you're welcome to attend it when the jail committee meets again. But they are supposed to go over this document and you know, find out kind of a set procedure on where they're going from there.

Councilmember Sutton: How far...you're on that committee, Mr. President. How far away are they from delivering or making available a report from their findings of the jail study committee? Would you know how far away that might be?

President Lloyd: Well, in my packet which I just received today, it indicates the jail assessment and recommendation committee will meet Wednesday, August 12th at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will be to review this document that you have. I guess it's hard for me to tell whether we'll be able to come up with any kind of plan of action and recommendation. Certainly not at that meeting. We've got several meetings to go yet.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Lloyd: Any other comments? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: So in other words, that was your, Mr President, your remarks like Mr. Sutton. Is the jail committee making progress, I guess that's the question? With these recommendations, have they studied them? Are they going to do something maybe this year or is that next year, or anybody have any idea like that?

President Lloyd: Well, I guess those kind of questions should probably go to Mr, Mourdock. I don't really know. From my seat on there it seemed like we were making some progress, but it's slow progress. So I wondered myself whether the committee would still be meeting next year and whether the new Council President would go on there or whether I would stay there, I don't know. But it's just slow progress.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Mr. President.

President Lloyd: Any other comments or questions? I'll take a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: We are adjourned.

Meeting adjourned 4:42 p.m.

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Vice President Curt Wortman

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 11, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 11th day of August, 1998 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Russell Lloyd, Jr., at 9:03 a.m.

President Lloyd: I would like to open the meeting 1998 Vanderburgh County Budget Review the first day August 11. We will start with the Pledge of Allegiance. If you would please stand.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Lloyd: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I would like to welcome you to the 1999 Vanderburgh County Budget Hearings. This is one of the most important jobs our Vanderburgh County Council does and I am here to represent the taxpayer. The taxpayer desires the most efficient county government operating that's possible. So, my goal for this Council is to keep the General Fund tax rate level or even make a decline slightly as we did last year. That is a challenge and it's going to take a lot of hard work from this Council and I hope that we can do our job and get this goal accomplished. A couple of mechanical things, so that we may accurately reflect comments made during these hearings, I would remind members of Council that I would like to recognize them before speaking and the department heads and officeholders state your name when you come to the podium. If you have other staff members they need to state their name also. Since this runs three hours we will have different people doing transcripts and we want to try and identify the people and make sure that we get a proper record of this. Before we get started with the individual departments, Mr. Chuck Whobrey, representing the Teamsters, would like to make a statement so I will call him forward.

Councilmember Raben: Whobrey.

Chuck Whobrey: Yeah, nice try. Chuck Whobrey, President of Teamsters Local 215. I have given each member of Council a copy of a table laying out the impact of giving a raise this year, at least 3% of the raise, in the form of paying the employees' share of PERF. As you well know, we have talked about this the last two years and on behalf of our membership we are requesting that their raise be in the form of the County paying the employees share of PERF. Now, I know there has been talk about a 5% raise and 3%. What you have got here is if you would give this raise, by paying the 3%, the net effect would be the equivalent as if you gave a 4% raise. Because what you are doing is the amount that they now see taken out of their check going into PERF would be on their take home pay. At the bottom there, I have written out, and I have the whole thing costed out but here's the bottom line. On a person that makes, currently in 1998, makes \$22,880.00 a year on \$11.00 an hour. The average may be higher or lower. On that person, if the County gives a 3% raise on gross, the County's cost would go up \$780.07 annually and the employees' take home pay would go up \$478.40. If the County gives no raise on the gross and pays the employees' share of PERF, the County's cost would go up \$686.40 and the employees' take home pay would go up \$686.40. That is truly getting the most bang for your buck. Whatever you do, I ask that you take a serious look at this. I have given a copy of this to the County Auditor and I am able to run the figures for one person. I don't know what the total County payroll is or the number of employees, but she would be the person who could figure out what the true impact is on the County. But, this is the way to get the most bang for the buck. Employees benefit and you actually give a raise at less cost to the taxpayer. I would be happy to answer any questions. If anybody didn't get a copy of this I would be happy to address it. We have this with the City of Evansville and we have it with the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation. We have it with the Airport Authority District. We have it with the Building Authority. We have it in Warrick County, Gibson County, Mt. Vernon School District. Every place that I have ever presented it, everybody that looks at it says this seems like a win-win proposition. I haven't been able to convince you folks in the last two years, but I am confident that I will explain it any different way in order to get this job done. If you have any questions, I would happy to answer them.



President Lloyd: Any questions? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Sorry, for the delay, Mr. President. I wanted to, I am glad that Chuck did get a chance to present this to us. He has been trying to urge us over the last couple of years to really look at this and we, for one reason or another, you know, have not put it really on the table and taken some time to give it a chance, to look at it as a viable option for us and I think really this year, in light of what we are looking at, I think this is a good opportunity for us, too, from a tax standpoint, keeping our tax rate low, which is what we want to do, give us an opportunity to do that and at the same time look at some ways in which we can effectively use our resources and not really add to what we are already looking at, the number of things that we are looking at here. Chuck, I did have a couple of questions that I did want to ask you--

Chuck Whobrey: Alright.

Councilmember Sutton: -- on this particular issue and maybe you can kind of share with us. When we look at the cost differences on this, when we take this proposal under consideration, is this something that we have to commit ourselves to for multiple years, or is this something that we look at for individual years? I guess I am under the impression that's something that would come before us each year.

Chuck Whobrey: Well, what, as far as in dealing with us, it would be. Our contracts would say that the County pays the employee share of PERF and we cite, typically when we have done this in contracts, we cite the Indiana Code that made this possible so you know all of those contracts have to be negotiated but effectively we'd be taking it as a raise and we would certainly, it is not like every year you have to pay an additional 3%, you are just paying the employee's share and it is no different than if, what you are looking at giving on raises this year you've got in last year's raise, is in the same thing that would apply to this, it would already be in the budget. Certainly, you know, we always wind up talking all sorts of things in our relationship with the County, at the bargaining table.

Councilmember Sutton: So, from a longterm standpoint, I guess from what I am seeing here it is going to be a savings overall if we, you know if do it rather for five years, ten years, whatever the case may be. But, in terms of what the employee will see in their check, from a take home standpoint, they are going to see a much healthier amount than if we just went with, say just a flat 3% on top of their gross.

Chuck Whobrey: That's right. That's exactly right. The impact on them would be the equivalent as if you were giving them a 4% raise and they still had to pay their share of PERF, that is the net effect on their paycheck.

President Lloyd: Any other? Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Hi, Chuck. What kind of effect would it have on next year? This year we will save tax dollars by going with this but next year--

Chuck Whobrey: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Bassemier: --I'm not, okay. I was just wondering, next year if you come back and want us to pay your PERF and then everybody gets a 3% raise, I think this was asked of you a couple of years, and you said this was a savings and you had it worked out so--

Chuck Whobrey: It is a savings for, and I have projected it out, and I worked out a table before projecting this over a ten year period. What you are doing is, if you take a table and you want me to provide that information and you assume a 3% raise every year and project that for the next ten years, or with the employee having to pay their share of PERF and if you take another table and project over the next ten years you paying the employees share of PERF the first

year and then them getting a 3% every other year after, what you are doing is delaying by one year how much their gross goes up. The savings to the County is on the County's share of the FICA tax and the county portion of PERF. That is where the savings comes in so the savings is for now and evermore. If you had done what I had asked you to do two years ago, you would be \$200,000.00 better off approximately. If you want me to provide another table I would be happy to do that. I have done that, the only thing that I am at a disadvantage on is that I can only do it on one employee because I don't know the total impact in the terms of the true number of employees and what the true average wage is. But, I can project it out and it doesn't matter what the, it really, what you are doing is you are structuring it to where you are giving the employees the most bang for the buck. You are right now, whenever they pay their share of PERF, they are paying that with after tax dollars. You are now paying their share of PERF, their gross doesn't go up, your FICA tax doesn't go up, your employer share of PERF doesn't go up, that's the savings to the County. You've delayed by one year, if you assume a 3% raise every year, what that gross is. That savings is for now and evermore.

Councilmember Bassemier: I guess it is kind of hard for us to picture, like next year that when you pay everybody's PERF, which is a 4%, which is what you are saying, and then give the employees, I'm not saying that I am against it, but I am trying to get all of the facts on the table. If we pay their PERF next year and a 3% next year, you are saying it will be cheaper to do that?

Chuck Whobrey: Yeah, because you are not having a 3% jump. Because right now you are going from zero, you are paying a 3% increase but now that will already be in place. Just like last years raise is currently in place. What you are looking at is giving a raise on top of what you gave last year.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I can see that point.

Chuck Whobrey: It is the same principle that is involved.

Councilmember Bassemier: I just wanted it on record and then we can--

Chuck Whobrey: If you want me to provide you with a ten year cost out on this--

Councilmember Bassemier: No. You don't have to do that.

Chuck Whobrey: --I would be happy to do that.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like that, Mr. Whobrey.

Chuck Whobrey: Would you like--

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I would.

Chuck Whobrey: I would be happy to do that. Any other questions?

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I don't have any questions, I just have some statements to make. If the School Corporation, as big as that is, has done this, then I don't see why that we don't take a good look at it because it is a School Corporation and the other counties around us do it, it has to be an advantage. When Suzanne gets her figures, and it is what you are saying, Chuck, I think that will tell the story. I think we need to, before we finish this budget, take a good look at it because if you pay the PERF for an employee, that employee is going to get that money and that money is going to mean more than a 3% raise over a year's time. But,

it is still an advantage, because if the School Corporation looks at it that way, and that's taxpayers' money too, then I think then we need to take a good look at it because, I don't know what your PERF is per payroll, but if you got that back in money it would be more than a 3% and I think that we need to take a good look at it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, Betty, I think what the employees in the county, they just want to know what is going to be in the envelope. You know, if we can look at making a nice increase for county employees while at the same time not taking ourselves above what would probably be the freeze limit or what we are looking at, I think we've got a good opportunity to really maximize our resources, like I said earlier.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Just for clarification, again, what you are stating is that two years from now, we will still be paying the employees' portion of the PERF in lieu of a 3,4 or 5% raise on their gross. Is that correct?

Chuck Whobrey: You would still be...I'm not sure that I understand your question. Next year, just so, we will certainly be back here asking for a raise on the gross, what we are asking for effectively, this is a 3% tax free raise, effectively. Next year, if you have a raise on the gross, yeah, your cost would go up slightly because you are paying 3% of that gross but it doesn't go up any more. Maybe I need to do a ten year cost out with those assumptions and give you all a copy of that to just show you what the impact is. Maybe I am not, certainly we are not saying, and I am on record, we're not saying pay our PERF this year and for now and evermore we never want another raise. But, I wouldn't be saying a year from now is to get a raise then we need an additional 3% to pay and PERF. You are not doing that, you are paying the employee's share and that is how you are structuring and you're not giving them a raise on the gross.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, again, but I guess, for instance, you state here that a 3% raise on the gross on the employee that you use as an example--

Chuck Whobrey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: --will cost \$780.00. If we pay the PERF, the employee percentage of the PERF, it will go up \$686.00. But, next year we are not only going to have that \$686.00 percentage, we are also going to have a 3% pay increase on the gross?

Chuck Whobrey: No, you've got, it's no different, next year if you would go the way, and you don't do it, you're not just going to have the \$780.00, but you're gonna have a raise on top of it.

Councilmember Sutton: But, Jim it comes back to decisions that we make here, each year at budget time. We have that choice of whether we want to give a 3%, 4%, or 5% increase on top of the gross, whatever we may decide to do. That's really our option on an annual basis, we are not committed long term for a salary increase, we still retain the option each year of deciding what that percentage is going to be on the gross increase.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Crouch.

Suzanne Crouch: Would the Council President like for the Auditor's office to work with the Job Study and try to come up with a total impact to the County General for this year, perhaps?

President Lloyd: That would be good. I know that we have approximately 700 employees.

Chuck Whobrey: I thought that it was more than that, so the figures, obviously the number of

employees and the wages impacts the amount.

President Lloyd: Well, Chuck, we appreciate your persistence.

Chuck Whobrey: Thank you for your time.

Councilmember Bassemier: I am worried about this year and if this is going to save, I am not saying that I am against this plan because I can't worry about what next year is going to bring so much as what we're worried, I mean right now for next year.

Chuck Whobrey: Let me just throw one other thing and I know that you need to get on with your business. But, to Councilman Raben's point, again, let me just reiterate, a year from now if you give a 3% raise and your cost goes up \$780.07, you will be looking at giving a raise and \$780.07 is already in there. What you would be looking at this other way is giving a raise in the \$686.00 would already be in your total wage cost. So, you are even \$100.00 better off in that sense a year from now going into, because you have a total wage cost of what your gross is, what your, a year from now we wouldn't be saying okay we want a raise of \$780.00 and it is going to cost you an additional \$686.00 again turning it into a \$1,300.00 raise. That is not what we would be talking about. It would be a raise on the gross and yeah, your, the amount that you would be paying to PERF would go up slightly because the gross had gone up. I will try and prepare the ten year cost out and demonstrate that to you. Thank you very much for your time.

President Lloyd: Quickly, Mr. Hoy and Mrs. Smith, I guess.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I have a comment and question because the next year, the PERF would only increase 3% of the raise and that is all and that is a very small amount. I think that I am correct on this, if I am incorrect I'd like to know. We do not pay FICA on PERF, FICA tax, is that correct?

Chuck Whobrey: You pay FICA on what the gross is.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, but not--

Chuck Whobrey: Again, that is the savings because--

Councilmember Hoy: --right.

Chuck Whobrey: --again that is the savings because your gross doesn't go up, the FICA doesn't go up, that's the savings.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, the savings and every year we will save FICA money on the PERF increase and that's why the savings didn't turn up gigantic savings but it is, and can add up to something.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mrs. Smith and that will be it.

Councilmember Smith: Well, back when a couple of months ago we brought it up and there was a motion on the floor to give them 5% and then the vote was 3%. So, whether we give 3, 4 or 5, they have gotten 3% since, for six years and then it is a way of giving them an incentive to, I mean it is going to give them money, it is going to give them more than the 3% than they have had the last six years. I think that we need to take a good look at it and, Suzanne, I think that you are right, we need to come up with an answer before we finish this budget.

President Lloyd: Thank you. A reminder, on September 2 is where we take final action on pay issues. Now, we have a statement from the Auditor, Ms. Crouch.

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you. Today, as you begin your budget hearings, as Auditor, I would advise County Council to cut \$2,000,000.00 from the General Fund proposed budget of \$41,318,472.00. Those cuts will enable Council to remain under the statutory freeze and hopefully reduce the property tax rate for the General Fund. If the Auditor's office can be of any assistance or help in your endeavors, please let us know. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, a couple of other things, as we go through the budget we will refer to the pages and I will ask for any questions on the 100 accounts, then the 200 accounts, the 300 accounts, 400 accounts. We will try to have a five minute break after each hour approximately, how the discussion is going.

### ***SUPERIOR COURT***

President Lloyd: Okay, now we will move to the first department which would be Superior Court, department 1370 and that is on page 108. We have some representatives here from Superior Court. Page 108. Okay, please state your name for the record.

Judge Dietsch: Terry Dietsch, Judge of Vanderburgh Superior Court. I have with me the better part of my budgetary brain, Rosemary Norbury, who handles the day to day budgetary matters. I will be as brief as possible. I have met preliminarily with Mr. Bassemier and Mr. Wortman on my budget. There are a number of things that need to be called to your attention and first of all, in item 1661-1370, I have asked for a new Public Defender for Misdemeanor Court and let me tell you why I asked for that. Currently, we have two Misdemeanor Defenders and they are handling a caseload of about 900 cases a year. The guidelines for Public Defenders actually say that a Public Defender in Misdemeanor Court should carry about 400 cases a year. So, if I get a new one I whittle that down to about 600 cases a year and I am getting closer to the guidelines. By the way, in that respect, I am either meeting this week or next week with a representative from the State Public Defender's Office to explore the possibility of arranging our Public Defenders in some way so that it would result in a savings to county government. So, those exploratory discussions will begin shortly. But, at any rate, regardless of what we finally end up with, there is no way that two Public Defenders can continue to handle that caseload in Misdemeanor Court and that is why I asked for that, it is imperative. In Small Claims Court, our other high volume division, we have made a change and we made changes and we staff our court with a view to maintain as much flexibility within a unified court as we can. For example, we have received word from the Legislature that we are entitled, certainly based on caseload, to additional judges. We have refrained from asking for additional judges for a number of reasons: one, we don't have the space; two, that would mean more staff. So, what we do is ask for a referee, not a referee but a magistrate from time to time and the reason we do that is because it is easier to place those people and we can use them with more flexibility than if we had another sitting judge. When we do that and we change how we are going to handle the case load, that means changes occur for a regular sitting judge. For example, I am currently in Small Claims Court and historically I would be in Small Claims Court and doing that all of the time. Well, in an effort to expedite the criminal case load, we have changed in effect the description of what the judge does in Small Claims Court. I act as back-up judge in criminal cases; if we have more than one criminal case going then I move out of Small Claims and I handle that case. We also handle mental hearings. Now, when we do that, that means that we have taken our staff out of there, okay, and we have two ladies that are doing reporters work and have done that for a long time and have not been paid for that and the reason that they have to do that is because the volume is so high that we have to rotate people in on different days in order to give them time to get their minutes on so that the order books are in appropriate shape. So, these women, these two women have been doing this work, that's 17801 and 17800 and that should be paid for that work because they are doing the work of the recorder. Well, someone might ask why didn't I go to the Job Study Commission? Well, the answer to that is because we don't have to go to the Job Study Commission, there is a job description for what they do and they are doing that and we would simply like for them to get paid at that rate. There are a couple of other matters, in our Office

Supplies, I forget what we asked for last year--

Rosemary Norbury: We asked for twenty and got--

Judge Dietsch: We asked for twenty and you gave us fifteen. We are below \$5,000 right now and unfortunately, I suspect that we are going to have to come back and ask for more but we will try not to; if there is any way to transfer funds we will certainly do that. A matter that was touched on briefly the last time that I was here for an appropriation has to do with the pay for jurors. You all understand by now that the pay for jurors went up tremendously. Therefore, the money that we asked for in the particular line item is absolutely essential. As a matter of fact, we don't even know if that will suffice. I did check with Ms. Crouch, and remember I did tell you that we have some fees that are going to come in that are going to help defer the county's expenditure on that. And Suzanne, am I correct, so far we have collected somewhere between \$16,000 and \$20,000?

Suzanne Crouch: I believe that it is about \$21,000, is your balance in that account.

Judge Dietsch: So, we can assume for a year somewhere between \$35,000 and \$40,000 which will ultimately be given to the County General Fund and then that money can be applied toward the payment toward jurors. The problem is that the more jury trials that are tried and the more jurors that are called in the more our budget goes up. It is higher this year than it has been in quite some time and I don't know that it will decrease in any way. That is, it is really necessary that we have that amount of money. The rest of our budget, as you well know by this time is pretty static. We try to get by on as much, on the least amount of money that we can. Obviously the 1300 accounts, the payroll doesn't change except for what increase you give and most of the other line items in our budget increase only to the extent that we get advanced information from some of the vendors on how much is our maintenance contract going to be this year. Is it going to increase and how much? Office Supplies, we always attempt to get a figure to see how much we are actually going to have to pay in office supplies, obviously we can't get a hard and fast figure but we know about how much it is going to increase. We are almost out of that, are we not?

Rosemary Norbury: Right, copy paper and toner.

Judge Dietsch: Here we are in August and as I have always told you that if you need to cut back in those areas in order to reach your bottom line, that is fine with us as long as you understand that those things have to be paid. There are some things that just have to be paid and office supplies, we have to buy order books that are extremely expensive. We have accounts where we buy toner and paper for our computers and that is terribly expensive and we are simply running out of money. Those are the items that I really want to bring to your attention. If you have questions on any other matters I would be happy to answer them.

President Lloyd: Let's hold off for just a second, we need to change the tape.

**(Tape change)**

President Lloyd: Okay, does any Councilmember have any questions? We got started with the 100 accounts for Superior Court. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Judge, on the...what is our page 112? I don't know what you are looking at. You may open up our book, turn it to page 112.

Judge Dietsch: Where's the page number?

Councilmember Raben: On the very bottom, Legal Transportation Pauper.

Judge Dietsch: Where's the page number Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: The page number is just right of center at the top of each page.

Judge Dietsch: One hundred and twelve?

Councilmember Raben: Uh-huh.

Judge Dietsch: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: The bottom line.

Judge Dietsch: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: Legal Trans/Pauper.

Judge Dietsch: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: Looking back, I see, well, '96 was an extraordinary year on that but '95, '97, those figures are significantly less or--

Judge Dietsch: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: --I'm sorry, '97 is less than what's being requested. '98 expenditures seem like they're way below that, and back in January, in fact, you transferred \$10,000 out of that account. Is that an account that we could seemingly reduce?

Judge Dietsch: That is an account that each year I tell you we really don't know how much we're going to expend. It's a non-controllable account. If we have a bad year in terms of the number of trials, number of appeals, and all that, it's going to increase significantly. If we have a good year and we're successful, I don't know if you call this successful, but if we get a lot of pleas, if we settle a lot of jury trials, then we're not going to expend as much. Do you understand? But the point is, that if it has to be expended by statute, it must be expended. And what has happened historically is you have cut those accounts, we have said that's fine with us, and then if we have to have more money we have to come back and get another appropriation. The reason that I think it's going to raise is because of one of the things that I just told you, because we are utilizing our personnel differently. For example, what we're doing in the criminal division is we're...we have a backup judge with a backup trial. We're trying to get as many tried as we can or get a plea as a result of having a backup judge available. Now, whether that's going to go up or down, I can't tell you with certainty, but my guess is it's going to go up.

Rosemary Norbury: That \$10,000 was for the Special Reporter account too, that we established.

Judge Dietsch: Yeah.

Rosemary Norbury: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Rosemary Norbury: That \$10,000 was for the Special Reporter account that we were asked to establish beginning the first of the year. That's why the transfer was made out. We did that again this year. We're getting very low in that Special Reporter account and I think we're going to have to transfer some money out of that again.

Judge Dietsch: Was that at the Councils' request?

Rosemary Norbury: State Board of Accounts.

Judge Dietsch: State Board of Accounts, yeah. State Board of Accounts. So what we did was we dipped in there and we robbed Peter to pay Paul.

Councilmember Raben: Maybe, maybe we can fine tune those two accounts, maybe do what we need to do here and take a strong look at the Special Reporter account.

Judge Dietsch: I guess my point is, on those kinds of accounts there really isn't any way we can control that except by the number of cases that are tried or the number of cases that we successfully settle. We're pretty successful in terms of civil cases. We're not always that successful in terms of criminal cases. Whatever happens, happens. How you want to use the money, preliminarily is fine with us. As long as we understand that if we run short, those things do have to be paid.

Councilmember Raben: Rosemary? I...on the Special Reporter, I do see what happened. You're exactly right. We've never really appropriated money into those lines before. And you--

Rosemary Norbury: Right, that was...excuse me, go ahead.

Councilmember Raben: You do have the request this year for \$10,000 in that account. So would we...are we safe to say that we can reduce this other figure by \$10,000?

Rosemary Norbury: Well, we had normally asked for \$35,000 in that account. We already reduced our request by \$10,000. That is not for a special person. That's transcripts for all--

Judge Dietsch: Yeah, uh-huh.

Rosemary Norbury: --the reporters. The State Board of Accounts are now asking us to file those by claims, and pay them out of a separate account. So we no longer pay FICA or PERF or anything on that. They pay that themselves. This is for all our reporters.

Judge Dietsch: We would not have had that, Jim, but for the fact that the State Board of Accounts said do it this way.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I have one other question and then I'll give the floor to someone else. At the bottom of the next page, 1990 Extra Help. That's up \$4,000--

Judge Dietsch: Yeah, my understanding is that we did that and we have that line item at the Councils' request.

Councilmember Raben: Of the Extra Help?

Judge Dietsch: Yeah. Isn't that the account where we have the money in case we get in that bind and someone resigns and we have to have other people?

Councilmember Raben: No, that's in our budget. You're talking about the buy-outs. Yeah, that's in our budgets.

President Lloyd: Extra Help would be more for temporary employees or part time.

Judge Dietsch: Okay, alright.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's all the questions I had on the 100 accounts.



Judge Dietsch: We very, I will admit, we very seldom use Extra Help. There's a possibility that we could use a little this year. For example, in my office, I am one employee shy, and I am going to be one employee shy until November. Obviously, I'm not going to hire someone because there's a new person going to be coming in with the change of judge. So I'm going to try and limp along with two employees. However, you know, we could get in a bind and I might need someone to come in temporarily. Before I would ever do that, what we would do is we would go up to the other offices and obviously, if there was someone available to sit in my office and take up that third position, then they're going to do that. But there's a possibility that I might need someone. I really don't know. Hope not.

President Lloyd: Questions from Council? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Judge, good morning. Just a couple things I want. If you could shed a little bit of insight on, I'm looking at line 3620, which is Copy Machine Lease. We kind of stepped up there from what we've been looking at over the last few years. Is there something different that's going on there under that Copy Machine Lease?

Judge Dietsch: If you don't mind Mr. Sutton, I'll let Ms. Norbury address that because she's the one who deals with these vendors.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Rosemary Norbury: We've only increased it by \$1,000. That was...are you talking about the Copy Machine--

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, ma'am.

Rosemary Norbury: --3620? Okay, you appropriated \$6,000 last year and we're only asking for \$7,000 this year. That's \$1,000 more.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

Rosemary Norbury: Well, we had an increase in our Maintenance Contract--

Judge Dietsch: Yeah, what--

Rosemary Norbury: --with Minolta.

Judge Dietsch: --we do before budget time, call all these people.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, that's what I was wondering if there was something different that had occurred?

Rosemary Norbury: There's an increase every year in our Maintenance Contract. They usually go up about 10% every year.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Rosemary Norbury: We have two machines operating out of that. We have another one that has a contract on that. It's going to be increased, too.

Councilmember Sutton: Lab Tests? We haven't really spent much out of that this year--

Judge Dietsch: No, no, we haven't.

Councilmember Sutton: --line item 3720.

Judge Dietsch: No, we have not, we have not. Judge Lensing asked that I include that in the budget at that amount. I cannot tell you with any degree of certainty how much we are going to expend. I just absolutely do not know. We have not expended that much to date. That's for sure.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. The...under the CASA line item, line item 3932. We've stepped that up. We kind of had an agreement I guess over the past few years at funding that at \$29,700. This year your request is at \$36,500. You know, that's a pretty significant increase over what we were spending before.

Judge Dietsch: CASA and Youth Service Bureau are organizations that serve the juvenile division of the court. Those are contracts entered into between Judge Lensing from the juvenile division and those organizations. He tells me what that contractual figure is going to be. I put that in my budget. That's all I can tell you about that, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. The last one was Office Machines. I guess I did say only a couple things, I guess it ended up being four or five things. The last one 4240, you did kind of touch on the Office Machine thing. Are we looking at purchasing some new things here or are we just kind of carrying out what we've kind of done in the past? What are we looking at for Office Machines?

Judge Dietsch: I'll let Rosemary address that.

Rosemary Norbury: Well, first of all, it shows a balance here of zero. I don't know if yours reflects that. But we only have a balance of about \$1,000 in this year's budget. We've purchased some equipment. We are needing some new courtroom recording equipment and we're...we try to buy some...approximately \$4,000 a year and that gives us about one new piece of equipment a year if we go and get our court recording equipment. So...and we try to buy some each year as Judge Dietsch has mentioned before.

Judge Dietsch: Well, we have another problem, too. The copier machine in the Mis-demeanor Probation Department is being repaired constantly. We are debating now whether we're going to have to buy a new one. We have the possibility of making a swap. It would be for an older machine but it might suffice. If we can do that and it has some degree of dependability, we would probably opt for that. Otherwise, if that doesn't work out, we're probably going to have to buy a new machine, and we're considering getting a desk model rather than a free standing machine. It's like everything else, Mr. Sutton. You can wait and ask for equipment in a bunch, and I could come...for example, there's a vendor who has tried for a number of years to get us to change our courtroom recording systems. You know, better quality, better this, better that. To change all of the courtrooms the price tag would be about \$90,000. I'm not going to come to the Council and ask the Council for \$90,000. So what we do is like I've told you many times, we have planned obsolescence. And rather than waiting and replace all those things, we replace them as they go bad. We determine the oldest machines. We replace the oldest machines and they're declared surplus, or we use them for a trade in. But rather than buying six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven machines, we try to do them one or two at a time.

Councilmember Sutton: Alright, that's really the extent of my questions. I guess, as we kind of go through budgets, you know, there might be some areas, Judge, where you know, our figures might probably end up being different than--

Judge Dietsch: Oh, I understand--

Councilmember Sutton: --many of your figures.

Judge Dietsch: One thing I would like to caution; however, some of the figures that you see about amounts that are left in the accounts, they're not up to date because the figures that we

started with, and I said why do we have this much left in this account, it's because it showed expenditures only until the end of March.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Judge, on page 115--

Judge Dietsch: One hundred fifteen?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, line 3941 Guardian Ad-Litem, that's doubled. Is there a reason for that?

Judge Dietsch: The only reason for that would be the number of cases in juvenile where a Guardian Ad-Litem is appointed to represent the best interest of the child. Whether all of that would be expended or not, Mr. Raben, I honestly don't know. That was the figure I was requested to submit, and I have done so.

Councilmember Raben: Judge, we're not...we're not trying to cut your budget up, but we've really--

Judge Dietsch: No, I understand that.

Councilmember Raben: --we take a hard look at the larger budgets.

Judge Dietsch: Yeah, I understand.

Councilmember Raben: Because that's where most of the cuts come from.

Judge Dietsch: We've never had any significant problems.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that was all the questions I had.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions? I guess I had one. Page 110. We've got Probation Officer and Superior Intake Server. Those pay increases are 13%. I just wondered if that was step increases or they were--

Rosemary Norbury: Yeah, those are step raises.

President Lloyd: Okay, so that's just strictly step and there's nothing else there?

Judge Dietsch: I think we had like 13--

Rosemary Norbury: Thirteen.

Judge Dietsch: --step increases.

President Lloyd: Right, I noticed some of the other ones. I just wanted to check the other ones. I just wanted to check on that one.

Rosemary Norbury: They're longevity.

President Lloyd: Okay, alright.

Judge Dietsch: I'm...I have always been willing to work with the Council. I would like to emphasize two things. One, the Public Defender is needed. Okay? Our two positions in small claims, that's really essential. I don't know what else I can say except that if we're going to

maintain the flexibility that we would like, and if we're going to get the most from our budget and utilize our people properly so that we don't run into additional expenditures, then this really needs to be done.

***SUPERIOR COURT - SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION***

President Lloyd: Okay, then we'll move onto Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, which is page 182.

Judge Dietsch: Yeah. Those are the user fee funds that are our funds and we simply submit to you for informational purposes, the amount of money that we wish to have appropriated for fiscal 1999.

Rosemary Norbury: We have no increases in there. That's exactly the same as last year.

President Lloyd: Is there any questions on this one? Yes?

Councilmember Smith: ( Inaudible - microphone was not turned on. )

President Lloyd: Oh, that's the Circuit Court. Superior Court starts on page 182. Is there any questions by Council? The only question I would have, on page 183 line 1980, Other Pay, I just wondered what that was used for?

Judge Dietsch: That--

Rosemary Norbury: Well, that--

Judge Dietsch: Go ahead.

Rosemary Norbury: Well, that's used for Monday Night Bailiffs. We pay extra bailiffs. We have a program called Operation City Beautiful where the probation officers go out and work with a group of juveniles on Saturday, and that comes out of there. That's what basically that's for. This is the same budget that we had last year. We made no increases. In fact, it's a little less than last year.

President Lloyd: I just wondered because that...last year we budgeted...we almost doubled that amount. So I was just wondering--

Rosemary Norbury: What do you mean doubled?

President Lloyd: No, last year that amount was brought up quite a bit. That Other Pay.

Judge Dietsch: Well, you know, I guess that depends on how much supervision is done. You know, I think the thing to remember about this particular budget is that this is our money and all we do is for purposes of information, extend the courtesy of telling you what we're using that money for.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this?

***DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL (DADS)***

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll move on to 1371 Drug and Alcohol Deferral Service, page 117. Thank you very much.

Bill Campbell: Good Morning, I'm Bill Campbell, the Director of the Drug and Alcohol Deferral Service. I think other than the salary increases, I think the overall gross increase request is

\$1,900 for the entire budget. That budget has remained rather static for about 18, 20 years. Those areas in which there has been a request for increase, as you well know, we just came into the computer age a year or so ago. So we have a little bit more in Office Supplies because of the money having made things so much easier. Having come into the computer age last year or a year or so ago, automatically now the courts are upgrading their computers. So then we in turn have to follow suit and upgrade ours as well. That's the reason we have that \$250 in computer as anticipated Windows '95 or whatever. Treatment Cost, because we are working more diligently now with some felony drug situations and I would simply ask you not necessarily to dwell on the balance today, August 11, in our account because our payout frequently in terms of bills and the way they flow, they ebb and tide. Some of them will be more cost...we'll be paying more out in the fall than we did in the spring. Simply reflect back on how it looked at the end. I think it will pretty well balance out. Any questions?

President Lloyd: Any questions from Council? The one question, you said Treatment Costs. You have more clients. Do you know approximately how many, either a percent or--

Bill Campbell: Well, again, that's rather unpredictable, but we are, because of the overflow and it's a political and economic expediency is exactly what it is. Obviously, I believe if all the judges would relate to you the increased number of people coming through the courts and looking for options rather than incarceration for certain offenders that might be more amenable to that. We are working more with felony drug situations that we might have something to do with. We are keeping them under our supervision now for a matter of a year and a half to two years, which is...but still, I think in the long run for the county it's a very, very, very, very cost effective way of approaching this matter.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Okay, thank you very much.

Bill Campbell: Thank you.

**(Tape Change)**

### **AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll move on to 1240 Area Plan Commission, page 79.

Barbara Cunningham: Barbara Cunningham from Area Plan Commission. I'm, as you all know, I'm a city/county agency. We're funded part, 15% of our budget is paid for by the city. I want to update you from when we had our last meeting. As of August 10, if you recall last year, or maybe you don't recall, but I stood before you and I told you that we had plans to raise our fees this year. We did raise our fees and the reason we had plans to raise our fees was to pay for both new equipment and to pay for the rising cost of legal fees. So we raised our fees January 1 and as of August 10, we've deposited \$137,731 into the General Fund. This compares with last year's time with \$53,000 put in and last year our total amount that we deposited was \$85,000. So we think we'll probably be in the \$200,000 range, which I hope will have you look at us kindly as we ask for our new equipment. We also, our budget has not changed that much. We have two employees who are eligible for a step increase. We are asking for two other increases in our accounts. One is we are requesting \$1,000 increase in our Drafting Paper account. And if I could just quickly tell you, one of the reasons that we're asking for that is, we have probably 500 maps, 34 x 34 size maps in our office that are the official records of Vanderburgh County. The water and sewer department was so kind as to let us use their equipment. So instead of having these made by an outside concern, three of our employees went over and we've run off the maps. Now we are looking desperately for, there's only one guy on the Internet that we can find for plastic covers so we can keep these protected because there's a lot of work that goes into them. They have to be both, all the zonings have to be placed in and they have to be colored and all this stuff like that, but we're working toward getting a brand new complete set of maps. We also would like plastic covers

to cover the old maps that are in the drawers that are getting pulled out that are really getting kind of wrinkled. And those are the record of Vanderburgh County. So that's the reason for the \$1,000 increase in our drafting supplies. I also wanted to tell you that I do have the updated figures of what we have spent in each account, so if you need any as of just the last day or so. Under Equipment, we're asking to increase this account from \$4,000 to \$25,000 and one of the reasons we said we really need to upgrade the outdated equipment in the Area Plan Commission office. We need to produce information, the need to produce information in our office, as in any other office, increases daily and we need the performance of a work station to meet these demands. Our existing PC base system can't productively handle our current needs. We need a work station specifically designed for graphic and analytical applications and we have researched this and have found that the cost we are asking, or what we would need to have both a work station, the AutoCAD software, a second license for the AutoCAD and a new departmental printer is what we need. We really need this information to keep current. Everything we put in, we're working toward, if ever we get a GIS system, and I know that's not been decided. But, everything we use can be eventually used on that. We're also working very closely with the hazard and litigation people and we're putting a lot of information that will not only help government, but will help the business community. We're working closely with the business community to share the information that we have. So that's why I would respectfully request that we get our equipment request and the amount we're asking for is what is necessary for this. Under Employee Education, I know you like to do this and I would like to have you know we had three employees take courses under Employee Education this year, one in AutoCAD, one in Internet and one in troubleshooting to work on our computer equipment. That brings me to mind, we have just gone on the Internet in our office. We're not in yet, we're still working on the page, the work page, or whatever you call that, the Internet page. So we hope to eventually to be able to put all our agendas in on the Internet, put all our applications in so anyone can just pull that out of the Internet. We think there are endless possibilities that we can use this to reach the general public. Legal Services, I know you always ask about that. Last year we asked for \$65,000, you cut us to \$50,000. So far, as of now, up to date, we've spent \$36,900. We'll probably have to be back for some amount by the end of the year. You know that we can't ever tell what's going to happen in that because most of the legal services are for cases initiated by others. On Copy Machine Lease, we're on the third year of the five year lease on our copy machine. We've found this to be a lot cheaper to have a copy machine lease and at the end of five years then it automatically----then we give it to another county agency. And then we start a new one. That's worked really fine. I think that our copy machine was for awhile in the County Commissioner's office and I think then that they moved it downstairs, the old one. So I think that lease agreement is good. On Auto Repair, I'm going to tell you that probably next year we're going to have to be coming back for a car, although your record says that we've only spent \$9, that's incorrect. We have spent \$347 and only have \$152 left in the account and the car is in the shop for repairs and we're afraid it needs a new radiator. So, we'll probably have to be coming back, not next year, for next year's budget to request that. I think I've been all over the page. Does anybody have any questions on this or anything I need to answer?

President Lloyd: Question by Councilmember Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: It's related, but I guess it's not totally related. How much impact has the increased home buying activity and building activity here in the county had upon the increase in the amount of fees we've been able to generate?

Barbara Cunningham: That has been immensive. The fee per home is not as much, because we did not raise that very much. We went from a \$10 fee that was established in 1977 to a \$25 fee which is really not very much on that. Where the increase has come mostly is in the commercial, before that we didn't charge for one stop applications where we review commercial permits. We spend three hours every Monday morning on reviewing commercial permits. Those fees have come in. Rezoning fees have gone up. Those are the kinds of user fees that have gone up. As far as a home, we've had an awful lot of activity and we've had a

lot of subdivision activity and those fees have gone up. But the individual homeowner, we've kept it as low as we can on that fee increase.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this budget? Okay Ms. Cunningham, thank you very much.

Barbara Cunningham: Thank you, I appreciate your time.

President Lloyd: Oh, Mr. Sutton.

Barbara Cunningham: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Ms. Cunningham, is there a way that you can itemize that out on that---

Barbara Cunningham: On the fees?

Councilmember Sutton: On the Miscellaneous Equipment, that \$42,500. You have indicated there are several things that you're wanting to buy in there in that line item.

Barbara Cunningham: Well we're wanting the new departmental printer.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. You said there's some AutoCAD software...

Barbara Cunningham: Well the AutoCAD, the work station is approximately \$15,000. The AutoCAD software required for the station is \$5,100, the license and the upgrade to our present license, I don't have that exact figure, but those are other costs that are involved.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Barbara Cunningham: And then also included in that total cost was a new departmental printer.

President Lloyd: Do you have quotes on that?

Barbara Cunningham: We don't have, I don't think we have quotes as much, Kathy, as we have specifically written for the maps and everything that we're doing and we have been working with computer services and this is what we need for our station.

President Lloyd: It would be nice to tie that in with like you said, a county wide GIS.

Barbara Cunningham: Yes. Eventually everything we put in would be tied to a county wide GIS.

President Lloyd: I guess one question I have, are you getting much of a response from the Internet? Are you having people pull it off, pull your data?

Barbara Cunningham: We just got on it about a week or two weeks ago. I mean we only have one employee that's just been trained to do the work page. But, I really think that's going to be great to put all this information on that we can get. And we can also pull out information from different communities and such, so I think it's great.

President Lloyd: Okay, thank you very much.

Barbara Cunningham: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Oh, wait, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Wait, since you brought that up. Could someone actually pay their fees using the web site?

Barbara Cunningham: I don't think so, because we deal in checks. I don't know how we could do that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well...

Barbara Cunningham: You know, we deal in cash and checks. You're not going to get rid of people coming into the office, but instead of coming in, there's just so many things they can do. Instead of coming in and pick up the packet of how they file and what they do, they can pull that out of, you know. We have so many different permit applications and they can pull that out. Off the Internet. I do think that the idea that our agendas are going to be in there is going to be good. So there's no one that can say they don't know what's going on in the planning commission.

President Lloyd: Thank you.

Barbara Cunningham: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Why don't we stop here for five minutes and then we'll reconvene at 10:13.

**Break from 10:08 until 10:19**

**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: I'd like to reconvene the 1999 budget session. The next department for budget review is 1090, County Assessor.

Cheryl Musgrave: Hi, Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. I submitted, on July 15th, a request for a revision to be made to one of my line items. We overlooked a step increase. So I would like the Council---

Councilmember Smith: Is that thing turned on?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes.

President Lloyd: Yes.

Cheryl Musgrave: I want to make sure that the Council puts that increase in and if you need me to read off the line.

President Lloyd: Please.

Cheryl Musgrave: 1000-1090-1170, Township Deputy. Our original budget requested \$20,459 and the revised request is \$21,450. And again, we overlooked a step increase.

President Lloyd: Okay, so that's 1170 should be \$21,450. Okay, any questions for the County Assessor?

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Extra Help. Ms. Musgrave, are you through? If you are I'm just going to ask you about the Extra Help.



Cheryl Musgrave: Yes, I will just take questions now.

Councilmember Sutton: You've got an increase there in the Extra Help line and can you give us some ideas of what the thought process is there and what you're thinking?

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, there are several causes. We're looking toward more duties in our office next year and these duties were changed by the state legislator. They took them away from the Auditor's office and gave them to our office. These involve in receiving all the property tax appeals and there were a couple of others that I can't quite recall right now. I even waffled a little bit on whether or not to ask for another full time employee because I believe the Auditor's office probably has somebody who's--a major portion of their job is to do this. The receiving of those appeals. And moreover I'm not sure what to expect in the appeals department next year. The Tax Court judge has changed the rules a little bit. On May 11, 1999 folks will be able to appeal their property and use market value as a basis for requesting a change and this is brand new. I'm not sure whether to expect 10 new appeals or 10,000 new appeals. So I had to make sure that I would be able to handle what came my way with the statutory duty changes from the Auditor's office to my office and with the uncertainty involved in the appeals process for next year.

Councilmember Sutton: Have you guys spoken? Have you spoken with the Auditor in terms of what the relative amount of activity has been related to that and just given any kind of idea of what you're taking on?

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, I did attempt to do so, but I never really got a definitive answer. Which she is here in case you want to ask her.

Suzanne Crouch: The individual, Vanessa Adams, who does handle that portion of the work in our office is also a supervisor of the exemption department. That is her main responsibility. The appeal log is set up on computer and while it does take some time to maintain it, it does not take full time and certainly that work moving to the Assessor's, the County Assessor's office, would not result in us eliminating Ms. Adam's position. If I had to say how much of her, you know, how much of that job, what percent of that job would be dedicated to that. It would depend upon the year, a reassessment year there would be a fair amount of appeals filed. How many were there, about 1300, maybe, last reassessment?

Cheryl Musgrave: The last reassessment, but again, with the changes this year it's anybody's call. And next year is a reassessment, a beginning of one, but this new appeals ability on the part of the public will almost turn it into a reassessment year by itself, I think.

Suzanne Crouch: So during a reassessment, Councilmember Sutton, it would be, probably about 25% of the work load of that position, but in a non-reassessment year that would go down considerably. Because in a normal year the amount of appeals, what do we have this year?

Cheryl Musgrave: We have several hundred this year.

Suzanne Crouch: Several hundred. So it would drop significantly.

Cheryl Musgrave: As you can see I'm requesting an increase from \$7,000 to \$10,000, which would reflect a normal year in terms of the amount of time an employee would spend on it.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. My assumption would be then that since we don't know what's going to happen you may have to come back on that. It's not set in high at all then.

Cheryl Musgrave: No. It's not set in high.

Councilmember Hoy: Right.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? I guess the one question I have on 3370, page 50, Computer Data Management. You indicated the purchase of a computer.

Cheryl Musgrave: Right, we came back at the beginning of this year and requested that and it looks like that's going to be standard for our department. To need a new computer annually, just to keep up.

President Lloyd: In addition to the computers from the Reassessment budget?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes sir.

President Lloyd: Okay. Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Cheryl, that Township Deputy, that 1170-1090, why did you say that went up to \$21,450?

Cheryl Musgrave: We overlooked a two year step increase.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, a two year step increase. Okay.

President Lloyd: Any other questions?

### ***COUNTY ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT***

Okay, we'll move on to County Assessor Reassessment. It should be page 163. And this was out of the Reassessment Fund. Any questions on this budget by Council?

Councilmember Raben: Cheryl?

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I was going to ask you if on the 3370, back on your General Fund account, if we could move that to Reassessment?

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, this is not for reassessment functions. It's for daily functions. I would encourage you not to because this will be an every day operating expense and not every part of my office is focused on reassessment. So I would encourage you not to.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: If our General Fund this year would stand that expense. For that computer---

Cheryl Musgrave: Oh.

Councilmember Hoy: Out of this year's, and you know, you've made an appropriation. That would work for you.

Cheryl Musgrave: To appropriate that in 1998 rather than in 1999?

Councilmember Hoy: We've done that before on equipment. If our General Fund is in good enough shape we could appropriate it this year.

Cheryl Musgrave: If that's what Council would prefer that I do, but I will leave open the possibility that something will go kerblooey next year and I might have to come and talk to you.

Councilmember Hoy: Sure. That's understandable. I've had a computer crash, I know what it's like.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Cheryl, again, who's, on the same line item, who is that Township Deputy?

Cheryl Musgrave: Katie Townsend.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, that's what I've got.

President Lloyd: I guess one question that I have on the Reassessment budget, page 164. The Contractual Services.

Cheryl Musgrave: The Board of Review Reassessment budget.

President Lloyd: Yes, what contractual services would they be using?

Cheryl Musgrave: Well you've heard from the Township Assessors regarding their land valuation deputies that they've had. The way the process works is this, will be this, the township deputies will be valuing the land and then they will turn that all over to the Board of Review. The Board of Review must review it, make changes if they so desire, hold a public hearing, take input from the public and perhaps make changes as a result of that. Next year the Board of Review's composition is changing dramatically. It won't even resemble the boards in the past. Instead of being President, the County Assessor will be Secretary. The Auditor and Treasurer will no longer be members and there will be four citizen members, two of which will be appointed by this body and two will be appointed by the Commissioners. I'm anticipating, as best I can, what these four people. And it's possible that they could be four brand new people with new motivations and ideas, will want to do on this board. But I know that one of their statutory duties will be to review the land valuation given to them by the township assessors and I want to make sure that they have the funds they need to approach that with great respect for their duties.

President Lloyd: Are you talking about using outside appraisers or attorneys or whatever?

Cheryl Musgrave: I have to plan for that because I don't know who these people will be. For all I know you may appoint professional appraisers, but I can almost guarantee you that even if you did appoint a professional appraiser they aren't going to be willing to do that for \$50 a day.

Councilmember Smith: Why do you have to have training for the Board of Review? You've got \$1,800 in here for training.

Cheryl Musgrave: We've had that appropriated for, I think, for the past couple of years, if I remember correctly. No, it was in the Board of Review----(INAUDIBLE). Simple because things are changing so much in the way we do property taxes. Even if the legislature does nothing about property taxes come January, and they are going to, we're moving toward that market value approach of allowing them to challenge their assessments based on the market value of their property. Again, I don't know who the members of this board will be, what sort of qualifications that they will have and there are training opportunities throughout the year offered both by the state and other jurisdictions regarding land valuation and building

valuation. And these board members will no doubt want to avail themselves to some training. So that's why that's here.

Councilmember Smith: Well I would think that if they were appointed by the board that you would pick someone that knew a little about it rather than to have to pay for training for them.

Cheryl Musgrave: Well I like that.

Councilmember Smith: I've got a problem with every job having to have training.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on the Reassessment budget of the County Assessor?

### ***BOARD OF REVIEW***

President Lloyd: Okay, let's move on to 1091, Board of Review, page 52. Any questions by Council on this budget?

Cheryl Musgrave: Mr. Raben?

President Lloyd: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Cheryl, in the 100 accounts, could you explain the payroll and the extra help request?

Cheryl Musgrave: This is not related to the duties that I told you that the Assessor's office would be taking over from the Auditor before. These are additional duties. Currently, the County Auditor is the secretary of the Board of Review and she has a, I don't know what all this gentleman's job entails, but his job is to record the minutes of the board. Now I am to become secretary of the Board of Review and I will have to have someone there to transcribe into minutes for the board. Again, I, an approach here might have been to ask for a full time person to do these. I'm hesitant to do that. I don't know how the Board of Review is going to shake out next year. I'd like to try it for a year, to hire part time help, to just do the minutes and that's it. For the board. Maybe this will work, maybe it won't work. We'll soon find out.

President Lloyd: Excuse me, we need to change the tape. A couple more minutes, okay. Alright, we've still got some room on the tape, sorry. Mr. Bassemier, you were next.

Councilmember Bassemier: Ms. Musgrave, on 3130 Travel and Mileage, you have \$1,000. Could you explain that please?

Cheryl Musgrave: The hearing officer will be taking his travel out of this account rather than the office account, which will be for other travel and for inheritance tax. I'd also like to point out again, that there will be four, possibly brand new, members of the board. They may want to conduct business differently than had been in the past. They may actually want to go and visit each of these sites on their own. I just thought that, well they better make sure that that's what they want to do, but they will be able to get reimbursed for their travel.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I know in the past you would bring people here. I know that's for lectures and whatever. So that's why I asked.

Cheryl Musgrave: Oh no, this is for traveling to site visits.

Councilmember Bassemier: Site visits, okay.

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes. Properties that are under appeal.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Lloyd: Other questions? One question that I had on the payroll, is that the state rate on that for four new members or is that---where did that figure come from?

Cheryl Musgrave: The \$70?

President Lloyd: No the 1180, \$6,720.

Cheryl Musgrave: What I figured was four members per diem at \$70 a month, oh a day, sorry. For 24 meetings. That would be two meetings of the Board of Review a month. Currently the Council has allowed \$50 a day for board members to be paid. I don't think that you're going to be able to find willing people to serve on the board for that rate. And I forgot to mention earlier two of the members of the Board of Review will have to be Level II assessor/appraisers as designated by the state and those folks are in real short supply. I only know of two, maybe three in the whole Vanderburgh County who don't work for the government. I'm not sure, I'm honestly not certain where we're going to find those people to serve on the board, because the law says that they must be a resident of the county. I'm hoping, maybe this is a good time to convince you of this, that you go and find those people now. I've got some money in training left over for this year. I can send them off to those classes and get them trained so that they can, we can have a five member board next year. I'm guessing. I had so much trouble convincing you guys to raise the rate of pay from \$35 to \$50 a day and I don't even think you'll find anybody for \$70, but I had to peg it somewhere so that's where I pegged it.

Councilmember Raben: Cheryl, when is the state going to make a determination on exactly when this needs to be done? I mean, have they already said January 1 or are they March 1?

Cheryl Musgrave: For the new board members?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Cheryl Musgrave: Oh yes, it's January 1, 1999 and it was set not this past legislative session, but the one before.

President Lloyd: Any other questions?

### ***BOARD OF REVIEW REASSESSMENT***

President Lloyd: Okay, we've got Board of Review Reassessment, page 164.

Cheryl Musgrave: I thought we already did that.

President Lloyd: Not a very long budget.

Cheryl Musgrave: I'll be honest, I just don't know what to expect.

President Lloyd: Any questions on this budget?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

President Lloyd: Ms. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: What is the Contractual Service for \$20,000? What's that for?

Cheryl Musgrave: That was my guess on what the board members might want to spend to review the land valuation to be presented to them by the townships.

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Councilmember Smith: The board members want to review and that's a contractual service or---I don't understand?

Cheryl Musgrave: The board members are required by statute to review.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Cheryl Musgrave: They may want to hire that done. In other words, those four members might not consent to sit there and do it themselves. They may want to hire it done. This is typically done when any board across Indiana has valuation work to do. This is not unusual.

Councilmember Smith: Then if they don't want to do their job they shouldn't be appointed.

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, that's fine, but you'll need to pay them and I have no problem with that, but you'll need to pay them for their services. It's not free.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Didn't you indicate earlier about site visits or something like that and the money that we put in for that, if board members aren't actually going to be visiting the actual sites that are going to be reviewed or if they are going to contract it out?

Cheryl Musgrave: No, I think you've gotten these two things confused.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, help me out.

Cheryl Musgrave: The land valuation will be presented to the board by the Township Assessors. They, the board members, will be required to review those values. That won't require any site visits. It will involve looking at the proof that the Township Assessors give to them. What they value your lot or one in your neighborhood at \$10,000, they have to staple to it probably two or three sales disclosures which back that up. So that's what the \$20,000 is for. For these board members, if they choose to do it themselves, fine. I can't read their minds. I don't even know who they are yet. Maybe they won't. Maybe they will choose to have an outside appraiser or a group of people look over these valuations and come back with a conclusion and what to recommend to the board.

President Lloyd: Ms. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: You mean to say that the Township Assessor turns it in and these board members that are appointed, they're going to have training and then they're going to contract out for somebody else to go look at the property?

Cheryl Musgrave: No one will go look at that property.

Councilmember Smith: These are contractual services.

Cheryl Musgrave: They may hire somebody to go over these figures. Or they may not.

Councilmember Smith: Believe me, if those Township Assessors aren't doing their job, then the elected people can throw them out. I mean people can throw them out by votes.

Cheryl Musgrave: No that's not---

Councilmember Smith: But when you're contracting out for them to go out and check what the Township Assessors has done, that's seems kind of---

Cheryl Musgrave: I didn't write the statute, Mrs. Smith. The board is required to review their

work.

Councilmember Smith: But doesn't the Township Assessors read the statute, too?

Cheryl Musgrave: That doesn't change the fact that the board must review these and hold a public hearing and then vote whether or not to accept them with or without changes. I have no control over that.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Thank you very much. Now we're going to change the tape. Next would be Armstrong Assessor.

**(Tape Change)**

**ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: Okay we have Armstrong Assessor, page 53. Is there any questions or do you have a presentation to make?

Joyce Kron: I don't have a presentation. If you have questions I'd be happy to answer them for you.

President Lloyd: Please state your name.

Joyce Kron: Joyce Kron, Chief Deputy for Armstrong Township.

President Lloyd: Any questions for Armstrong Township?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, this is one of those budgets that traditionally don't change much, if any at all. They operate on a pretty tight budget so... I mean it looks good to me.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions or comments?

**ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT**

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll move on to Armstrong Assessor Reassessment, page 165.

Joyce Kron: Randy did ask that I make a comment on our reassessment budget. With not knowing exactly what reassessment was going to entail, how much detail, and with the computer updates and all this, we just guessed at it as best we could.

President Lloyd: Any questions on the reassessment budget? Well, did you look at the prior reassessment, '95?

Joyce Kron: Yes, we tried to base it a lot off of that, but not knowing with the computer updates if it would take the information that we have now, or if we're starting from scratch. We also put in for a new computer in our reassessment budget.

President Lloyd: Okay, any questions on this budget? Okay, thank you very much.

**CENTER ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: The next department would be Center Township Assessor, page 55. Please state your name.

Rebecca Galey: Rebecca Galey, Chief Deputy Center Township Assessor.

President Lloyd: Any questions by Council for Center Township Assessor budget? I guess looking at the budget the only question that I had was page 56, Training, you've got \$1,000 increase. What was the reasoning on that?

Rebecca Galey: Okay, next month I'm not going to have anything left in my Training budget. I have two people that need to go to school next month. Next year I'm going to have at least four or five that need to go. That's the only reason for that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but you understand you said next month you're going to be out of money. I mean you can't spend these monies until January of '99.

Rebecca Galey: Right, right. What I'm saying is that I have \$460 left in this year's budget. Next month that will be used up. So now I won't be able to send anybody until next year, so I have the rest of them next year.

Councilmember Sutton: How much does it generally cost for one person to complete the training that you were talking about?

Rebecca Galey: Okay, the training classes that I need for next month, they are the Lotus classes and the WordPerfect classes, for two people who do primarily Lotus and WordPerfect work all day long. It is \$70 per person, per class. There's two Lotus, two WordPerfect, two people for each one of them.

Councilmember Sutton: Could you say that again?

Rebecca Galey: Okay, there's two Lotus classes, I and II. I have two people going to each one of them. Two WordPerfect classes, I and II, and those two people are going to those also. That's the end of my money for this year.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? I might point out to Councilmembers on page 55, the Center Assessor, his increase he's got 7.9%, so that is above the 3%. Any other questions?

### ***CENTER ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT***

President Lloyd: Okay thank you very much. We'll move on to Center Assessor Reassessment which is page 166. Any questions on Center Reassessment budget?

Councilmember Sutton: Did you, on your budget, base it on the last assessment or how did you come up with your figures there? I'm just kind of wondering how you came up with your figures.

Rebecca Galey: Okay, right. It was taken from 1995 reassessment with guesstimations, basically.

Councilmember Sutton: Now reassessment begins when?

Rebecca Galey: We're not for sure.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Rebecca Galey: July 1, 1999.

Councilmember Raben: This may help you, Councilman Sutton. The only line particularly on this budget that may have to be appropriated this budget session is the second line, the Coordinator, I believe. Yeah, that's the one that we're already, we're paying this year.



Rebecca Galey: The Land Coordinator.

Councilmember Raben: Land Coordinator.

Rebecca Galey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So, all other items on this budget could be delayed until January if needed to be.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess my question was, is this budget based upon a full year's worth of activities or a half a year's worth of activities?

Rebecca Galey: I based this one on 18 months.

Councilmember Sutton: Eighteen months, okay.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Thank you very much.

Rebecca Galey: Thank you.

### **GERMAN ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: The next budget for consideration, 1120, German Township Assessor, page 58.

Tim Schaefer: Tim Schaefer, German Township Assessor.

President Lloyd: Any questions on German Township?

Tim Schaefer: I believe if you look at my general fund budget there's no increases with the exception of the 3% wages. There hasn't been any increase since '95, I don't believe.

Councilmember Raben: I'd just like to add that this is another one of those smaller offices that has done a great job of living within their own means. So, I don't see nothing we can do there.

President Lloyd: I guess one question that I had in looking at this, 3310 Training, this showed no expenditures through June. Have you had a need to spend any of that money for training so far this year?

Tim Schaefer: Yes, there has been some spent. I can't tell you off the top of my head how much. With the new program that came out on the computers, just like everybody else, we need to keep our employees updated.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions from Council?

### **GERMAN ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT**

President Lloyd: If not, let's move on to German Assessor Reassessment, page 168. Okay, any questions from Council on the reassessment budget? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Why would the Land Commissioner be just \$10,000 there when it was the line we appropriated, or the positions that we made? It was a lot more than \$10,000.

Councilmember Raben: They didn't get a full time Land Coordinator.

Councilmember Sutton: You don't need a full time one then for the reassessment?

Tim Schaefer: No.

Councilmember Raben: No.

Councilmember Smith: Why would he not need one if the rest of the others need one?

Councilmember Raben: Well the population, the number of parcels that they are reassessing.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this budget? Once again, you used your prior assessment budget to come up with these figures?

Tim Schaefer: Yes.

President Lloyd: Okay any other questions? Thank you very much, Mr. Schaefer.

Tim Schaefer: Thank you.

### ***KNIGHT ASSESSOR***

President Lloyd: The next township budget would be Knight Township Assessor. That would be on page 60.

Al Folz: Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor.

President Lloyd: Any questions from Council for the Knight Township Assessor? He's ready.

Al Folz: I'd like to go down through some of this.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Folz, would you explain 1200-1130 Real Estate Deputy, why do you need that new employee?

Al Folz: This would be for a business deputy, business personal property. What we're doing here is showing that we have now approximately a little over 6,000 business personal properties coming in now. Last time I requested another full time person we were like, I think that was around three years ago, 4,200 business personal properties. Right now we're getting ready to go over 6,000. Of course I'm sure all of you are pretty well aware of what's going on just in all the townships, basically, as far as building. But as we look at Knight Township and see all the businesses that there are and the number of subdivisions that are being built and such, and they just keep coming and coming and coming. We've got approximately now, on the rationale that was sent to me, and I think all of you have a copy of that that I filled out and attached. You can see that we've got approximately 27,000 parcels, real estate parcels, and the extra 6,000 comes in to the business personal property. For the 1997 billing out in 1998, Knight Township is billing out \$55,762,854 just in taxes. This isn't assessed value, this is the actual taxes that are being billed out for this year. With this extra deputy they would more than pay for the salaries that we are asking for this. We have leases that need to be gone into. There's more leases now than there ever has been and these do take time. So the extra revenue can be brought in just from leases alone. I'm having to pull people say from the real estate end of it, which throws them behind, to help with this. It would be more continuity for a full time person to be able to help.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. Folz.

President Lloyd: Thank you. Other questions? I guess one question I had looking at the budget, with the new person it would seem like maybe the need for extra help would decrease. What do you think about that?

Al Folz: Would be what, sir?

President Lloyd: With the need for extra help, you would need less not more.

Al Folz: Well, you know I've been very fortunate on this extra help. The interns that I've had now have been with me about three years, they go back to college pretty soon though. I've been very, very fortunate in having them help in being able to supplement a full time person, that extra full time person, by taking and releasing some of my real estate people to get out there and do their job as they should be doing. You know, again, they're falling behind just a little bit. These part time people are very, very essential. So I do need extra help money. It won't be long and they'll be leaving, I guess by the end of this month. Fortunately we've been able to get everything into the Auditor's office on time, but that's just because of this.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions? I know you and I talked about this a little bit, that you are requesting an 8% increase for yourself.

Al Folz: Yes, yes. As was just told by the County Assessor, you know we have extra duties now since there is no more Land Commission. That's all on our shoulders to make sure that it gets done. The Council was good enough to be able to give us money for the Land Coordinator which we have very busy now. We're really working hard at this thing. It's a very complicated situation. It's kind of easy for the Legislators to sit up there and say okay now this is the way we want to get it done and all of these kind of good things, but they've never been through it. So this new board is going to also have a big job. It's called PTABOA, it's got a whole different name instead of the Board of Review now. So this is quite complicated. So again I want to thank you for this Land Coordinator.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I don't recall what the 3530 Contractual Service account, what that's for.

Al Folz: That's where we microfilm all of our old files, and we're getting ready to send out again now to be able to put them on the microfiche. That's what we use this for because we don't have any extra storage room. You can't hardly get them downstairs any longer, there just isn't any place. Of course you guys have heard enough about storage. But anyway, this is a way that we can do this and put it on. Then we have to be able to apply to get rid of the old cards, old field sheets and such like this. So we're getting ready now to send out another batch now to get caught up on this. We do need those things for our records.

Councilmember Raben: How many years are you going back?

Al Folz: Another two years, well no, since 1995, that's the last reassessment. So we'll go back one time beyond that, then we'll be able to catch that up there. We'll keep the hard cards on the '95 reassessment until we get into the reassessment next time, if there's going to be one.

President Lloyd: Question, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 3370, the use of that...I guess I'm trying to get an idea of--

Al Folz: Those are books that are sent down, you have to buy from the state, to be able to get calculations on RV's. Anything that does not have excise taxes then we have to be able to put a price on those.

Councilmember Sutton: Sorry, Mr. Folz, that's Computer Data Management, line item 3370.

Al Folz: Line item 30 what, sir?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm on page 61 if you can...well, I guess yours is a little bit different there, what you're looking at. I'm looking at line item 3370, Computer Data Management and what you're requesting--

Al Folz: Oh, for a computer, that's a computer.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, for what purpose?

Al Folz: Just our general run. It's kind of hard for me to differentiate what we are using here for reassessment and what we use daily on such like this, but this basically is what we're having for this is that we just need to be able to upgrade another one of our computers. I try to keep this current as we go through the year. I don't wait and then all of the sudden try to put in for five and six and ten and all these kind of good things.

Councilmember Sutton: So as this upgrade I guess you're looking at... How many units do you actually have?

Al Folz: I have eight.

Councilmember Sutton: And what are you replacing out?

Al Folz: I'm replacing one that the computer room says can't be upgraded, one of the old ones. They said that it would cost more to be able to upgrade and redo the old box than to go ahead and purchase another one. What we are purchasing are the Pentiums, Windows 95. A lot of software now that is coming down you just almost need that power to be able to work with them.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you have other units that fall into that same bracket? I mean 386's, 486's...

Al Folz: Yes, but I think we also put that in for the reassessment because I think that was the Council's wish that a lot of these computers be put into the reassessment budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Al Folz: Yes, sir.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this budget?

### ***KNIGHT ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT***

President Lloyd: Okay, let's move on to Knight Assessor Reassessment, page 170. Any questions on this budget? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: The Coordinator and the Land Commission at \$32,459, isn't that a lot more than we ask for them before?

Al Folz: This would be for Reassessment Office Coordinator and Land Coordinator. The Field Coordinator of \$29,795, let me see... okay, that's for 18 months.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, so the full 18 months?

Al Folz: Yeah, that's the full 18 months on this.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Al Folz: Looking at...I'm sorry, do you have a question?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Folz, okay we're talking about two different budgets I guess here, but which one of these are actually you on here on this reassessment budget?

Al Folz: Right at the very top, it says Assessor 1130-1110.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

Al Folz: Yes, sir. And I've utilized the past reassessment budgets to be able to come up with this budget. I have a copy of all the budgets and the total amount that was spent in the last reassessment and such. Figuring that on my budget, and I might as well tell you how I came up with these figures, we kind of upgraded them because it's been five years since the reassessment, but seeing how much per parcel was charged the last time. What did it really take to do the reassessment and such like this. And the budget basically was figured on, I think last time it was like eleven dollars and eighty something cents a parcel. That was with 25,000 parcels, something similar to that. Now I've got 27,000 parcels and I think I put in something, just for the reassessment, something like a little over \$13 a parcel, not counting for the Land Commission person which is in here but that's already taken into this thing and added in. So basically following the pattern that we'd established before and finding that anywhere from \$13 to \$14 a parcel, I think, could be rather realistic. Somewhere around the state, in all 92 counties, and from the Assessor's Association and knowing these guys, I'm past president of that thing, but seeing what some of them are trying to do and what parcel count and how much per parcel, they are putting in a heck of a lot more. I think this is pretty realistic.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: What about the other Contractual Services there for \$10,000? Are you going to contract out for somebody else to go out and do the job? That's the question that I asked the County Assessor. And is that for the same thing?

Al Folz: No, actually on some of these things here are...you know, I'll have to get back in there myself to see what in the world we spent that money for. You know if we're going to go contractual services I would say well we're not going to do it. You know we did that back about in '89 which the county ended up paying something like a million four, million five, something like that. That would be pretty well a ballpark figure, so it would be a heck of a lot more. Basically, what we're doing here on this contractual services is to get all of our plat maps and things such as this that we have to send out.

Councilmember Smith: Send out to be made?

Al Folz: Yes. In fact we've had Jim Morley over to take a look. He's got some good maps there and we're going to be able to utilize him because he's also got some overlays that we can put on there. It shows the floodplains and things such as this. This is going to be a lot of it. I beg your pardon?

Councilmember Smith: Wouldn't that be the plat sheets, wouldn't that be the same thing?

Al Folz: No plat sheets are what's in our plat books that just show subdivisions as you turn them. We have 1,100 subdivisions. What we are talking about here is overall maps of, say, Knight Township. And then showing exactly what in the world we have here as far as, again,

for flooding and those types of things. It might not run that much, I don't know. If it's not, then we can't spend it. But that's basically what it is, so we're not hiring anybody to do any of our work.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Was that Extra Help, line 1130, is that roughly what you had four years ago?

Al Folz: It's a little bit more because I think the Council has appropriated just a little bit more and give us permission for a little bit more money for our field people, being able to go out in the field from home to home. So that was taken into consideration.

Councilmember Raben: We increased their hourly rate, I don't remember what that was but --

Al Folz: It's \$8, it was \$7 last reassessment. Of course you have their mileage and stuff like this that we try to build in also.

President Lloyd: Any other questions for Mr. Folz? Okay, thank you very much.

Al Folz: Thank you Council.

### ***PERRY ASSESSOR***

President Lloyd: Next department will be Perry Township Assessor, page 63.

Glen Koob: Good morning. It's awful quiet here today. That worries me.

President Lloyd: Please state your name.

Glen Koob: Glen Koob, Perry Township Assessor.

President Lloyd: Any questions for Mrs. Koob?

Glen Koob: I have a couple of comments maybe that will straighten some things out.

President Lloyd: Oh, go ahead.

Glen Koob: I went before the Job Study on, let me see if I can get this line number right, 1130-1140 Real Estate Deputy, and they approved, I know you didn't but they did, that went from level IV to level VI, or COMOT IV to COMOT VI to make it equal with the rest of the townships. Then the 1140-1140 that's a step raise. And the 1150-1140 is also a step raise. The other thing I did, I believe everything is alike in my regular budget except utilities. I raised that from \$1,800 to \$2,200. That's just because we're in a bigger office and the gas and electric bills went up two years ago. That's the only thing that I've raised, everything else is the same.

President Lloyd: Any questions?

Councilmember Smith: Did you say you raised the utilities?

Glen Koob: Yes, I put them up from \$1,800 to \$2,200. I raised them \$400.

Councilmember Smith: Yeah because you were...because it was twenty three hundred and something this year.

Glen Koob: Oh, I tell you what that was, we encumber at the end of the year and that's the reason why it looks like the \$2,300. So if we have some left over at the end of the year we just go ahead and encumber it because I think our December bill comes in January. That's the

reason why it looks like that. We just ask for \$1,800.

President Lloyd: On 3130, Travel Mileage, you had put in for \$1,000. Is that where you're going to end up for '98 would you say?

Glen Koob: Well I tell you, I just put it in and if we need more I come back. If we don't use it all you can have it back. You know, we usually use \$1,000 and it's the whole office using it. It's not just one individual person.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this budget?

### **PERRY ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT**

President Lloyd: Okay, let's move on to Perry Township Assessor Reassessment, page 172.

Glen Koob: This is an 18 month budget. This is just a total wild guess because we really don't know where we are with the reassessment yet. I don't think the Supreme Court has decided. I'm not really sure if they're going to decide in September, or after the elections would be my guess. But that's what this is, this is just a guess. I've cut the Extra Help down to five people at, I think I have in here figured at \$8.50 an hour, but that was just a guess because I didn't know what the Council was going to do. The reason why we put some money in for the Assessor's salary is because of the fact that we got a note, and maybe you guys did too, the Council did too, from the State Board of Tax Commissioners June 8, 1998. I didn't make a copy for you, I guess I should. It's per diem payments for land valuation work. House Bill 1783 changed the way we're going to do everything. I really don't know that we're going to market. The State Tax Court, I went to an advisory committee meeting last month, and they're changing the depreciation and they're changing the way we grade. That's the reason why I just sent three of my people to get their Level II training. That's the reason why sometimes we need the training. We went out to USI and took some IAAO courses which are income valuation. But anyway this memo says it is the Board's position that reassessment activities prescribed under Indiana Code 6-1.1-4 clearly include land valuation now performed by the township assessors under IC, Indiana Code. Consequently it is appropriate for township assessors to receive per diem pay for land valuation work performed under IC. I think the reason for that is because we did get a Land Coordinator and they are very helpful. We did get a program, a land valuation program, from Appraisal Research that is going to be very helpful also to us. They are working with that now. With German, I know you had asked why Tim didn't get the full amount, I really didn't know that he didn't, but we are going to have to work, myself personally, with Tim, with Pigeon, Paul Hatfield, with Union and the rest of the county also because we're going to have to get these land values equal. We did do on this new program that we have...we just got it recently last week and were trained on it last week. She came down, an Appraisal Research lady came down to Vanderburgh County and gave us training on it, four offices. Anyway it looks like it's going to go up about double. So I don't know, but we have to get in and we have to look at that. Then the Board of Review goes in and they look over our values to see that they are equalized around the townships, basically is what they do. Then they vote on it if they are or they aren't.

President Lloyd: Could you give Mrs. Deig that memo and we'll have copies for everybody, if you don't mind?

Glen Koob: Sure, sure I will.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Ms. Koob, and I know, I'm not asking you to speak for anyone but your township--

Glen Koob: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: But I guess the question that I do have in looking through the reassessment things, we've gone through just a few of them here, we've got a few more to go, looking at the amount that you are looking for under that 18 month budget for the Assessor line item, you know, you're requesting right at \$5,366 and the one before us was \$13,500--

Glen Koob: Well that has to do with the different parcel count. I only have around 10,732 parcels, so that's only 50 cents a parcel is what that's based on.

Councilmember Sutton: How much per parcel?

Glen Koob: Fifty cents per parcel. Take 50 cents times 5,366 and you'll get ten thousand seven hundred and something. That's what that's based on, 50 cents per parcel. I believe if you'll look at it as cents, I know you're just dealing with my township, but if you'll take 50 cents times 27,000 parcels you'll get \$13,000. That's what we're looking at, 50 cents a parcel.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? I guess the one question that I have, the last item 1140 Office Machines, do you know what that was related to?

Glen Koob: Yes, that's for a printer, our laser jet printer. I don't know that we'll use it, but this is just kind of a...when we met we just kind of put down an 18 month budget and asked for something. I think so far our printer has used ninety something thousand, it's our laser jet printer, has used ninety something thousand copies since the last reassessment. We print all of our field sheets out of that so that's the reason why. I don't know that I'll need it, but I just put it in because you were asking for a budget.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Okay, thank you very much.

Glen Koob: Thank you.

### ***PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Lloyd: We move on to Pigeon Assessor, page 65.

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President Lloyd: Okay, any questions on Pigeon Assessor's budget?

Paul Hatfield: I have one comment.

President Lloyd: Please.

Paul Hatfield: If you're going to give Al Folz a raise you're going to have to give me a raise.

Councilmember Hoy: You were asking on yours for three percent, is that correct?

Paul Hatfield: It's in here.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Paul Hatfield: By the way, I only make \$80 more than my Chief Deputy.

President Lloyd: You must have a good Chief Deputy.



Paul Hatfield: No, you've got a good Assessor, cheap.

Councilmember Smith: Judy has got like 25 years, that's where she got with her--

Paul Hatfield: Yeah, and I've got 40.

Councilmember Smith: --longevity.

President Lloyd: Any questions for Mr. Hatfield? On page 66, one question I had you have an increase in travel and mileage. I mean, your office is closest to downtown so I just wondered why you needed that increase.

Paul Hatfield: Closest to downtown?

President Lloyd: Right, I mean you work out of the Civic Center.

Paul Hatfield: What does that got to do with mileage?

President Lloyd: Well, for example Knight only needed \$1,900. I just wondered.

Paul Hatfield: Well, I can tell you we are doing a lot more inspections than they are. The purpose and the reason for that is because there are a lot of properties that have not been checked before. There are a lot of properties that believe it or not they have not been assessed before. None of the exempt properties have been assessed, a great number of them, and also a great number of the properties owned by the city and the county which are quite numerous in this township. They have got to be assessed and they are being assessed and that's why the travel and mileage is more. It's real funny when you say we're closest to downtown. That really is not relevant. The township, of course, goes from Pigeon Creek on the north to the Kentucky line on the south and from Kentucky Avenue on the east up to Barker Avenue on the west. This is a big township and I can tell you right now it is the hardest township to assess because you have a lot of older properties. The fact is I can tell you the one item here that I think we'll see how it works out is the Extra Help, \$12,500. We're just about out of money on Extra Help now and it appears I am going to have to come back and ask for additional money there to finish us out the rest of the year. That's how much work we're doing.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Paul, could you explain 3610, Legal Services?

Paul Hatfield: That's a backup.

Councilmember Smith: What number did you say?

Councilmember Raben: It's 3610.

President Lloyd: Page 66.

Councilmember Raben: Legal Services.

Paul Hatfield: It's \$2,500. You knocked it out last year, you're going to knock it out this year and I'll have to use an in-house attorney which I've got if I ever have to need one. You'll knock it out, I know that. I've sat where you sit.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we don't want to disappoint you.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that what you want us to do?

Paul Hatfield: No, I don't want you to, but that's exactly what you're going to do.

President Lloyd: Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: A couple of areas. On Computer Software, line item 3372. You're not requesting any hardware, but are you updating some software there? What are you looking at there?

Paul Hatfield: That's for software programs which we will have to have, but the computers are coming out of Reassessment not out of the regular budget. I've been told that now and I would really like to have an answer from everybody. Is everybody clear on that? Because we have put in for computers both ways and they've got zeroed out. Now you've just asked a question about computers which means or signifies to me that you're not sure. I want to know from this Council if we're going to put in for computers, we're putting in for computers through the Reassessment budget, is that correct?

Councilmember Sutton: My question was directly related to the software request--

Paul Hatfield: But you mentioned computers though, didn't you?

Councilmember Sutton: I said that you weren't requesting any in here.

Paul Hatfield: And I've just given you the reason why, but--

Councilmember Sutton: Let me finish my question and then maybe you can respond. The software request...you had a software request, but there wasn't any hardware and that's the reason I was asking. Since there wasn't any hardware I was assuming--

Paul Hatfield: This is to update the software we have now.

Councilmember Sutton: --and I didn't want to be erroneous in my assumption, but that's what I was assuming. Other than that I was not speaking to any other request that may have been passed or denied at any other past Council meeting. I'm only talking about what we're looking at here.

Paul Hatfield: It never got here.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, what Mr. Hatfield is referring to is last month he requested computers under the General Fund which we zeroed out and requested that they file an appropriation for September out of Reassessment. What I believe Mr. Sutton is unsure of is this \$1,000 request in your budget, is it software for the new computers that we're appropriating for September?

Paul Hatfield: No, actually it's software which we will have to have to update one or two that we're going to try to use.

Councilmember Raben: Back to your original question, yes, if you file an appropriation this month for next month's meeting out of Reassessment barring you give us too much flack here

today--

Paul Hatfield: I'm not giving you any flack. I'm really trying to get an answer--

Councilmember Raben: I know it.

Paul Hatfield: --because we've gone through this twice.

Councilmember Raben: It should go through next week...next month.

Paul Hatfield: Fine.

Councilmember Sutton: The last question that I had was on Office Furniture. Can you speak to that request?

Paul Hatfield: Well, I better give you...actually, that is really not enough. On Office Furniture I've got \$1,500 in there and we have all the desks in our office that the girls are working at go back to 1969. The legs are falling off of them. Bennie has repaired them dozens of times. This will probably replace two. This is not for me. I don't need a new desk. The one I've got is fine. It's older than 1969, but that's what that is for.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Did you...I mean, is there any surplus desks that you could use like in the Civic Center? Do they have a desk that you could pick up as surplus?

Paul Hatfield: Probably not. If somebody else has thrown it away I'm not sure we would want it, but we'll look because we need more than two. We actually need seven. I mean, honest to God, they have all fell apart.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions?

### ***PIGEON ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT***

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll move on to Pigeon Assessor Reassessment Budget, page 174.

President Lloyd: Any questions on Pigeon Assessor Reassessment budget? Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Paul, on the Land Coordinator I don't recall why...why is this request higher than the others? I thought we approved those all at the same time.

Paul Hatfield: It isn't, is it? I mean, \$36,110.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, \$36,110 and I think the others are \$32,000 or \$34,000, \$32,459.

Paul Hatfield: Well, let me see here. That includes PERF, Insurance, FICA and Unemployment. In answer to your question this is an 18 month budget.

Councilmember Raben: Those are separate lines.

Paul Hatfield: Yes, they are.

Councilmember Hoy: Center has that in at the same amount you do, \$36,110 and for some reason Knight has it in for \$32,459. That's the only difference between the three major--

Paul Hatfield: I have no idea.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't either, but I think that's where he is asking his question.

Councilmember Raben: Can I ask for the Secretary, Sandie Deig...Sandie, do you have the current Salary Ordinance? Would it have the correct figures?

Sandie Deig: For what?

Councilmember Raben: For the Land Coordinators, the individuals that we've just recently granted.

President Lloyd: Don't forget to turn on your microphone, Ms. Deig.

Sandie Deig: We paid at a rate of \$21,639, that's a COMOT V.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, then they're all messed up then. No wait, I'm sorry. That's 18 months. Hold on just a second.

President Lloyd: If you take that times 1.5, I get \$32,459.

Paul Hatfield: Well then you'll have to correct that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Actually, what you have just to reiterate what I said awhile ago, Knight is the only one of the major townships that is in at less money. The other two, Pigeon and Center, are the same.

Paul Hatfield: I would request that you give me a chance to go over that figure myself because...and based on the minutes of the Job Study Committee where these were set in.  
Councilmember Raben: That's the information that Ms. Deig just provided.

Councilmember Hoy: What was that figure again, Ms. Deig, annualized?

Paul Hatfield: That sounds correct because in this six month period from July 1--

Sandie Deig: It's set in at an annual rate of \$21,639.

Paul Hatfield: Yeah, that sounds familiar.

Councilmember Smith: And for 18 months it's \$32,459 is the right figure.

Paul Hatfield: Well, that will have to be corrected.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this budget? Okay, thank you very much.

Paul Hatfield: Thank you.

### **SCOTT ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: The next department would be Scott Assessor, page 68. Mr. Harris called me yesterday and New Harmony schools are starting today so he is unable to attend. So we went over his budget on the phone. I mean, I can take any questions. Page 68.

Councilmember Hoy: All of his increases are three percent, aren't they?

President Lloyd: That is correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Smith: Is that the right figure for the person that we...remember, he said she had been there 28 years? Is that the right figure for her salary for next year?

President Lloyd: Right, do you want to explain that, Ms. Deig?

Sandie Deig: I don't think Mrs. Miller is listed in here because you just approved it last Wednesday and we haven't received a pink slip because state approval hasn't been given, so that would be someone else.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Lloyd: That is something we're going to need to add and when I had talked to him about that I requested that he cut the Extra Help 1990 to zero and he agreed to that. The only other thing that we had mentioned, 4220 Office Machines, that was for something that he had indicated was completely broken down, but I was going to try and get more information on that. Any other questions?

#### **SCOTT ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT**

President Lloyd: If not, let's go to Scott Assessor Reassessment, page 176. Right, those Coordinator Land Commission, I believe those were part-time, so there is really not all that much in this budget. Does anybody have any questions?

#### **UNION ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll move on to Union Assessor, Department 1170, page 70. Please state your name.

John Bernard: John Bernard, Union Township.

President Lloyd: Any questions for Mr. Bernard? Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I have just one and, John, again you're another one of those offices that seems to do the best it can with as little as you can and I think that's remarkable. One question, Telephone has gone up significantly.

John Bernard: We added another line on that because we had our fax hooked up with our computer and at different times...the only way that I know of with the telephone company that they can keep those two from sometimes causing trouble for each other and it would kick us out of the Proval program or whatever we were working on at the time, so we had them just...the line was there, but it was four way so we just split it, but that generates another bill with another number.

Councilmember Raben: That's fine.

John Bernard: So that's to cover that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions?

***UNION ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT***

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll move on to the next budget, Union Assessor Reassessment, page 178. Any questions on the Union Assessor Reassessment? Okay, thank you very much.

***EVANSVILLE AIRPORT AUTHORITY***

President Lloyd: Next budget, 2140 Evansville Airport Authority, page 156.

Bob Working: Good morning, I'm Bob Working, Airport Manager. Did you--

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, all the Councilmembers has that rationale sheet in your packet.

President Lloyd: It's in the rationale booklet and it would be at the very end.

Councilmember Bassemier: You guys want to see it? The rest of it is in your book.

Bob Working: I have five copies of the ordinance if you need them.

Councilmember Bassemier: They have them.

President Lloyd: Give us a minute to get the papers together. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to go ahead and ask a question. Bob, do all these salaries reflect the three percent?

Bob Working: Of the 45 or some odd employees at the airport, full-time airport employees that we have, many of those people are under a Teamster agreement. We're in the third year of that agreement. As I recall, those wages were based on a three percent across the board, so consequently lower paid employees would have actually a little more than three percent, higher paid employees would have less than three percent. The wages also reflect a program of \$500 increase for every three years of longevity that an employee has. That pertains to all employees except Mr. Mulder and myself.

Councilmember Raben: I may need some help with that in the end.

Bob Working: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: You say that the union employees, their contract runs through '98 or through '99?

Bob Working: I think it began January 1 of '97 and...well, yeah, it goes through '99. It ends up December 31 of '99 and then that last year of negotiations...or in that contract negotiation the increases for that year were based on a three percent across the board rate so they took everybody's wages, multiplied it by three percent and then divided it equally. Consequently the higher paid employees got less than three percent, the lower paid employees got more, but it is reflective of a contractual obligation between the Airport and the Teamsters.

Councilmember Raben: And non union employees are--

Bob Working: Six of us and they got three percent.

Councilmember Raben: Six of them got three percent, is that what you said?

Bob Working: I only have six non union employees and they got three percent, but I did want to say that except for Mr. Mulder and myself all of our employees do get the \$500 a year increase for every three years of seniority, so consequently you may have a non union employee as you would look at theirs that would increase more than three percent in '99 and that would be because they were hitting a step increase, a longevity increase.

Councilmember Raben: For you, yourself, is yours three percent?

Bob Working: I'm at three percent.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: Bob.

President Lloyd: Ms. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Is this Airport Manager/Treasurer, is that your position?

Bob Working: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Bob Working: As I said, myself and the Assistant Airport Manager, Jeff Mulder, in the ordinance I guess we're considered position 128. The Accounts Payable Claim Clerk and the Maintenance Clerk, they are all non union and they all show three percent. My Administrative Assistant shows 5.02 percent increase, but that is because she is getting a step increase.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, is yours figured at three percent? Do they give you a three percent, the same as the rest of the county employees or does the Board give you a different figure?

Bob Working: No, ma'am, I come here every year and I ask--

Councilmember Smith: For the three percent?

Bob Working: Right. Now in the past the Board has given me a differential raise back years past, but not I would say in the last four or five years.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Lloyd: One question I had on the Salary/Wages which is the Temporary. That's a pretty good increase over last year, you might want to explain that.

Bob Working: What we're looking at is potentially increasing the number of valets that we would have. They are part-time employees and also we're expanding due to the demands that we're faced with the summer intern programs. Again, it is cheaper to do that and hire temporary, so there is a couple of positions that we included in there but have not been filled and we'll only use them if need be.

President Lloyd: You've found you have more demand for the valet service?

Bob Working: Oh, yes. You know we love to beat our drum, but our traffic is up eight and a half percent last year. We're almost at a nine percent rate this year. We have a lot of passengers flying in and out of the facility.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: This is for information purposes. I talked with Mr. Working the other day and he has a 4,000 square foot building out there behind the Substation and he has talked it over with the Airport Board and they're wanting to do something with it. You know, we're busting at the seams for either storage, office space, whatever, and he has indicated to me that they would be willing to spend \$100,000 to renovate it, paint it, put new carpet or clean the carpet for just \$800 a month, so that is something we should consider. It's 4,000 square foot. Can you add to that, Mr. Working?

Bob Working: I would like to clarify just a little bit.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Bob Working: It basically is a proposal that we submitted over a year ago to the Sheriff's Department and what it was saying was that for an \$800 increase in their rent for a new agreement with the Sheriff that currently we're in like year four of a 15 year agreement that we would enter into a new 20 year agreement that we would lease them both facilities for a net increase of about \$800 a month. I would say that the building is valuable. It has a much greater value than \$800 a month by itself and that really is tied in with the Sheriff's operation. If it were not going to be that then we would go out on the open market and get the best rental that we could.

Councilmember Bassemier: But there could be--

Bob Working: I did want to clarify that just a little bit.

Councilmember Bassemier: Food for thought though, it could be where we could take some of the people from the offices here at the Sheriff's Department, if it is alright with the Sheriff, to move them out there and then we've got office space over here and I know the Courts were asking. I know they need office space real bad, so that's just a food for thought, but the building is there whether...I think it would be a good idea for the Sheriff's Department for \$800 a month, I think it's a good deal. That's my opinion.

Bob Working: It's approximately \$800 a month. It's less than \$900. I haven't looked at the proposal in a year.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm trying to get us the best deal we can here.

Bob Working: I won't go a penny lower than what I proposed a year ago.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Working, has there been any interest expressed by anyone about that piece of property outside of the Sheriff's Department?

Bob Working: Well, to be honest with you, no. Some people have, you know, wanted to delay any actions on it because of the, I guess, unsettled position of the National Weather Service in that while the building has been empty for over two years supposedly, technically, legally, they're not officially closed in Evansville. That's hard to figure out, but we don't get any rent from them and haven't since March of '97. But there has been some reluctance, I think, by the Sheriff that if there was a reversal and the Weather Service would come back, where would we be then? I honestly believe if the National Weather Service were to reopen an office in Evansville they would probably construct a new facility and it may well not be on airport



property. I don't feel that's a real concern. I bring that up just to say I think that's part of the reason and we have not tried to actively market the building either. I believe the building is certainly very marketable. It's only about six years old. It was a half million dollar facility, very close to it, when we constructed it for the National Weather Service. It's 4,000 square feet. As Mr. Bassemier says, there is some carpet that needs to be replaced and some general painting and upkeep, but it's a good building and we need to get it occupied and I am starting to hear more and more concerns by the Board that we've waited too long. We need to move forward with leasing the building.

Councilmember Sutton: Unless we can...I guess my thoughts, what I am thinking because of the location of that building and it's really in a very prime spot, very viable, I think the building could actually warrant maybe a little bit more than what we're looking at maybe from the Sheriff's side that may work out to be a good deal, but I guess I would be inclined to see that building--

Councilmember Bassemier: It's much more valuable on the open market.

Councilmember Sutton: --used from the private sector in terms of what we might be able to get. I think anything that is going to generate some tax dollars to the county or something that is going to--

Bob Working: It wouldn't generate tax dollars for the county because it's on airport property so it is tax exempt, but it would generate revenue for the airport and, obviously, the more revenue we have the greater or the lesser the opportunity that we are, you know, looking to the property taxes to operate and I have to say we haven't looked to the Council for operating since '84.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess what I was saying is just the way that we could maximize whatever return we could on that. I don't know. I guess in terms of looking at our options, you know, as you really begin to market that building and there may be some interest out there from various entities.

Bob Working: I think there very well could be. The point, I guess, I would like to say is the Sheriff's facility and the Weather Service facility is already connected by a common courtyard, if you would want to call it that and it would be a natural, you know, extension for it to go with the Sheriff. The Vanderburgh County Sheriff provides a very valuable service in that they provide a 15 minute law enforcement officer response which is required by the Federal Aviation Administration, so with that kind of background and, of course, the buildings are extremely similar in architectural design. They were designed by the same engineer and the complex was built almost at the same time. There was only maybe a year's difference in construction. It would be natural that it would become a complex, but again, and you're right, Councilman, we are at a point where if it is not going to move forward we need to put it on the market and get the best potential revenue that we could.

President Lloyd: Any other questions related to the budget? Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: How many years was the Weather Service in that building?

Bob Working: They were actually in there only four years. They did sign a five year agreement with us so they paid for a year after they left. You know, they continued to pay rent to us. Obviously at the time that we were constructing the facilities we knew that there was a very real possibility that the office was going to be closed and relocated to Paducah. The problem we were running into at that point in time was that we were keeping the National Weather Service in a portion of the old terminal that we were losing about \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year in just keeping that structure up for a very small facility. By building them a new facility and a facility that was of the sufficient size and modern that could house Doppler radar and their new

operation, we felt it was a wise investment because as we are alluding to today is that even if they did leave we would still have a very marketable building with road frontage on 41 and then also there is the reality that with it being located by the Sheriff's Command Post that there might be some interest from the Sheriff if he needed additional space.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I don't know who in the real estate business today would build a new 4,000 square foot office building, particularly a structure of that quality that wouldn't require longer than a five year lease.

Bob Working: Well, sir, I can tell you that at the time we felt that a five year lease with the National Weather Service in an effort to keep them here was worth the investment and I still believe that the building is a valuable building and whether we have the Weather Service there, the Sheriff there or some other entity, you know, it will generate the revenue for the airport.

President Lloyd: I guess one question. Your overall budget is up 4.3 percent. What was your increase in revenues like '98 to date versus '97, roughly?

Bob Working: I really don't have that figure, but I can tell you that we finished up 1997 basically at a break even factor. That our revenues and our expenses basically zeroed out and that yesterday, as an update from our accountant, our financial picture this year is some \$400,000 better than it was from the same time last year. I think we've spent about \$92,000 less money this year than we spent last year and our revenues were up about \$308,000 or somewhere along there.

President Lloyd: That's good news. That's real good. Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible, mike not on.)

Bob Working: I would envision that fair market rental on that building would be somewhere in that vicinity.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible, mike not on.)

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions? Thank you very much, appreciate it. We're scheduled to be out at 12:00 noon, so we're going to have to push it a little. We've got the Sheriff, Sheriff Jail and Jail Misdemeanor. If Council is willing let's just keep going and finish this up. Okay, we're getting ready to change the tape.

**(Tape Change)**

***SHERIFF***

President Lloyd: Okay, the next department on schedule, 1050, the Sheriff Department, page 15.

Ray Hamner: Good morning. I'm Ray Hamner, Sheriff of Vanderburgh County. What was that, page 16?

Councilmember Smith: Fifteen.

President Lloyd: Any questions for the Sheriff?

Councilmember Sutton: Sheriff, line item 1300 on page 23, I know we've been hitting it pretty much on the mark, but do you think there might be any wiggle room on the overtime on line item 1300-1050? You just asked for slightly above what you had been in the past, but do you

think there's any wiggle room for us there?

Ray Hamner: Well, I would hope so, but it's hard for us to dictate that. When cases arise and we have to work them, then we don't have any control over that, late runs and such, holidays, and all those kinds of things. We're, basically, the only one working, so I can't answer what is going to happen between now and the end of the year.

Councilmember Bassemier: We're not to the SAFE House budget yet, but if you look at their budget, they're asking for some new officers and the way I understand it they're asking for approval, they added 50 more beds out at the SAFE House, so I'm just kind of thinking that we won't need as many deputies up there in the jail so that will help offset the deficit of the high ranking officers up there in the jail. Can we kind of cut that back a little bit and move them to the street, because there won't be as many prisoners to guard? That is if we approve the SAFE House budget?

Ray Hamner: The number of officers working the floor, those are strictly correction officers. They are not sworn deputies so you can't move them out on the street.

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I am talking about the deputies that are sworn deputies that are working up into the jail.

Ray Hamner: They are supervisors. They are sergeants and above, so you don't put sergeants and above working in a car on the street. They are supervisors.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was going to say, but we won't need as many supervisors up there, will we?

Ray Hamner: The jail has to run with supervisors around the clock seven days a week, 365 days a year. If we have one inmate in there or we have 500 in there, that still has to operate. The same number of supervision still has to operate there.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was thinking the purpose was that we, the reason why we put correction officers up there was to cut the budget some. Can correction officers be supervisors just to save tax dollars? Is that a possibility?

Ray Hamner: It's a possibility providing you had a mechanism in place to do that. I went before the Job Study some time back and got those jobs designated. But you can't do it when you get your budget cut every year, so I mean, I'm not asking for any additional employees this year. We're asking for the very same budget we had last year.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, I can see why you're asking, I just was kind of calling everybody's attention that we will be cutting the inmates up there because they would be putting them out to the SAFE House.

Ray Hamner: Well, you are going on the assumption that that's going to be cut. Basically, those inmates up there haven't been to court yet, so basically, you're not really taking a lot of them out of the jail. We have 297 this morning, so even though, regardless of what the paper reports, the inmates are up again. We have no control over that. Those people are put in there basically by the city people. We still have certain duty stations in the jail that have to be manned regardless. We have to man the control room, which is where the supervisors work. They have to supervise people. And to answer your question, can they be correction officers, some could and some can't. Just because they are up there doesn't mean they are a supervisor.

Councilmember Bassemier: How many supervisors do you have up there now?

Ray Hamner: I think there's about 12, probably, to operate 24 hours a day.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's the count I had. I was just --

Ray Hamner: Testing me, right?

Councilmember Bassemier: To confirm my list. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: I had one last question, and pretty much here, you know, ordinarily we'd spend a whole lot of time on this budget, it looks like it's going to go pretty fast today, but I did have a question. On page 26 line item 4230 and 4290, how many vehicles does that request include? I'm assuming about 10 or so, how many are you thinking there?

Ray Hamner: I would say that that's somewhat of an accurate guess but we won't know until the bid purchase is in and they're going to tell us how much they're going to cost. They seem to be going up all the time because Ford is about the only car manufacturer now that produces a full size automobile for the police, so they keep raising the price, but I would say somewhere between, I'm guessing at around nine or ten would probably take care of that.

Councilmember Sutton: We might be able to, I don't know if we thought we could get them like we did last year, maybe consider taking it out this year. I don't know if we had some discussion about that and there might be some way we could do some cutting. We've got a little room in our unappropriated balance in the General Fund.

Councilmember Raben: I had requested of, it's Captain Williams, right?

Eric Williams: Sergeant.

Councilmember Raben: Sergeant...an equipment list on the vehicles and which ones are front line vehicles and whatnot.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, we can't hear you.

Councilmember Raben: I requested an equipment list of Sheriff's cars and I had asked Sergeant Williams to identify which ones are front line and which ones are detective cars and whatnot, but yeah, that's a strong possibility that we could analyze what their real needs are and fund them yet this year.

Councilmember Sutton: Is this request that you have here, Sheriff, are these front line vehicles or --

Ray Hamner: They are, yes sir. I might add that the detective cars have not -- those are the same cars they bought in 1993, so those are still in effect for detectives, using the same cars that were bought in '93.

Councilmember Sutton: Average life span on these vehicles, is that three years?

Ray Hamner: It depends on -- yeah, I'd say three at the best in a safe condition. When you talk about the mileage on a car and the wear and tear, it's not so bad if you're just driving 30 miles an hour to a place to go talk to somebody, but at any given moment, many times a day they go at full speed and the car has to be ready.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Hamner, I was just inquiring about the Process Servers, part time, is that working out pretty good, page 23?

Ray Hamner: Well, it is and it isn't. It's really a difficult supervision problem and we've got one

man off because of his wife, she has cancer, and the others are having to pick up the load on that. But other than that, I assume everything is going okay.

President Lloyd: Other questions on the Sheriff's budget?

Councilmember Bassemier: I just want to echo what Royce said about the squad cars. We've almost got 1.8 million dollars left in our budget and I think if we're conservative, we've got two million to cut from this budget, so I think this is a good starting point, the \$280,000, I know could be taken out of this year's budget if we're conservative and we're into August and I think the Sheriff's department, you've pretty well got all of your medical and your food covered right now, to the first of the year. Yours is always a pretty good expense or most of it, I think we appropriated some funds for you last month to pay a lot of your bills, so I don't see any big ones coming up from the Sheriff's Department, so I think Royce is on target there about going ahead and paying for it out of this year's budget.

Councilmember Raben: And that probably won't be a problem, but that is not the only large bill that we may be faced with. We still have Patient/Inmate Care, Postage, several big ones out of the Commissioners budget that may hit us right square in the forehead in October and November, so we're going to have money to use but it may not be as large a sum as what you think. We need to keep some reserve there to make ends meet when those come.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's why I pointed out we do have 1.8 million dollars still in that budget.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on the Sheriff's budget? I've got one question on page 25, 3370 Computer Data/Mgt. That \$150,000, that is for converting to the new system, is that correct?

Ray Hamner: Yes, that is for, hopefully, for the jail package.

Councilmember Smith: Would that come out of the Reassessment Fund?

Ray Hamner: I'm not there yet.

Councilmember Raben: They're not entitled to these funds.

Councilmember Smith: Well, it might be a good start.

Councilmember Raben: Commissary monies, maybe.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on the Sheriff's budget? If not, let's move on to the Sheriff/Jail 1051, it starts on page 27.

### **SHERIFF/JAIL**

President Lloyd: We've already talked about some of the supervisors up there. Any other questions on the Sheriff/Jail budget?

Councilmember Raben: Sheriff, on 2300 Uniforms, year to date expenditures is way, way below what is being requested. What is the story there on that?

Ray Hamner: Well, I can't tell you what the story is on it, what I can tell you is that the officers that work up there, the correction officers, their uniforms are provided to them by the county and I would assume that maybe they are using less uniforms, I don't know, if that is the line item you are referring to.

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Councilmember Raben: There is a set sum, is there not, or they are paid with a uniform allowance, right?

Ray Hamner: See, you're in a Catch-22 here, because some people jumped the gun and did all these things and not only do they get their uniforms for free, they get seven hundred and some odd dollars with their contract with the Teamsters to take care of those uniforms. So that was out of my bailiwick. Somebody made that agreement, not me, and I just merely monitor the budget on that item.

President Lloyd: I believe that was the County Commissioners that negotiated that.

Ray Hamner: Probably.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Hamner, on page 30 line item 2200 Jail Expense, in your Commissary Fund I think you have about \$181,000 as of now. Is there a possibility that that \$65,000 could come out of there or do you have any other plans, additional plans for that?

Ray Hamner: Well, I am not sure you're accurate on your account. I don't know where you got that figure from, but actually if you're calling around to the banks or somebody is, somebody is going to get in trouble because you're not entitled to that information, but nevertheless, that figure is probably not right. And I can't provide for the General Fund and the Commissary out of the Commissary. The Commissary is something that is generated by the inmates, and I save this money and I have budgets that I take care of out of this Commissary. For instance, this year to save you money, I bought a \$40,000 prisoner transport van so that you don't have to pay for that. I bought about \$70,000 worth of weapons for the officers so they could have the proper weapons to be safe in their duties out on the street. So far this year, I've spent \$70,000 out of the Commissary for the jail. I just fixed a freezer up there for the kitchen, I do things all the time but you don't know about that. So I would not recommend that you deplete that line item, period. I would respectfully ask that you don't do that because the Commissary is not something that we have to have. We do not have to have a Commissary up in the jail. I do want to bring to your attention that we have quietused into the General Fund somewhere between two and a half and three million dollars since I have been Sheriff for the housing of inmates in that jail. Now I can't tell you where that money goes, it goes into the General Fund, and it seems to me, somebody ought to be using that for a rainy day to take care of whatever happens in the jail.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, we'd like to see the jail, you know, that's why we've got a problem now, it's been neglected so long, see.

Ray Hamner: Well, it's not my neglect. It's not my neglect. But I want to make one thing clear to you. By statute, the County Commissioners are responsible for that repair of that jail. There is a statute on that that clearly states that. The Building Authority is the landlord, they are responsible for the plumbing and all those things that go in there.

Councilmember Wortman: Is it not the responsibility of the Sheriff or the Building Authority to inspect and see that it's maintained or brought up or have some suggestions or recommendations to --

Ray Hamner: We do that.

Councilmember Wortman: You do?

Ray Hamner: We do, absolutely correct.

Councilmember Wortman: Have all the Sheriff's done that through the years?

Ray Hamner: Well, I can't answer for all the Sheriff's. I can't answer that.

Councilmember Wortman: But you have done it.

Ray Hamner: Absolutely, we've done it and we take care of a lot of that stuff on our own. We hire in welding companies that come in and weld bars and things up there all the time, nothing new.

Councilmember Wortman: I think from the standpoint of the Council, I can't speak for all of them, just myself, but I think that's all they want just so the money is being spent wisely --

Ray Hamner: Who is they?

Councilmember Wortman: Me, myself.

Ray Hamner: Okay, what money are you referring to?

Councilmember Wortman: The Commissary. Invest it good and take care of the jail and being spent in the right place, see.

Ray Hamner: Read the statute, Mr. Wortman, it's clear what that money is to be spent for. I am not here to argue with you, you know. I spend that money for everything it's supposed to be spent for and I'll continue to spend it for the next four months the way the statute says.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

Ray Hamner: You're welcome.

President Lloyd: Other questions on the jail?

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got one. Sheriff, I know you said you had four months, but do you think it would be a good idea for the Sheriff to coordinate that Commissary with the County Council so everybody can be on the same page, so we know when we are spending when we don't have to spend or whatever, is that --

Ray Hamner: Well, I think you need to read the statute and I think Mr. Ahlers could advise you there on what it says it can be spent for. It can be spent for things that are not budgeted for. And basically, if you had to spend out of the General Fund what I spend for this department, you would be squealing.

Councilmember Bassemier: A lot of times we don't know what is spent until way after the fact --

Ray Hamner: Well, that's what the law says. I am fulfilling that law --

Councilmember Bassemier: I know, but when a Sheriff comes up and asks for monies and you're asking us for money but you spent it somewhere else that maybe the Council thought that maybe you should spend it somewhere else, it would help us out that -- well, some of us don't want to give you some of this stuff because we think, like the jail, we think that some of this money can be spent for the jail instead of for maybe some retirement parties or for recreation or something like that.

Ray Hamner: Well, I don't know what you are referring to there, but --

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just going by your list you gave us for what some of that money is spent for, car washes, things like that. I think car washes could be -- the trustees can

do that. That's the point I -- we'd just like for you to coordinate things with us, why you spend this money before you spend it so we can all be in the know. I know, I am sure the next Sheriff is going to do that, is going to work with this Council on every dime that is spent and get seven people's opinion instead of just one opinion and spend it after the fact. And this is not a political speech, I just --

Ray Hamner: There's nobody here to hear you, Ed. It doesn't make any --

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, there's a lot of people here.

Ray Hamner: But the bottom line is, you know, I have spent this and bought things for this department that you would have never bought that the officers need. Now, if you want -- you were talking about taking money out of one pocket and putting it in another.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll tell you what, can you tell us what you bought that we wouldn't have okayed? You said you spent things that we wouldn't have okayed, I think we've worked with you the last five years and given you bullet proof vests, pensions --

Ray Hamner: Well, that was a big deal, I mean, give me bullet proof vests for my people.

Councilmember Bassemier: I am talking about -- that's just one of the things --

Ray Hamner: I've spent \$12,000 on stop sticks.

Councilmember Bassemier: We've helped your department on the longevity increase, been trying to get that, differential increases, you guys have been trying to get that, we got that through. We've been trying to help you out.

Ray Hamner: Well, first of all, I didn't come here to argue; secondly, I spend the money for what it's for, what the law says, and if you want to spend it, then run for Sheriff and win or get the law changed, one of the two. It doesn't make any difference. But as long as the law says what it says, I am going to spend it for what it says.

Councilmember Bassemier: We have no problem with that, but it's kind of hard for us to come back and give you \$65,000 because you're taking \$65,000 -- you're taking the Commissary money, which the couple of things that you itemized, that's probably two or three months, four months' worth of Commissary. You take in probably \$150,000 a year, you net probably \$150,000, is that about right? You've grossed about \$250,000 over the last eight years, so --

Ray Hamner: But I have also quietused into the General Fund, two and a half to three million dollars, and where is that money? I get nothing back from it, nothing.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, we --

Ray Hamner: And that is also generated up in the jail.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think all Mr. Wortman is trying to say is he'd like a little cooperation when you spend any money, kind of talk it over with us, and if we know where it's going before you spend it, we would be more than happy to give you \$65,000 for --

Ray Hamner: It is not that the money is being wasted. The money is being spent for what it is supposed to be spent for. Read the law.

President Lloyd: We'll make sure and provide Council with a copy of the law.

Councilmember Bassemier: He's right what he's saying. I've got the law. But I just think when



a Sheriff comes up here and asks for us to pay \$65,000 and it's coming from the jail's pocketbook anyway, so I think it ought to go back into that pocketbook, which is to help the problem we have up in the jail with the sanitary conditions and the upkeep of it.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on the jail?

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question, not of the Sheriff, I am not on that Blue Ribbon Committee, but we all pay rent on this building and I am curious as to why the Building Authority is not paying for the plumbing, repairs and those things. Rent is paid for that, why -- you know, that's their job. Why doesn't that come out of the Building Authority money, to fix the plumbing.

Ray Hamner: That's our point exactly and we have contacted the Building Authority numerous times, and as a matter of fact, in the restroom in the Sheriff's Department down there, we have to let the hot water run for over fifteen minutes to get even hot water to come out of the sink because we're out of sight, out of mind over there. And if that's a good landlord, then I'll put in with you. The bottom line is Curt Wortman has a lot of property around town and I am sure that if somebody says something is wrong with his property, then he probably fixes it and it only makes sense to me that the Building Authority would do the same thing.

Councilmember Hoy: This Council may remember that the Building Authority did not have to but they convened us and the City Council and the Commissioners and the mayor and spent a million dollars across the street for a parking lot, they had that much excess that they could pay cash for that parking lot across the street, which is where I think the parking garage ought to be but I don't have any say in the city, it makes sense to be over there rather than where they are going to put it. But the point is, they had a million in excess, why wasn't that spent on -- you know, I am not asking you, Sheriff, I am just making a point that there seems to be a lot of money there that should be spent on maintaining this jail, that is what the rent is paid for. Is that your perception, too?

Ray Hamner: Exactly, and now that the heat is on, it's all in the newspaper and the Blue Ribbon Committee this and that, the Building Authority wants to do something about it. So why didn't they do something about it before?

President Lloyd: I am glad they are wanting to do it now.

Councilmember Smith: I don't think they wanted to do it at all and I guess I get tired of hearing the Sheriff blamed for the jail because it is the Building Authority's responsibility, but it's also the Commissioners responsibility to make them do it or not pay the rent. And you know, we sit here and we hear this and read it in the newspaper and this jail has been a problem for years, not since Ray got there and I don't have to defend Ray, he can defend himself, but I think everybody ought to sit up and take notice to the Building Authority. You're right, they bought the place over across the street for, it used to be Finke Furniture and spent and paid cash for it. Why didn't they use it in this building?

Councilmember Raben: I was just going to add, Betty, I think we'll have the Commissioners here tomorrow, but I do know that they have turned the heat up on the Building Authority to work with the Sheriff's department on making whatever corrections are needed, so you might ask them to explain what is happening right now, but they are doing just that.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, I think they are now, but this has been going on for years, that jail has been a problem for years. Yes, I think right now they are sitting up and taking notice because it's been all over the newspaper.

Councilmember Wortman: Let's just compare another item. The cooling system, they just put in a new tower here a year or so ago and they upgraded that, see. So that would make you

think, you know, the water runs out here over the barrel out here, see and all that, so that tells you why didn't they do the same thing over at the jail, see.

Ray Hamner: I don't want to sit here and cry wolf, but in the winter time our girls have to bring heaters in and turn them on because of the heating condition. In the summer time, with the front door that opens there with everybody coming and going and lets the heat in and the place is burning up. I am not here for that purpose. I am here and I spend, and you know and I know that I do spend money for that jail that you've asked me to spend. Now you know that.

Councilmember Wortman: Yes sir, I am with you a hundred percent.

Ray Hamner: And I will spend it in the future and always have to get by, but I am not going to relinquish the Commissary Fund to the Council because the law doesn't allow for it.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on the jail?

### ***SHERIFF/MISDEMEANOR HOUSING***

President Lloyd: Let's move to 2780 Jail/Misdemeanor Housing, the last one here which is on page 187. Okay, that's a one page budget. Do any Councilmembers have any questions on that? No questions, okay. Thank you very much, Sheriff.

Ray Hamner: Thank you.

President Lloyd: I'll take a motion from Council to adjourn and reconvene tomorrow.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Lloyd: Oh, wait a minute. Mrs. Deig.

Sandie Deig: Recess.

President Lloyd: Oh, recess. Take a motion to recess.

Councilmember Sutton: Just one second before you do that. I just want to ask a question before he gets away. You're on that jail study committee. When is that report coming out?

Ray Hamner: It's already out. The meeting is tomorrow.

Councilmember Sutton: Not your report that you had but the final --

Ray Hamner: NIC report? It's already been out.

Councilmember Sutton: No, the report we got was I guess some group you guys have come in on a regular basis and they do a three day study or something, I got that one. But I am talking about this Blue Ribbon panel, their report, their findings. Is there something that they have --

Ray Hamner: No, they're meeting tomorrow night, but that is an ongoing meeting. That is just to band together so that we can stay on top of these problems in the future. But I don't know that there is any final report coming down from the Blue Ribbon.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I understood that there was going to be one.

Ray Hamner: Well, Mr. Mourdock is the chairman, so I don't remember him indicating that.

Councilmember Hoy: He did indicate it in the chamber, Sheriff, a couple of meetings ago.

Councilmember Sutton: The Commissioners come tomorrow and we'll ask them about that.

Ray Hamner: Yeah, I am usually left out of that loop, so...

President Lloyd: Okay, so we have a motion from Mr. Wortman to recess. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: All in favor, raise your right hand. Recess until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. Thank you.

**(Meeting recessed at 12:19 p.m.)**

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The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 12th day of August, 1998 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. This meeting was officially opened by President Russell Lloyd, Jr., at 9:07 a.m.

President Lloyd: I would like to call to order, or reconvene the Vanderburgh County Council 1999 budget hearings, Wednesday's session. The first item on our agenda is that I would ask everybody to please stand so that we may have the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Lloyd: Okay, we are on our second day and I would like to state once again that my goal for the Council and the challenge to them is that we can keep the General Fund tax rate the same or even lower slightly for the taxpayers. That is going to take a lot of hard work by the Council to cut approximately \$2,000,000 out of the budget requests. The, what we are going to try to do today is maybe have one recess approximately in the middle, of five minutes, to give people a chance to stretch their legs. Before we start on the individual budgets, the County Assessor has something to pass out to each Councilmember so we will let her do that real quick.

Cheryl Musgrave: Hi, I am Cheryl Musgrave and I want to thank you for asking me to bring this report to you today. I am passing out a report and in addition to the comments that are typed onto the page that I wanted you to know that my 1999 budget request is for the first time approaching the amount of money that the Council approved in 1995 for my predecessor. I do want you to note particularly that I have saved the taxpayers about \$290,000 for the past four years and I would like to offer my congratulations to my staff who worked with me to make that happen. But, if you have any questions about the report please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. Thank you.

***PROSECUTOR***

President Lloyd: Thank you very much. Okay, we will start with the individual department requests and the first department is 1080/Prosecutor and that is on page 37 in your budget book. Everyone please state your name for the record.

Stan Levco: My name is Stan Levco, I am Prosecutor, and I am here to answer your questions.

President Lloyd: Any questions from Council for the Prosecutor's budget? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: My only comment is that I think that we should always recognize in the past the Prosecutor and the former County Clerk over there was always generous of relinquishing their Incentive Funds to the Council to help with the budget process. I just wanted to made those comments.

Stan Levco: Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: Uh.

President Lloyd: Councilmember Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I just wanted, I have two questions. The line item 1010-2080, the Deputy, I am assuming that will include the step increase and something else because it is, unless I have figured wrong, it is 16%.

Stan Levco: What page are you on?

Councilmember Hoy: Page 37, first item. First and second item, the raises are 16% and 12% and Mr. Levco I am assuming those are step increases or something.

Stan Levco: Is that Jonathon?

Cynthia Davis: (Inaudible, comments made away from microphone)

Stan Levco: It was approved, the committee recommended that as a step increase due to a change in responsibilities.

Councilmember Hoy: Job Study did?

Stan Levco: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Smith: What number was that, Phil?

Councilmember Hoy: It is the first one 1010-1080 the Deputy, the wages have gone up 16% and 1020-1080 has gone up 12% and I was asking if that was a step increase or what was the reason? Incentive?

Councilmember Smith: Wasn't that the one that we increased the last hearing that we had in there?

Stan Levco: Yes, the Job Study, we presented it to the Job Study and they recommended it.

Councilmember Hoy: I didn't remember that. I just wanted it cleared up, thank you.

Tim Deisher: If I?

President Lloyd: Mr. Deisher.

Tim Deisher: Tim Deisher, I believe in 1998 some of that was in Incentive Pay, some salaries.

Stan Levco: Yes, yes. I think that I agreed to pay it for the rest of 1998--

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Stan Levco: --out of the Incentive.

Tim Deisher: That would include bringing the full salary back into it.

Councilmember Hoy: Your overall looks great.

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Stan Levco: The overall budget?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Stan Levco: Thank you.

President Lloyd: In that position it was moved to Unclassified and that was part of the arrangement with the Job Study.

Stan Levco: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Could I?

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: On page 39, I have several questions there. First of all, is 1990 Extra Help. With the number of employees that you have in your office, why do we need that Extra Help?

Stan Levco: That would be the copy people?

Cynthia Davis: The Extra Help? Yeah, the-

Stan Levco: The copy people. We have just an enormous amount of copy work and rather than hire people full time we have them doing that. Our, just generally, our case load increased and our staff has not increased that much. We've used it last year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Copy Machine Lease is up, the reason for that?

Cynthia Davis: Copy Machine Lease?

Councilmember Raben: Supplies, I'm sorry, Supplies.

President Lloyd: Please state your name.

Cynthia Davis: My name is Cynthia Davis. Copy Supplies are up slightly because we are using more copy supplies this year. At the end of June, we have almost used all of our copy supplies so we anticipate having the same problem next year. So, we have asked for an additional \$500, I believe \$500 in that line item, where is that at?

Stan Levco: Fifty-five to \$6,000.

Cynthia Davis: Yeah, \$500 in that line item.

Councilmember Raben: Law Books. I see the request for \$10,000 which is what it was last year and although we, you've transferred \$ 2,000 of that, is that maybe healthier than it should be? Should that figure not be \$8,000?

Stan Levco: Well, we have spent \$6,300 so far this year and that is what, as of April?

Cynthia Davis: Yes, that is since April.

Stan Levco: Sixty-three, eighty.

Councilmember Raben: Is that counting the \$2,000 transfer?

Cynthia Davis: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: So, you have spent \$4,000.

Stan Levco: So it's been \$4,000 since April, that is close to a \$1,000 a month. You know the law books are a monthly kind of thing. You don't spend a couple thousand one month and then spend nothing the next month. We don't, we just buy services.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: That is like a contract with the publisher, right?

Stan Levco: Right. It is pretty much fixed, I mean occasionally I buy a special book, but that would be pretty rare. These are mostly the things that we have, the statues that we have to have. I'm going to go and sit down for a minute.

President Lloyd: A question that I have is on page 38, that First Deputy, 1190-1080 that is a large increase, 27%.

Stan Levco: Who is that?

Cynthia Davis: Which one?

Stan Levco: 1190-1080, that could be Bret. No?

President Lloyd: 1190-1080.

Cynthia Davis: Your Chief Deputy. That's not any more than what we've had last year. Look here, we only requested a 3% increase over what he had last year.

President Lloyd: Okay, so maybe last year's budget was a lower employee or lower attorney and he, somewhat brought him up?

Stan Levco: No, it is the same person.

Cynthia Davis: I don't know what has happened here.

President Lloyd: Well, the actual shows \$45,330 so that may have changed from last year's budget from actual.

Stan Levco: I know he got a raise. That was coordinated with, he is not the Chief Deputy but he is the Chief Trial Deputy so he is much pretty coordinated with the Chief Deputy. The Chief Deputy got a raise last year, his raise was commensurable of that. It is possible that last year I used Incentive money for that but he is not getting a raise, I haven't asked for a raise next year from this year.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President?

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Are you referring to 1190-1080, is that the one that you are referring to?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Because I am coming up with a 3% increase on that.

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President Lloyd: Well, I was looking at the 1998 budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Lloyd: I think he just moved an employee or he just switched them around. The actual shows, you are right, just a 3%.

Councilmember Raben: I'll tell you what happened there must have been an error because in January this year we appropriated \$8,689 into that line. So, that actual, we actually did budget \$36,000 in August of last year but we made an additional appropriation of almost \$8,700 and that is where the \$45,330 figure comes in.

Cynthia Davis: Okay, I think they are talking about (inaudible).

President Lloyd: Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: We have the page in the rationale book here, if you want? Okay, sorry.

President Lloyd: Mr. Deisher, did you have something on that?

Tim Deisher: No, we were talking about something else.

Councilmember Hoy: I have one.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: This is not about funds but this is something that we have discussed at length. Paralegal Secretary, I thought that we had, and I know that there is no such thing, can we not just change that title? Because it adds to the confusion every time we discuss it. There is no degree for that and there is no training.

Stan Levco: We discussed this last time and we came to good resolution, or whatever that resolution was, I was in favor of, I don't remember what that was though.

Councilmember Hoy: It is just a title and it bothers me because there's no such title that I can find in the universe.

Tim Deisher: It's legal secretary.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, it's legal secretary.

Stan Levco: My only concern is as long as it's not going to affect anybody's pay I don't care what the title is.

Councilmember Hoy: I just prefer that it be legal secretary because we need to deal with actual titles.

President Lloyd: Let's have Mrs. Deig, she might be able to help us.

Sandie Deig.: The correct title now has been changed to Legal Secretary and the new Salary Ordinance reflects those correct titles and a letter will be sent to the Auditor's office accordingly.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I think before that it just read, Paralegal, did it not? And then we



added Secretary to it?

President Lloyd: The only other question that I have would be on page 40, 3900/Return of Fugitive, 3901/Witness Fees.

Stan Levco: It just reflects the reality of what we are spending. I mean, there is no discretion there unless you want to say that we try fewer cases or stop bringing people back from out of state. So, it is just what we've spent and what we anticipate that we will spend next year.

President Lloyd: Well, both of those, I mean they don't have any relation to each other, right? They are separate things.

Stan Levco: No, they wouldn't have. The Return of Fugitive is when we've got somebody out of state with a serious felony and we have to pay to bring them back and the Witness Fees, there are certain witnesses that we have to pay, depending on how many trials and the expenses and certain things like that.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: That is something that, that is obviously something that you really don't have control over but at the same time that you really know what the amount is going to be from year to year.

Stan Levco: It is something that you have control over in a sense that I could stop filing cases but you don't have any realistic control over.

Councilmember Sutton: Right. I guess in terms of like for instance on the Witness Fees, that's kind of bounced around a little bit; we've just got trend wise a couple of years to look at. But, we haven't really reached that amount but at the rate that we are going this year we would clearly exceed what we have ever done before and what you are even requesting now.

Stan Levco: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: So, I guess maybe from our standpoint because it has bounced around, it is always something that we might want to revisit.

Stan Levco: That includes depositions, right?

Cynthia Davis: Yes.

Stan Levco: It includes things like, it is virtually from my point of view no discretion in that, sometimes like for instance arguably when I have got, I'm trying the Moto Mart case and while I am trying it once I have some discretion on whether I say to the Court Reporter I want to spend \$500 to get a transcript of that. I don't absolutely have to have a transcript of that but in order to be well prepared I ought to have a transcript, So, I mean there is a little discretion there but in terms of filing cases and things like that from my point of view there really is not hardly any discretion in this fund.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: If you cut it and he runs out of money we have no choice but to put it back in there because that is something that he has no control over what is going to happen. So, if you take it out and he runs out he is going to have to come back.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Levco.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Since we do have to get by the State Board of Accounts, would that bother you exceedingly much if we cut that knowing we would have to put it back later, because we would. I would hate to do any slumming you have only gone up, the percentage I get is 3.31% which is certainly within the boundaries of what we are looking for. But, we do have to cut \$2,000,000 out of this.

Stan Levco: No, it is not going to bother me.

Councilmember Hoy: As long as we're okay when you come back, you're okay?

Stan Levco: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Smith: He has only increased his budget \$33,284.09 from 1998 so that's not a whole lot of increase when you are talking about the 3%.

Councilmember Hoy: No, what I am saying, Councilwoman Smith, is that somewhere we have to put the knife and then later we can put it back because we have to be under the limit of the State Board.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on the Prosecutor's budget? If not, then let's move on to 1081/Prosecutor IV-D, page 41.

***PROSECUTOR IV-D***

Councilmember Sutton: You--

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: --you, on page 42, line item 2700 on Office Supplies, that is another area where we are seeing a little bit of an increase as to what was requested last year. Now, look at your, I guess trend wise, you are probably going to spend close, if this is correct, right around \$3,100, \$3,000, something like that this year. I was wondering if maybe you could talk to us a little bit. Line item 2700/Other Supplies.

Stan Levco: That is just an estimate. When we had, we had \$479 in the item to begin with last year, so actually the increase that we're asking is \$21 from what we had last year.

Cynthia Davis: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Although there was a--

Stan Levco: Unlike I guess Witness Fees there is maybe a little discretion there and so it's not critical as to whether it's \$3,000 or \$3,500.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Looking at the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and the 1250-1081/Paralegal Secretary, are those step increases in addition to their regular increases?

Cynthia Davis: Yes.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on Prosecutor IV-D. Okay, let's move on to

1082/Prosecutor Fees Check Recovery which is on page 44.

Councilmember Raben: Can I interrupt for just a minute, please?

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Can we go back to 42?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: 3120/Postage. That is another one where I see we have transferred \$2,000 out of that this year. Is that one that could be cut? It is page 42, line 3120.

Stan Levco: I see.

Cynthia Davis: Yes, as long as we can come back later.

Stan Levco: We spend what we spend and if you cut it and we spend more I guess we could come back.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

#### ***PROSECUTOR FEES CHECK RECOVERY***

President Lloyd: Okay, now let's move on to Prosecutor's Recovery, page 44. Any questions from Council? Okay, no questions, we will move onto Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement Program, page 45.

#### ***PROSECUTOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM***

President Lloyd: Any questions? Okay, I might indicate that we did meet with Mr. Brown on this and we talked about this to try and make some kind of arrangement.

#### ***PROSECUTOR VICTIMS WITNESS ASSISTANCE***

President Lloyd: Okay, let's move on to Prosecutor Victims Witness Assistance, page 46. Not a large budget. Is that amount just a grant amount? So, that is why that is the big decrease.

Cynthia Davis: Uh, let's see...15--

Stan Levco: The grant amount has increased--

Cynthia Davis: --no, we are asking for less because our grant as increased.

President Lloyd: Oh, the grant has increased so the County doesn't need to fund as much.

Stan Levco: --and also didn't you say that we want to ask for less?

Cynthia Davis: We want to ask for less, yes. We want to reduce that by an amount of...non cash in kind which is \$5,065.

Stan Levco: So, we are asking for \$14,956 instead of \$20,021.

Councilmember Sutton: Say that again.

Stan Levco: \$14,956.

President Lloyd: Okay, just based on the cash that has come in on that, you want to reduce that?

Cynthia Davis: Yes.

President Lloyd: Great. Any other questions on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Would you give us that figure?

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy.

Stan Levco: \$14,956.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this department?

***PROSECUTOR STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE***

President Lloyd: Okay, let's move on to Prosecutor's Stop Domestic Violence, which is page 47. It is another one that has decreased slightly.

Stan Levco: We want to reduce this, our request on this also \$3,200 to \$12,217, yeah \$3,200.

President Lloyd: Okay, that is 3994/Matching Grants, reduce that to \$12,217. Any other questions on that?

***PROSECUTOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES***

President Lloyd: Let's move onto 1086/Prosecutor Adult Protection Services, page 48. Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: I don't have any questions on your budget but brief us just a little bit, what exactly is that?

Stan Levco: Adult Protection Services. Generally it is, I generally think of them as while I would be, I guess exclusively, although it is people that are in trouble somehow, you know they may not be keeping themselves well and the house might not be, might have, might not be fit to live in and they periodically, the people on the staff check on them. An endangered adult, maybe abused or something we go out and check on them periodically. It is not just Vanderburgh County, Evansville has the, we have the office here but it is roughly six counties that are affected by it, that have to be serviced. So, employees under my direction, but they still work in a number of other counties, but Vanderburgh by far is the major one.

Councilmember Hoy: Did your match decrease for that?

Stan Levco: By \$5,050.

Councilmember Hoy: That is an area that I am extremely familiar with. Do you have enough? My daughter works in that field and it's a whole lot more of that than the public realizes, especially the abused. Is this going to give you enough money to cover that?

Stan Levco: Well...

Councilmember Hoy: It is one of those hidden things.

Stan Levco: We've increased our staff in that in the past couple of years and before we were grossly understaffed. I don't--

Councilmember Hoy: You're okay?

Stan Levco:--I think we are.

Councilmember Raben: We receive--

Stan Levco: We want to decrease it by \$5,050 to \$3,876.

Councilmember Raben: Do we receive any assistance from any other counties on that?

Stan Levco: You know, we have been working on that and we have tried to and we just haven't been very successful and I would say that the percentage is very slim. I don't know that we have pushed it real hard. But, we've sent out requests and talked to them about it.

Councilmember Raben: I just don't understand. I guess I find it kind of strange that the Prosecutor's office plays that role anyway instead of maybe the Health Department or someone else.

Stan Levco: By state law. Prosecutors, we didn't volunteer to do this.

Councilmember Raben: Is it state law that travel to other counties?

Stan Levco: Yes, we have to service, it's, we've just kind of taken it upon ourselves, obviously it has to be in Evansville, we pay the expenses here and I guess my thought is that I don't know that they do that much in other counties, that it's that critical. We tried, we made some effort a couple of years ago, we sent letters to all of the prosecutors and said, "Don't you feel that you ought to share in this somehow?" I guess that they never thought they should and I haven't really followed up on it.

Councilmember Raben: I guess if you discontinued showing up on their doorstep you'd maybe get them a little more interested in paying. I just think that it is unfair to the local taxpayers in this county to foot the bill for work our Prosecutor's office is doing in other counties.

Stan Levco: You know, it's something we could probably check and I don't have the figures off the top of my head. I know the vast majority is done in Vanderburgh County. Maybe we could take a look at that and maybe follow up on that. I don't think that we, I don't think in my mind we have much recourse and I'm not going to threaten to say we are not going to send somebody to Posey County to look at an abused adult if you don't pay us. That just doesn't seem--

Councilmember Hoy: What counties are you covering?

Stan Levco: Well, they are all of the surrounding ones, Posey, Gibson, I'm not sure how far out it goes, whether we do Spencer and Davis--

Councilmember Hoy: You are not covering that much more population really--

Stan Levco: No.

Councilmember Hoy: --when you add it, I mean when you compare it to the population of this County and the other thing is--

Stan Levco: And they are less likely to call us anyway and--

Councilmember Hoy: -- I know that it was something laid on you but there again I talk often with my daughter and all of the work she does has to be in cooperation with the Prosecutor and Law Enforcement because like I say it is just one of those hidden things we talk about child abuse and that is horrible but there are many, many older people who are abused and it is a very significant program in my estimation.

Stan Levco: I went out one day to find out what they did and one day was enough for me.

Councilmember Hoy: You bet.

Stan Levco: Just going to the different homes and all.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: I can recall a couple of years ago that we had broken that down and I think we had six counties a percentage what they, if we could get them to pay, and it was pretty rough.

Stan Levco: You would probably be the inspiration to try and do that.

Councilmember Wortman: I didn't have much luck.

President Lloyd: In those situations though, would you do a court filing in another county then or not?

Stan Levco: They would if it were appropriate, they would contact the other Prosecutor about it.

President Lloyd: I guess another thing is the travel is pretty extensive too, isn't it for out of county?

Stan Levco: Yeah.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this budget? Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: That is a matching to a grant, where is the grant coming from?

Stan Levco: I think it is State.

Cynthia Davis: It's Federal.

Stan Levco: I think it's Federal.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you want to go through the universe?

Councilmember Sutton: One of them.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, the reason that I mention that is because many of those grants, if you have dealt with grants are written that way, are written for a region rather than a county and you have to comply with that in order to get the grant.

Stan Levco: Yeah, Vanderburgh has to be the hub here and I don't have a choice.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I am not trying to belabor the point but when you're speaking

in terms of grants and if that's the way the state requires that you are the regional center, and you can operate within that grant that's great but when you get, when you exceed the amount of that grant by one county's taxpayer, I mean it is just a little unfair.

Stan Levco: I think, why don't we revisit it? I won't guarantee that we will be successful but I will try again and try to get some sense of how they use it and request it.

Councilmember Hoy: Just don't spend more time looking into it than what it costs us, okay? Because I don't think that it is a lot of money.

Councilmember Sutton: Just maybe by just as an account of how many others in the state are there?

Stan Levco: Roughly about 12, something like that, it is pretty much, there are 92 counties in the state and I think that most are roughly 6 or 8 but I assume Marion is probably it's own. There are roughly 10 to 12 directors of this, I think.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this budget?

#### ***PROSECUTOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION***

President Lloyd: Okay, the last budget for the Prosecutor would be 2630/Prosecutor PreTrial Diversion, page 184. Any questions from Council on this budget? Everybody satisfied with this budget? Okay, Mr. Levco, Ms. Davis, thank you very much. Okay, next, we are going to change the tape.

#### ***CORONER***

President Lloyd: Okay, the next budget to consider is 1070 Coroner, and that will be on page 34.

Dennis Buickel: Dennis Buickel.

President Lloyd: Page 34, any questions from Council on the Coroner budget?

Dennis Buickel: Mr. Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Dennis Buickel: Before I attempt to answer the questions, I know they're going to be present. I'd like to advise the Councilmembers', I'd like to change a couple of the line item requests.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Dennis Buickel: On 1070-3540 Maintenance Contract, I'd like to reduce that request by \$7,200. Mrs. Jerrell, with the Commissioner, the County Commissioners, and I worked out a deal with...a contract with Dyna-Kleen Industries, and they've agreed to contract with us for all of calendar year 1999 with a total of \$8,800, instead of the original \$16,000 that we've looked at.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time, Dennis. What's the total figure on that Maintenance Contract?

Dennis Buickel: The Maintenance Contract itself was \$8,800.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Dennis Buickel: Instead of the \$16,000 that we had originally estimated.

President Lloyd: Now, isn't there another contract in there?

Dennis Buickel: There's several other different contracts in there.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: So the amount should read \$11,300, I think.

Dennis Buickel: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Raben: It should read \$11,300, you said, reduce it by--

Dennis Buickel: That's correct, \$11,300.

President Lloyd: It's on page 36, 3540, change that to \$11,300. Well, that's good.

Dennis Buickel: And also, let me get my other line item here. Based on what Council decides to do with the request to upgrade one of the part time employees to a full time. Under 1070-3640 Diagnostic Studies, this is just a...really it's a shot in the dark, kind of an educated guess. But if the Council does approve that increase on the employee, reduce the 3640 request by \$10,000. So instead of \$30,000, drop it down to \$20,000. I know in answering the question about the employee, the reason for that decrease will be explained.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Dennis, one other question. If we grant that employee, is it safe to say we can zero out the Deputy Coroner/Histotech, right?

Dennis Buickel: The--

Councilmember Raben: That's what that person was when they were acting part time.

Dennis Buickel: I don't have a...on your record it might show Deputy Coroner/Histotech, but back last year I requested that some of these job...the job titles be changed. The 1140, let me see, the 1160-1070 line item is Assistant Deputy. That's the one I wanted to increase or upgrade to a full time position.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so you'll--

President Lloyd: Should that have slash Histotech on it then?

Dennis Buickel: Yes, it would.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's what's confusing then. I was thinking that this Histotech was the person going full time. So that's another person?

Dennis Buickel: Well, that Histotech...what line item number are you looking at?

Councilmember Raben: It's 1190-1070.

Dennis Buickel: Okay, the 1190...that Histotech hasn't...that particular line item has not been a Histotech for, well, for ages almost.



President Lloyd: So is that just Deputy Coroner, part time?

Dennis Buickel: Correct.

Councilmember Smith: That position is still there, right?

Dennis Buickel: Yes, Ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: Part time?

Dennis Buickel: Yes.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Didn't you say that if you got a full time, you could eliminate one of the part time?

Dennis Buickel: The...what I said that...do you mean in Job Study?

Councilmember Smith: Yeah.

Dennis Buickel: Okay, when we were talking in Job Study, that question was asked and I said, well, yeah if I really had to. Obviously, I'd rather be able to take and bring her, you know, bring this employee on as full time and fill that part time position. I don't think it's, I mean, that's pie in the sky, lets face it. So if we raised her, or if we upgraded her from part time to full time I wouldn't look at coming back and saying okay, now you give me this, I need another part time employee. Did that answer your question?

Councilmember Smith: Uh-huh, because you said you wouldn't need as many part time, if you had another full time position.

Dennis Buickel: Well, if we upgraded her to full time, that would actually...that would eliminate a full call, part time position. You know, the question is going to come up, what the justification for the, you know, this full time employee. All I've got is numbers to give. But if we go back, if we go all the way back to 1966, I'm sorry, 1968, the Coroner's Office had two full time employees, not counting the part time coroner at that time. Back in 1968, they handled a total 254 cases or investigations. Well, in 1988 they had two full time employees, they had a full time coroner and they handled 436 investigations, ten years...without a morgue facility that they...it has to be staffed. It has to be manned, etc., etc. Well, in 1997, two full time employees, a full time coroner handled 620 different investigations. That's a 47% increase over ten years ago. We've got...we do have the morgue on top of it, and we've got all the things that are associated with, you know, keeping the facility open and running. We talked in Job Study, I don't think anybody had any idea of how much the morgue would be used by other counties. We've got a 360% increase...if you look at the first 12 months that the facility was in operation, and compare it this last 12 months, there has been a 360% increase in the use of that facility by other counties, not even counting the 47% increase of, you know, our own investigations that we're responsible for. This year to date, well, actually, I should say in less than four weeks we will actually have more investigations than they had in 1998...in 1998, for the entire calendar year. That's just how much our case load has increased. Those are my numbers.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Buickel?

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm just sitting here thinking, you know, about reasons for this and I am guessing that one of the reasons could be that Evansville has become the medical center, and

therefore, if someone from any county dies here, it's our responsibility to take care of that. That's correct, isn't it?

Dennis Buickel: By state law, that is correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I'm just thinking that the medical services in this area are all centered in Evansville now. I get out in those other counties and you see, you know, names like Deaconess and St. Mary's, and Welborn all over the place. It seems to me that probably we're just going to get more of the business, I hate to use that term, is going to come here, the hospital business, and this is where they're going to die because this is where you have the top flight hospitals. I mean, they're buying them up right and left. They're just like banks. That could be another reason, because if they do die here, you've got to take care of it.

Dennis Buickel: By state law, that's true. You know, there have been attempts, I know, from...with our state's Coroner Association to get legislation enacted where it didn't make any difference where an individual died or passed away. But go back to the county of the residence or the county where they were insured. You know, if you look at it realistically, we have four or five metropolitan, so to speak, in the state, and four or five counties are not going to get legislation passed over the objections of the remaining 87 or 88 counties up in Indianapolis, it's just not going to happen. So we're, I mean, if they die here, if it suddenly and unexpectedly, someone arrives in an emergency room and that E-room physician doesn't know them from another county, it gets dumped in our lap.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, since I've been a Councilman, I've seen us discuss your budget a number of times, as you know, and I've tried to analyze how come, and I think that may be one of the how comes, you know is that...that's a dramatic change in medical services. It's occurred, you know, recently.

Dennis Buickel: Part of it is the change in medical services in how we're set up here, the metropolitan area. Part of it has to do with demographics, not only locally, but nation wide. There's an article in the Wall Street Journal that they...when I say they, we, nation wide, we're running out of cemetery space. It was an article in the Wall Street Journal, and as the baby boomers age, we're going to have more people dying, and you know, it's sad but it's a fact. Our death rate, actually is on the increase because the baby boomers are getting older. We're seeing more 45, knock on wood, we're seeing more 45 and 50 year old deaths and...for, I mean, not necessarily violent and traumatic deaths, but the sudden deaths and strictly a natural disease process, but we're finding more and more of those. So demographically, our demographics are changing, we're getting older.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I'll get my punch line in--

Dennis Buickel: Some of us are getting older.

Councilmember Hoy: My punch line then for the environment, because of the air. We live in one of the most dangerous counties, airwise, in the whole state. We have more respiratory problems, more cancer than almost, you know, this area does, than almost any place else, and that's because our environment is so bad. Nobody wants to talk about that too much, but that's a fact, not pleasant.

Dennis Buickel: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Dennis, I was going to ask you, since we have a cleaning service, would it be safe to assume that we can reduce the Sanitary Supplies and Cleaning Supplies and whatnot?

Dennis Buickel: Well, let's see what we asked for.

Councilmember Raben: That would be 2730 and 2740.

Dennis Buickel: Would that make you happy?

Councilmember Raben: It would tickle me to death.

Dennis Buickel: Are we talking--

Councilmember Raben: Not to the point where I end up in your building.

Councilmember Hoy: I was going to say, you've got one more case.

Dennis Buickel: If we're looking at going back to what we had in '98, absolutely. You know, I can't stress enough, I'm not saying I would do anything for this upgrading, this part time employee to a full time employee, but the most critical issue that I've got is our workload, the increased work that the...just even having this morgue in our county causes. I need that full time employee. You know, the one thing that I brought up to the Job Study and I'm not trying to belabor the issue of the full time employee, but no one really considers the morgue, if you will, to be a moneymaker and it will never be a moneymaker where we're in the black, it's not going to happen. It's like a necessary evil, it's here and, you know, we can either go back to paying what we were paying, like \$230 per autopsy at one of the local hospitals, when we could get them to accept the case. It would realistically be \$260 to \$300 per autopsy, or we can continue with our morgue facility. We do bring in money to the General Fund. So far this year, to date, we have billed the different pathologists that use our facility \$17,890 just for the histology work, the block, and the slides work. As of about the 15th of July we had billed other counties \$8,675 to use our facility. I've got a letter drafted for the Commissioners, that effective January 1st of '99 we're going to increase the morgue usage fee to the other counties as well. We billed sometimes an attorney firm, sometimes insurance companies \$460 just for copying fees. The bottom line is that we've billed, we either have deposited into the General Fund, that we've billed, \$26,000. Almost \$18,000 of that is nothing but the block and slide work for histology.

President Lloyd: Is that year to date?

Dennis Buickel: I'm sorry?

President Lloyd: Is that the year to date number, \$26,000?

Dennis Buickel: Well, actually, it's at, let's see, \$26,500 and some odd dollars, that is year to date, yes.

President Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

Dennis Buickel: So the point is, you know in the big scheme of things, that's chump change. I don't know any better descriptive term for it. It isn't a lot of money, but it's more money than, I think anybody had any idea that we would ever bring in for a morgue facility. So, I mean, we're bringing some money in. On the flip side of the coin, we paid \$14,000 for histology. And like we talked at the Job Study, the histology blocks, slides, and forensic autopsy, at one time it was a luxury. It was nice if you get this stuff but things have changed so dramatically in six years that, actually, realistically, for about the last eight or nine years, that it's not a luxury anymore, it's an absolute necessity, we have to have it.

President Lloyd: Jim, what were those two accounts you referred to, what numbers?

Dennis Buickel: Was that 1070-2720 and 2730? The Sanitary Supplies and...okay, 2730 and 2740.

President Lloyd: Oh.

Dennis Buickel: Sanitary Supplies and Chemicals.

President Lloyd: Okay. Any other questions for the Coroner? The only question I would have, and you have noted this in the rationale, was the Autopsies you requested \$110,000. I was just wondering where...how much has been expended for '98, year to date?

Dennis Buickel: Year to date--

President Lloyd: That's on page 36, Autopsies.

Dennis Buickel: I can get that back...that's one of the few numbers that I didn't write down out of our ledger book. I've got...I can tell you what we've expended in Contractual Service Maintenance. I can tell you to the penny in Diagnostics, and I can't tell you for Autopsies.

President Lloyd: This June 30th was probably only through, like April or May, I mean--

Dennis Buickel: That realistically would be like a May figure.

Councilmember Raben: I might say that this is one of those lines that Dennis knows will most likely get cut, and he knows that he'll have to come back, but, you know, that's just what we have to do to reach our objective and if we accomplish what we've set out to do, we're going to have a healthy General Fund balance next year, so he knows it.

Dennis Buickel: I have a suggestion here. Why don't you take everything out of Autopsies, do all your cutting in that account, I can come back, it helps you meet your objectives and everybody's happy? It would work for me.

President Lloyd: And you'll be back January 3rd.

Councilmember Sutton: We like to see you.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think Jim needs...Dennis? I think Jim needs to pay your facility a visit; he's used to smelling rubber tires and...so I hope he doesn't cut too much off of Sanitary and--

President Lloyd: Any other questions on the Coroner's budget?

Councilmember Bassemier: When you have one over there, you know, one you've picked up, a month old--

Dennis Buickel: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Bassemier: Tell Jim to come pay you a visit.

President Lloyd: Okay, thank you very much.

Dennis Buickel: Okay, thank you.

### ***WEIGHTS AND MEASURES***

President Lloyd: The next budget is 1302, Weights and Measures, page 92. Please state your name for the record.

Loretta Townsend: Okay, Loretta Townsend, Weights and Measures.

Councilmember Raben: Loretta, are you willing to work for less?

Loretta Townsend: Are you?

Councilmember Smith: I think we went over this budget once.

Loretta Townsend: You told me if I'd leave I'd get everything I asked for, and I left. Right?

Councilmember Raben: I have to admit, you're right, we did state that. Now this is one of those budgets that she always seems to manage with what little she's got. So I think you do a great job, and we thank you.

Loretta Townsend: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Any questions from Council on the Weights and Measures budget? I guess I could ask based on last year? How is your motor vehicle, is that working out for you?

Loretta Townsend: It's working out fairly well. We've had to replace tires. We need a contract on that one. But we've had to replace some tires, and one of them has close to 70,000 miles on it, which is one of the two trucks. They carry so much weight and they get so much wear and tear on them, not like a normal vehicle would in any other department. So we sort of expect that. We have to keep them up, that's our means of transportation, we have to have them because they can't bring that stuff to us for the most part.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith? Oh, you didn't have anything?

Councilmember Smith: No, I was just going to tell her not to talk so much so that if somebody starts cutting like we did the other day.

Loretta Townsend: I'll leave if you give me what I want, that's why I'm here.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Okay, they're satisfied with your budget, thank you.

Loretta Townsend: Thank you.

### **COUNTY COMMISSION**

President Lloyd: Okay, the next budget would be 1300, County Commission, page 85. Please state your name for the record.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: My name is Bettye Lou Jerrel, I'm a County Commissioner, and I'd like to first make a comment to you. I have brought a number of things that I want to distribute. But when we submitted our budget June 1st, a lot of the information was not finalized and I couldn't present it to you, so I'm going to do that today. The joint meeting that you attended, you know that some of our numbers are different because the numbers Leslie gave me changed when she finalized hers, so if you want to go to that budget, would you like to that first, just put the corrected numbers in?

President Lloyd: Yeah, we can do that.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay, alright, If you'll go to page 3, I guess that's 3100, the corrected amount should be--

President Lloyd: Okay, for Council that would be page 87.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay, and account number 3100. The corrected amount was \$99,366.

President Lloyd: What we had was \$99,097. So you're requesting an increase on that?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, that is what you approved at your joint meeting.

President Lloyd: Oh, okay.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That's what you voted on. So I am just correcting our budget. As I said, I turned it in June 1st and the numbers changed.

Councilmember Smith: The correct figure is \$99,366?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Right, you can check that in your joint budget, and on line item 3210 is \$71,612.

President Lloyd: That's Emergency Management?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Uh-huh.

President Lloyd: It's \$71,610?

Councilmember Sutton: Two.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Two, \$71,612. Then go over to...skip the next page and go to 3750, Purchasing Department.

President Lloyd: Page 89?

President Lloyd: Uh-huh, Purchasing. And that is \$73,981.

President Lloyd: It's \$73,981?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Right.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: The next page, Building Commission--

President Lloyd: Page 90.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: --3850, Building Commission, \$309,838 and the next one is Central Dispatch, 3890, and that corrected number should be \$736,764. I don't have the same information that you do, but you have all the description of why in your joint packet.

President Lloyd: I'll repeat those, 3850, Building Commission, \$309,838, and then Central Dispatch, 3890, \$736,764.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Right. Going back through our budget beginning at the front of it there's really no changes in any of the salaries, that's just the typical 3%. On the next page under our Contractual, it begins at the bottom, you have the Southwest Mental Health, and that's a big one in our budget. That's a contract, and it's based upon...it has some factoring in it related to the CPI and increased assessed value, and that's how that contract is increased.

President Lloyd: Which line is that?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That's 3020.

President Lloyd: Oh, that's 3020.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I'm just explaining what it is.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: 3021, Hillcrest Washington is another contract that was entered in a number of years ago, I think back in the early '80's or late '70's and it is a contract where by we pay for children in need of services. We get some reimbursement from Family and Children Services. We're limited to a maximum of 29 a day for reimbursement, and the balance of that goes to them, they collect it. So that contract will be coming up for negotiations in a year or two, and there's some things in there I think we need to renegotiate, but at this point, we don't have any alternative, it's a contract. But we do get reimbursement to the General Fund from the Family and Children Services for that. The next page is pretty much just as it's always been. For your information, on the following page, line item 3280 Examination of Records, that has to do with the--

President Lloyd: Page 88.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: --State Board of Accounts auditing records of all offices. And if you go down to Consultant, David Griffith, that's...if you want to make a little note on 3460, that is...that's the name of the company. It's David Griffith and Associates, and they go through the records in the Auditor's Office, generally they're able to help us collect money. So generally, it...am I correct, Mrs. Crouch, it pays for itself, generally?

Suzanne Crouch: It'll receipt in around \$100,000 or more than \$100,000 a year.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: So it is...it's just one of our backups. Okay, going to the next page--

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, Mrs. Jerrel.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes?

Councilmember Sutton: Before you move on, on that Consultant--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: --line item, you were just referring to. What type of contract is that? Is that an annual contract? How often does that come up for review?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We could renew it every year. I mean, it's a--

Councilmember Sutton: Is it a bidding process, or how is it--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, at this point...up until this year there hasn't been anyone to do it except David Griffith, and now there is some competition from out of state, and they did contact us, and B.J. Farrell in the Auditor's Office went over a number of the line requirement that are done, and we contacted counties that had used them. They're really not into Indiana yet to speak of, but we contacted, I think, Ohio and Michigan. They're in Michigan. It was not going to be a savings at all, so this is something we asked the Auditor's opinion on and she concurred and so we stayed with David Griffith and Associates.

Councilmember Sutton: There was an actual bidding process, I guess, that occurred?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: No, no. It doesn't have to be bid. But we do always, even though they don't have to be bid, we always do a check to make sure. Just like Dennis Buickel told you, we

spend a lot of time going through eight or ten companies, though we didn't have to officially bid, we got the best price.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Uh-huh. Then on the next page, I will give you a reduction, I don't have the numbers yet because they haven't finished figuring them, but we'll be able to reduce Garage Remediation, I hope by \$15,000. So you might just pencil that in because that's--

President Lloyd: Which line item is that?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It's 3532.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: The rent, I...again, we get a printout of space, and I... this is not probably the correct form, but we pay \$15.25 a square foot for all of our facilities. They are all included in one line item in our budget, except for the Health Department and those funds stand alone, and we put rent in their budget so that we don't have to pay it out of the General Fund. It is paid from their particular fund. But that represents all of the Civic Center, and it's at the rate of \$15.25 a square foot.

Councilmember Bassemier: Bettye?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Bassemier: That...it was \$14.95 this year, right? And next year they've increased it to \$15.25.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I've been talking to their board members, I'm hoping that they will, you know, we want this building to be kept in prime condition, but at any rate, that number is getting larger and larger. Between the city and the county, we pay about \$3.7 million or you could round it off to close to \$3.8 million for rent. The city and the county together.

President Lloyd: That increase is 5.5% over last year?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Uh-huh. Okay, on the next item, 3604--

President Lloyd: Excuse me a second, we need to change the tape.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay.

**(Tape Change)**

President Lloyd: Okay, Mrs. Jerrel, please proceed.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I apologize, I was starting something around and I don't have one to pass out to everybody because frankly, they are too expensive and you all paid for them, so I figured if you'd look at it and give it back we'd give it to a customer. It's the brochure that we are sending out to all potential conventions. In there is a sheet of what we've booked already so that you're aware of it. It's a beautiful piece and I thought you'd want to look at it. The line item that is in our budget may be able to be reduced, but it is the line item that I put in there from the Building Authority. They own the building and we are leasing it. This is what they put in as start up costs and the four months of operating. Now the start up costs include a multitude of things. Yesterday we had a meeting in all that pouring down rain we had eight companies from all over the United States that came in in response to our request for proposal for an



events manager. I'm going to start this one over here so you can look through it. We advertised for an events manager and as I said, eight companies from all over the country came. From those that manage these huge complexes, and they were very impressed with what this facility was going to be able to do. First we had a presentation on how much space is available for renting, all the small enclaves that exist that can be rented. The special amenities that are present. There are lots of options for them and we've kind of got a schedule that they will report back in the middle of September and I think they extended the bid dates by one or two weeks because they couldn't go through it. They had the hard hats and we were ready to go, but it was raining cats and dogs, so we didn't get to do that. So we gave them a little more time. We hope to have that events manager, whatever direction this is going to take, firmed up this fall. The reason the money needs to be in place is if that group is in charge of everything or there is something in between with the Building Authority that will have to be determined. Then if there's any reduction, it will automatically, we'll be the first ones to know. We'll want to keep it down as low as we can. They described all sorts of things. They were just bouncing ideas off as fast as they could about things that this facility could be used for that we currently have never been able to do. It'll truly be a convention center. So I hope that everything we do, every step that we go, we want you with us because you're the ones that helped get this started. We've had some help, obviously we're not competent in these areas, we have Barney Livengood assisting us and he is the director of the convention center in Indianapolis and the Dome and all of those facilities that have major ongoing performances. He knew all these, they've got all these contacts and he has been the one to help us develop the RFP and get a lot of people because the more people who offer a proposal or bid the better deal we're going to get. We've asked--it's pretty intensive questioning, I mean, but I want your feedback. The next meeting we have, we will invite any of you that wish to come so you can hear it and if you have any suggestions we want them. And I hope when you see the material that's going out and look at the things we've already booked up through 2000--2001 that you'll feel like you've spent your printing money well. Yes sir?

Councilmember Sutton: Commissioner Jerrel, since you mentioned the facility, time wise, where are we in terms of---how far are we behind?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We're not behind.

Councilmember Sutton: Are we---

Bettye Lou Jerrel: No, we had a presentation at our Commission meeting yesterday. Some phases will be through earlier than others. It's divided, and if you can look at me, am I facing the auditorium now?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: No. Okay, like this.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's the jail.

(Inaudible)

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay, my directions aren't very good. Facing the auditorium, this side is, I think it's A, A, B, C. It's either A, B, C or C, B, A. This is the first side across from the Executive Inn where the kitchen, the ballroom upstairs, all the lower breakout rooms, the offices and there's two entrances. That will be finished first. That's where they began their work and that's going to be finished first. Then they have already moved to the exhibition side and they're working on that now and there's a little building back there that holds all of the heating and air conditioning and all of that is in. They will have that facility next. The auditorium, they are working on, but that will be the one that takes the most to finish up

because it'll have the most intricate lighting. The stage, however, they're already working on that. This side over here should be through, probably in May. Then the exhibition hall should be finished probably August. October 1, they will have everything in the auditorium finished. The thing that they are worried about, and this is just a little aside, but they want to make sure that all of the interrelated acoustical lighting systems are working well before we schedule something that requires a lot of fooling around with it. They want it to be in working condition and I'd like for you all to be a part of what we hope to be, a grand opening in September and would like your ideas on that. I think you guys would certainly want to be part of the lead for the community. Something that we can have free to let everybody come in and see their facility.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a suggestion already.

Betty Lou Jerrel: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: And that is to talk with the Art's Council, because we have all these art groups and I think it'd be wonderful to have them represented at that grand opening.

Betty Lou Jerrel: Phil, that was something they spent, I bet, half an hour on yesterday. On things they can promote and that's the thing that they said, more than anything else. That is going to be a center for the arts. It truly will be a magnificent facility. So they will be very much a part of that, particularly the grand opening.

Councilmember Hoy: The other thing that I'm happy with is the exhibition hall because I deal with food and we can get all those food shows back. That's the space they wanted.

Betty Lou Jerrel: Oh, and by the way, there's on the Ninth Street side, there is a 20' x 20' door that you can drive almost anything in to show it. And at the other end all of the business end, the back up for trucks, all of that is on the Walnut Street side so it's not in the view of this area.

Councilmember Hoy: Unless it's off street.

Betty Lou Jerrel: Off street.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Betty Lou Jerrel: You also have a big opening there where you can drive trucks in and you can even drive in a truck, a small truck, on the service elevator. Not that you'd want to, but if you have to move a lot of things. We're planning on a lot of use and we're building it for that purpose.

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me, one of the suggestions that I'd like to get on the floor---

Betty Lou Jerrel: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Because we've talked about this.

Betty Lou Jerrel: Okay, it's not the wooden floor for dancing is it?

Councilmember Hoy: How did you guess? No, it's not.

Betty Lou Jerrel: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm the liaison for the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Betty Lou Jerrel: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: One of the things we can overture the legislature for is one or two percent increase in the Innkeepers tax, which will help offset these operational costs. In my job I do have to travel, not as much as some people, but the last convention that I went to I paid 17%. So we would be at 7% if we raised it \$.02. You just pay it, that's all. That would help offset some of this implement.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: The man next to you asked me that question. What are you going to do about this operational budget? And my answer to him was just what you said, we're going up to the legislature and we're going to ask for the law to be changed to commit some of that and be able to fund it in that manner. So that's a good point.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm a little concerned about the increase, especially to the county jail, on the rent. This year we're paying \$14.95 per square foot and we're going up to \$15.25 next year. This year we paid \$562,225 to the Building Authority. Of course in '99 we're paying \$573,507. I remember Whobrey said the bang for the buck the other day. I think we really need to push them to be really---they need to be in there and doing something about the jail. We're being asked to fund monies for the jail and stuff like that. I really think that we need, the Council members really need to push hard to make them get up there and do their job. Phil, you mentioned yesterday because we're paying a lot of money. Where I'm coming from, you know, we're getting at a cost where we almost can get a new facility. So, that's all I have to say.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I'd like this back, but I'll start it around, just so you can see exactly what you're paying for on every space. Are there any other items on that---

Councilmember Hoy: How many pages is that, Commissioner Jerrel?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Which one?

Councilmember Hoy: That one.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Not too many. About three or four.

Councilmember Hoy: That would be interesting just to have, I think.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, I'll see to it that you get a copy. We can do that later on, if you'll just take a look at it. No, I want you to have it.

Councilmember Sutton: Commissioner Jerrel, before you turn away from that page.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Sure.

Councilmember Sutton: Real quick, I saw you flipping there.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Sure.

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 3535.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: The Voices for I-69?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: We've got a request for \$20,000 and we've been funding that for the last several years, and I think we are all committed to that. I was thinking in terms of the--- we've got the river boat money that's divided in three different ways.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: One is for economic development. Wouldn't that be a possible candidate for funding under there because one of the things that we are trying to promote is obviously economic development by the use of those funds. Have you ever thought about maybe the possibility of funding that particular line item under that other batch rather than this here.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, because it's a contract. That's the reason we singled it out, but in reality it wouldn't make much difference, Royce. They're all General Fund monies. It's the same pot. It goes exactly into the same pot as this.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess, with the river boat money, since we don't actually have to, I mean the taxpayers don't actually have to come up with the funds for that. It's generated from another source. That's what I'm---

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Sure.

Councilmember Sutton: Looking at. Maybe ways we can cut some corners.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I don't know how long this amount of money will be needed either.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, how long are we---

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I don't know, see that's a good question. Why don't you do this, why don't you call John Schwartz and ask them. Just tell them you raised the question and ask them what their prediction is for us to continue that money.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess my issue is more how we can possibly look at it. Not necessarily change the funding, but maybe change the source of the funds.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Sure.

Councilmember Sutton: From the perspective that we have here.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Like I say, I don't know if you have given it any thought. To that, as a possibility, funding it from the river boat side rather than the General Fund.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: The only reason I think the Commissioners, I mean, this has been this way for a number of years. It was actually before '96. It doesn't show on '95 expended, but I'm sure we've had that.

Councilmember Hoy: I think the question about how long is a good question because once this reaches a certain point in Washington then...

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, if it's---I don't know how long we're going to be. But we put it in there so it could be identifiable as a contract. In fact, that's what previous Councils had asked for. Something that they could---so you would know where it was going, but I'll certainly take that to the Commissioners.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I guess when we first did this we didn't have the river boat funds available to us back then. This is just something that I suggest that there might be a way where we can---or find some ways to reduce some things.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay, I'll be glad to take it to them. And I will ask the Auditor. Is there anything else on that page?

President Lloyd: Any other questions on page 89?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, 3620, Copy Machine Lease.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, that's the lease that we have on the Auditor's copier. That's for the whole County.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, (Inaudible).

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, we kind of---didn't they change some things on us because the amount seems to have increased over the last few years?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, it has.

Councilmember Sutton: That's a nice little increase they've got there.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That's for usage. I mean, we run a lot of stuff.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a closet full.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I'll bet you all do.

President Lloyd: Yes, government generates a lot of paper.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Under Contractual Computer, the 3860, that is our Data Board. All County, that's our share, that's around 63%, our share of all of the costs that are in next years budget for computer and contractual services. That's maintaining all the servers, the repair work that is done, all the printers. We keep a running file on all of the items in the Civic Center and then they also take care of Burdette and the Garage, Engineer. All the people over here. Did I miss somebody? Oh, 911. They are working with them also. We did do something this year. We took out SCT rent from---it took me this long to find this, SCT rent is now a line item rather than being in ours because we pay all of that, but we can bill the city back 50%. But we have to have it where they can see what it is. So that's why it's by itself. We'll get 50% of that back.

Councilmember Hoy: 3931, Youth Services, that's Youth Resources isn't it?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, it is. That's Youth Resources and Phyllis Kincaid is the director and they have a board that has a number of activities. I think they're most valuable, one is the teen power camp that they have and that is a yearly affair, a leadership affair. They have a lot of other things, but that one is and it is kind of expensive to put that one on.

Councilmember Hoy: Do we get pressure from any other social service groups for youths for that money or is that the only one?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes. To be honest with you, I get calls all the time and I just say, we cannot fund with taxpayers' dollars anymore outside groups no matter how wonderful they are. It's just

not the purpose of our money.

Councilmember Hoy: What we do is CASA and things like that in our regular budget. So that's understandable. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Bettye Lou, on YMCA, I was trying recall, is that for the employees?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It is for the employees. I do not remember what share we pay, but we pay a small percentage of the employee's and they pay the balance of it and that is the amount. Where are you---

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I'm sorry.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: On page---

President Lloyd: Page 88.

Councilmember Raben: Page 88, which would be line 3490.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Raben: I was just wondering, I wonder what the real usage might be with county employees? If that's still worthwhile?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, we did an evaluation of it last year and felt like it was. It was something that was---anything that you can do, in terms of wellness, just to make a point with you. The city is having a good bit of trouble with their health insurance---self insurance and our insurance at PHN, Welborn and Deaconess---the Deaconess plan, the Welborn plan have either remained the same or gone down. Now we haven't gotten any final numbers from Anthem or Blue Cross yet, but wellness are important because you can't do anything about someone's health unless you can change their behavior. The behavior we're trying to change relates to smoking, drinking, exercise, obesity and if we can do those things our insurance rates will drop. We've been having intensive training safety sessions at the garage for the last year and a half and we have seen a remarkable decrease in workmen's comp. I mean a remarkable decrease.

Councilmember Raben: Well I agree, the concept is great, but do we know, if in fact,---

Bettye Lou Jerrel: If it's working?

Councilmember Raben: -- are five percent of the employees using, or are 10%?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well they have to pay out of their own paycheck. It gets deducted, their share, so if they aren't using it I would think they wouldn't want to be in it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I think it's, excuse me.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I think it's the same as the city plan. I'm on a single plan myself with the city and it's \$7 per month and it is deducted each month out of the check. And the family plan, I think, is around \$10, but don't quote me on this. It's more, but it's negotiable over there. You made a good point, find out how many really use it. We have a 272 member force, but all of us don't use it. So it's negotiable over there if somebody would go over there

if you've got some numbers.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I'll have Tony do some research on that. But, again, I can't imagine if somebody isn't using it that they'd keep having it deducted from their own paycheck. They are paying more than we're paying.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, that's right. They won't pay it if they're not using it. And you have to sign a card for them to take it out of your check, so how many county employees there are, I don't know. I know the Fire Department, less than a third has used it.

Councilmember Raben: Is that itemized on the pay stubs?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Sure. It's on your stub.

Councilmember Raben: It states YMCA?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Lloyd: I would think you could just pull that from the payroll records pretty easy. I think you can get that, if you want to know.

Councilmember Hoy: Is there a---

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm happy that our health insurance is doing so well that the cost of it---is there any assessment as to how come that might become useful information?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I think it's a measure of our experience of our people and that's how they judge whether you are going up or down. If you have an experience in a certain age group or a certain classification or office, you know, it does hit everybody. We started something new this year, our insurance representative, the man that they have in charge of that---he sets up a regular meeting every Thursday in the Commissioners office to work with employees on any health questions or any claim issues or any concerns that they may have about personal problems. It started slow, but he's not, he's got people in there. I mean, the officeholders are really good about it. They know his hours and Tony Flittner is who does it and he holds them, I think it's Thursday.

Councilmember Hoy: On occasion, we hear complaints about how much we spend. I'm a strong supporter of health insurance.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well those numbers---

Councilmember Hoy: I think we do well on the cost in comparison to other things I've looked at.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Those numbers will be firmed. They're trying to get Blue Cross, so before you all finalize your budgets the first week of September we'll have those adjustments ready for you. I'm passing your pretty brochure around.

(Inaudible)

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Is there anything else on the page with the computer facilities?

President Lloyd: Well, are there any other questions on the Commissioners budget?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: On the Superintendent of County Buildings budget, we had one, we have two changes. One of them is an increase on Bennie.

President Lloyd: We're jumping out of order.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Oh, okay, what's the next one?

President Lloyd: Well, what I was going to do was schedule a five minute recess.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Oh, okay.

President Lloyd: If you'd be so kind.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That's good. Okay.

President Lloyd: We'll reconvene at 10:40. Thank you.

**(Tape Change)**

***COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CCD***

President Lloyd: The next budget for consideration is 1300-2031, County Commission CCD. That would be on page 145.

Councilmember Smith: Russ, before we get into that I just want to speak to something that Ed discussed a while ago. Bettye, I'd like to ask you all to go and see that the Building Authority that we are paying rent to do something about that jail. That's their responsibility. We discussed it yesterday and it got past me a while ago because we went on to something else. I feel like that the Commissioners should, either you do it or we're going to hold up the rent. What are they going to do about it if they don't go in there and do it? They're not going to get their rent. I'd like to ask you to do it. And I know when you go looking for something you usually find it. So, I'd like to personally ask you to see that they do something about the jail.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I will.

Councilmember Smith: Thank you.

President Lloyd: I mean I know that was one of the things that came up in the jail committee meeting, the Blue Ribbon Committee, and that was requested to the Commissioners. Well, the Building Authority trustee, Steve Utley, sits on that panel, so he's well aware of it.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Aren't you meeting tonight?

President Lloyd: Yes, we are.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That would be a good point to bring up tonight, he's on that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know if you go by this year's \$14.95, the \$15.25 and you know you have 37,000 square feet in that jail, 30 cents a square foot adds up. You know, for them to go ahead and ask us for a raise for that jail when it seems like to me that there is a lot of work that needs to be done there. I think they need to do the work before we give them an increase on their rent.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I happen to know that when I went in as Clerk over there they



were going to clean the Misdemeanor office. They cleaned six tiles in that, and that was in 1989, and never ever came back. They never ever clean the air ducts in those buildings. So they really don't do a good job.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Do I hear you suggesting that maybe the Commissioners send out a survey among all the offices and ask --

Councilmember Smith: I think that would be a good thing because they do not clean right.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That's very interesting, Ms. Smith. I'll do that.

Councilmember Smith: I spent some incentive money to put smoke eaters and to try to clear it out because they never cleaned those air ducts in the eight years that I was there.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Mary Hart told me she had been, I think, in the Pigeon Trustee office for 18 years and the drapes had never been cleaned.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I bought a vacuum cleaner and they complained with me having it. They said that I was taking their job away. We had some sawdust laying in the floor and I left it there for seven days and they never cleaned it up. I bought this used vacuum cleaner and they complained. I said well then make sure they do the job. But I'm saying they don't do a good job any place.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Maybe you might want to take five minutes or so, maybe tomorrow after we finish, and we'll get some survey going. You can give me some ideas.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay.

President Lloyd: Alright, as I had noted we're on page 145, Commissioner's CCD Fund. There's only two things in there.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, but I'm going to take just a minute and I'm not going to do John Stoll's Cum Bridge, but I have to explain something to you so you'll understand why they're in there. In the state of Indiana we're responsible for bridges. Even though Fulton Avenue bridge is in the city, but it's the county's responsibility. You've probably read that we had huge holes, well they develop every winter, but the bridge is beyond the practicality of being repaired. It's either going to be closed or replaced. We have the plans and we have the approvals, we have everything but the money. The state of Indiana has only \$10,000,000 allocated for bridge replacement for the entire state. The cost of the replacement of the Fulton Avenue bridge is about \$5,100,000. Under normal circumstances the state picks up 80% and the county picks up 20%, or either you don't get your bridge. You just wait until something happens. I have met several times, and talked even more times to Dennis Faulkenburg who handles, he's the second in command and also does a lot of the financial work along with Rick Whitney. They truly want to help us. Now, he's coming down here the end of this month and he's coming up with some creative financing ideas. We may have to pay a little bit more. There's no rule that they pay 20%. That's just what we'd like to hold them to, but they don't have the money so they're not going to do it. They're going to spend their money as allocated other places. But I think if we can negotiate with them, we have, and I wanted to point this out to you, we have \$800,000 in the Fulton Avenue Bridge. Then if you look at the Cum Bridge, I want to be real honest with you and show you where all these numbers are. If you look at your Cum Bridge budget, you'll notice that--

President Lloyd: Page 140.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yeah, on the last page of that budget, page 144, you'll notice that we have in '98's budget \$967,654. If we put those two numbers together that gives us \$1,760,000. If we can get the state to agree to give us the balance, which would be 65%, but I don't know if they'll agree to that because that's more than anybody else is getting anywhere else in the state. But if they would agree to that we could replace that bridge. If we don't replace it... what I've done is get a letter writing campaign and some of the letters would just break your heart if you read them. We got a letter from Al Dauble's son-in-law, Mr. Dauble passed away. And he said he had an inch thick file on that Fulton Avenue bridge how long he had worked to get the street widened and the bridge done. And his dad didn't live to see it, but he wrote this letter to the state. It is a real masterpiece. Lewis Bakery. We've got L B Jones. They've been there since 1932. These are our own businesses with over 500 employees and we're going to cut them off. So obviously if we don't get a deal then this money goes back into our Cum Bridge and we've got plenty of bridges to do. But I wanted you to see what my plan was.

Councilmember Hoy: This will be the new bridge that extends?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, Fulton Avenue.

Councilmember Hoy: Fulton extends across.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: But anyway, I wanted to point that out to you. John Stoll will be up here, but, you know, there's a reason for that. We've got to do it. We don't want to shut those people off.

Councilmember Smith: Well, Bettye, you said that... there's nothing in there for '99.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: But we can encumber it if we get--

Councilmember Smith: So you're going to set that \$967,000 aside?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, we're going to encumber it if we know we'll get something done. Start this year.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: But I wanted you to know that so you'd see what we were doing. And Lynch Road, we hoped to be able to have the plans to continue Lynch Road, buying the right-of-way, and get the state to buy in with us. Again, with them absorbing the big bulk of that to complete that interchange so that you can get up on I-164 and complete the loop. That's the only thing in those budgets.

President Lloyd: Well, the other thing is Lynch Road Phase II, will that be preliminary, or--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That's a misnomer, it's not Phase II. It's probably Phase III, it's the buying of it. That was me, I didn't put the right number down. It will be buying right-of-way and hopefully we can begin some work.

President Lloyd: Is that from Burkhardt to 164?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Uh-huh.

President Lloyd: Okay, alright. Any other questions on Commissioners CCD?

Councilmember Hoy: Where is the money that we earmarked for Burdette? Where is that now?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It's in a special account for Burdette, but you're going to need to, I've got those things for you too, you need to reappropriate that December 15th. We've got to remember to do that like we did last year. The Drainage Board, are you ready for that?

President Lloyd: Any other questions on CCD?

### ***DRAINAGE BOARD***

President Lloyd: If not, let's go to Drainage Board, 1260, page 82.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: The only change on that is the Drainage Board remunerations for the Commissioners is too high. I can't find my page. I reduced it and it ought to be--

President Lloyd: Are you talking about the Board members' salary?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yeah, it should be \$780.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have \$839.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yeah, we'll take it down. It belongs at \$780 for each of the three lines.

President Lloyd: Seven hundred eighty even?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Right.

President Lloyd: Okay. Any other questions on Drainage Board?

### ***RIVERBOAT***

President Lloyd: Well, on our list here the next one would be Riverboat, 1490, page 132.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: The Riverboat is divided the same way that it was last year. We've had some requests... I really wish Richard Mourdock were here to speak to this because he could do it much more eloquently than I can. I think that the Welfare to Work program, and I know that's not its official name anymore, but I think they truly are coming to grips with the best and most beneficial way to help those people that are in transition and need help as they go off of welfare and are employed. So we have had some transfers that they have recommended, Tim Suenram.

Councilmember Sutton: Bettye, I think you bring up a good point there. It was probably a pretty even split between the different needs that were outlined by the committee. As time has kind of gone along here the committee has kind of really discovered that there are greater needs in some areas and lesser needs in some of the other areas. I think initially there was probably a lot of thought that there would be a great demand under the education side. There hasn't been as much for the education and training component as was initially thought. So, some of the funds, now they are in the process of trying to move some of those funds over to safety net measures which has become a great demand. They have something like 90 clients that are waiting for some word back. They have pretty much allocated just about all of the funds. So, they're trying to shift some of those things around to meet those needs as they have been requested. Now, the child care component, there's been some need there. But, you know, from the transportation standpoint there probably hasn't been as great a need as maybe had initially been expressed. Maybe for a variety of different reasons, because of limited transportation modes that we have available. But the safety net has been probably the one

where there is the greatest need.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Thank you. I think that says it very well. I know you work with them closely. So it's important that the program continue, but it has to be flexible.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on Riverboat funding? It's a total of \$1,500,000 which is probably conservative. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Question on that, the multipurpose building for Burdette came out of these funds here...or no, CCD? Okay. Well--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: And you probably didn't hear me say to Councilman Hoy that you need to reappropriate that \$500 and Steve--

President Lloyd: Five hundred thousand.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I mean \$500,000. Steve Craig will be here to talk to you about Burdette, but let me just go ahead and pass these out. This is our grant. It's a copy of what we're going to do.

Councilmember Sutton: I know we are looking at trying to apply for some things for some of the plans there, but I guess that when we had set aside the \$500,000 the thoughts and plans were that we would continue to set funds aside on a continuing and regular basis. We don't really have anything set aside. I don't know if that's just maybe in line with just the thoughts that perhaps this grant will cover the amount needed to build or construct whatever it is.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, we would rather use the state's money than our own.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh yeah.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We'd rather use the state's money than ours. When this gets up there, and we're doing kind of a fancy cover and everything, but I would like for you all to help with the lobbying of this. I've met with all the Legislators and I think you could be very helpful. This is something we haven't received much money in this area from the Build Indiana Fund. So, if we could get your help, you know, maybe you could touch a nerve.

Councilmember Sutton: How much different will this facility be from maybe what our original thoughts, maybe with the multipurpose would have space that would accommodate, you know... this is kind of more educational related, I guess--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: No, it's got a whole lot--

Councilmember Sutton: For banquets and things like that?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: No, this has got plenty of room. This came from the Burdette people. This is their plan and their idea. The dialogue and the written part is from them.

Councilmember Hoy: It does not include, though, a replacement for the skating rink?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: No, it doesn't. In the poll that we did and the research that's been done it's very clear that Burdette Park is off the beaten track for skating rinks. It's like the two that are sitting empty out on the east side. They're not accessible areas and they went very bankrupt. Citizens Bank, I think, had the one on Kotter Avenue after they spent a million and a half on it. We didn't want to put that kind of money into something. But again, as I said, this is something that the park planned.

Councilmember Hoy: He's going to speak more to this?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, I think he can. But anyway you all have it now and I'd like for you to look at it. This is something that, you know, we'd like very much for you to help with.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't have that study with me. My recollection was that the desire for the skating rink was a strong desire.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I think out of 32 people questioned, I think three mentioned it. I'll round that up.

Councilmember Sutton: I've got it with me, the study.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay, how many people were contacted and from what side?

Councilmember Sutton: There were... total in the study, I'd have to look back through here, but 300 telephone interviews were conducted. They looked at the side of town and everything, and their age and sex, and they began to go through and rank which ones where there was the most interest expressed. They asked if they were interested in a multipurpose facility. There was common consent that a multipurpose facility would be something, in fact 72% agreed that they would be willing to see a multipurpose facility. But of the items that they would like to see in a multipurpose facility, they went through and broke that down. In the survey it indicates that 13%, which was the highest of the percentages, indicated that... no, actually it says 5%, roller skating was the second most mentioned suggested improvement in a separate question. It says more than any other activity roller skating is the activity that more residents want to see offered at Burdette Park. So that's just basically some of the things that were indicated, I guess, just from a general standpoint in the survey. I don't want to go through and take up a lot of time. I have to flip through here.

President Lloyd: What was the top activity?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Actually, the way the questions were asked... did we provide you with one of those?

President Lloyd: I've got one.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay, you need to review it. This is something you all need to be part of as we proceed with this. You need to review because they were asked do you know about Burdette? Do you know where it's located?

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We got an overwhelming yes and that was one of the reasons that prompted us to reduce the advertising budget because it was a well known facility. You did reduce it last year and the income is up.

President Lloyd: Well, in that study it showed that the majority of the people using it were from this county, isn't that correct?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the questions were asked in several different ways to really get at the things where they were most interested they put them on a scale of one to five. At the top of the scale was actually roller skating. So on a scale of one to five roller skating was at 3.31, the mean for that. They had a base of, I guess, 300 participants there. Down through with ice skating, volleyball, basketball, dancing, and banquets being the lowest at 2.69 in the

study that they had conducted. So, I guess in terms of commitment wise, I guess I'm looking at... I don't know what the state may do. I guess that we're hopeful that they will be able to provide some things there. But in keeping, maybe, with what some of the suggestions were in the study, insuring that we have as much in line with, maybe, what the study--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We looked at this in terms of several aspects, the financial commitment of operating it, the security that would be needed, and the cost because that's important too to the overall budget. We looked at those things that the people at the park felt were most important. I think your reference to the survey makes me feel good because we spent \$9,000 on it, or \$8,900, and I hate to see those things done and have them pitched. So, we certainly did use that in our examination also.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, but if we aren't going to have room for maybe some of the things that were mentioned here--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, we're going to have room for most of them. It just was not intended that we would have a full staff or hours for roller skating, day and night. And you've got to remember what happens when school begins.

Councilmember Sutton: Well I guess this space that is going to accomodate banquets and stuff like that is going to be pretty low, but we are going to accomodate that though.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, you need to express your thought, Royce, and I know we want your input, that's very important.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I'm just trying to gauge here, if we're going to have a facility are we going to do anything this year?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We're not going to do anything this year until we... the Ways and Means Committee will get this grant and they have a process that they go through. We may be asked to come up and testify, and again, I would encourage some of you to help with this, if you will. They will be conducting those, Dennis Avery is on the Ways and Means Committee, and then they'll make a decision. But we won't know that decision until after the first of the year next year.

Councilmember Sutton: Do we know how much this facility is approximately going to cost?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It's all in there, all the numbers and the figures and the size.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, since this is just dropped on me today, I'm saying let me look back through here, \$2.7?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Uh-huh. This isn't part of the budget process in the sense, but I would certainly welcome, I know Steve Craig would really welcome having you go out there and letting him show you some of this because Steve had some major input into this. I think he'd be happy to answer any questions.

President Lloyd: While we're looking at that are there any other questions on the Riverboat budget?

### ***SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS***

President Lloyd: If not, I'd like to move to Superintendent of County Buildings and then after that we'll have Burdette Park, page 95.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: On Superintendent of Buildings there are two items that are different than

just a normal budget. Item number 2300 needs to be corrected, Sandie caught that one. It needs to be set in at \$708, that's a union figure contract, union contract, and we didn't have it in there correctly.

Sandie Deig: What number is that, Bettye?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: The 2300.

President Lloyd: Okay, it's showing \$600 and you're saying it should be \$708.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It should be \$708. We just this year will transfer some money into that, but we might as well have it correct. The item that has never appeared, we've always tried to--

President Lloyd: Hold on, hold on. Mrs. Deig says that should be line 1750 Clothing Allowance.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: What did I do?

President Lloyd: Not Uniforms?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: The Uniforms couldn't be that high then, Uniforms should be about two hundred and something.

President Lloyd: Are those transposed?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: They may be backwards.

President Lloyd: Well, if we could have that for next week.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yeah, we'll get the numbers. We'll just pick up the union contract and make sure it was correct. The item that needs to be addressed is regarding the Buildings, 4120. We have had additional appropriations and this is for the buildings that we have to demolish. We've torn one down on Futrell Dump, we've had a number here in town. What happens, the complaints are filed or the inspectors, health inspectors generally, they condemn it. The Building Commission goes out and looks at it and they order it destroyed and send us the bill. So, we put in what we thought we'd be asking for, if you want to just have us come back. The only thing is we have to have something in there because they're tearing a lot down.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this budget? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: On line item, the very first one, 1110-1310 is that just a step increase with that particular person?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, but that may, again, if we have somebody in there that starts out at a lower amount that would be reduced. But we would let you know, it just rolls back into your budget anyway.

Councilmember Sutton: But we don't have anybody there right now?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: No.

President Lloyd: Any other questions?

### **BURDETTE PARK**

President Lloyd: If not let's move on to the next budget, 1450, Burdette Park, page 122. We'll

continue this discussion.

Steve Craig: My name is Steve Craig and I'm from Burdette Park.

President Lloyd: Any questions from Council on Burdette Park's budget?

Councilmember Sutton: Other Employees, line item 1180-1450 --

President Lloyd: Page 122.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: What page are you on?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm on page 122, line item 1180-1450 Other Employees. How are we doing in terms of being able to get much, getting very many of them to return? Is this just the result of, I guess, the difficulty in being able to keep, I guess, a staff with the competitive wages out there? What's the increase that we're looking at for next year due to?

Steve Craig: Well, right now you see these advertisements in McDonald's \$6 an hour premium shift and insurance, and we're paying \$5.15 for most of our part time workers to start. Some kids would rather work in a park, but some kids are looking for the money for college, you know, clothes and everything else. We do lose a lot of people... I mean, McDonald's is just one of them, there's several other places that they can make more than minimum wage. But to stay competitive we have to, you know, pay competitive wages. One of the lures is working at a pool or working at a park and that, and that helps some, but it doesn't counterbalance the money that the other places are offering.

Councilmember Sutton: Are we still providing some type of incentive for those that actually do return?

Steve Craig: Yes, yes, we put a 15 cent incentive in. Every year that they would return they'll get a 15 cent raise.

Councilmember Hoy: So what are we offering in general then, to compete? What's the level we're offering rather than minimum wage?

Steve Craig: I don't understand.

Councilmember Hoy: You were comparing it to fast food places and I'm just wondering what our level is to compete with that, the \$6 or \$6.50 they're offering?

Steve Craig: We start most of our jobs, like I said, at \$5.15. Lifeguards, if they have certain certifications, they receive a quarter for each certification, WSI and a couple of other things that they can get to get more money from that. And then they do receive the 15 cents for returning each year.

Councilmember Raben: They're also paid extra for staying until Labor Day also.

Steve Craig: Yeah, we have an incentive also, thank you Jim, that if they work for us from Memorial Day and stay with us until our last day we give them a quarter too. It's real tough with the schools the way they are now, a lot of the kids have already taken off for college. To get them back to Evansville on the weekends is not an easy thing in the fall because they all want to stay at IU or Purdue and that. But we do offer them a quarter for every hour that they work through the whole summer if they stick with us until the last day.

Councilmember Raben: In addition to that I think the head guards are like \$8.50 per hour, aren't they? Aren't the head guards significantly higher?



Steve Craig: The manager of the pool makes \$8 an hour and we're requesting that the assistant manager make \$7, but the head guards are probably just about a quarter above the regular guards.

Councilmember Smith: Is that what they make at Hartke? Are you in comparison to them?

Steve Craig: I don't actually know what they pay.

Councilmember Smith: Uh-huh, because it's further out there. I know with the distance sometimes make it hard for you to get people out there, too.

Steve Craig: Yes, we have people that don't want to work out there because of the drive. Some of the kids, you know, don't actually have cars. I mean we assume they all do, but some of them don't have cars and they don't have a way to get there. So that is a hindrance to hiring some of the people.

President Lloyd: Yes, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible...microphone not turned on.)

Steve Craig: I don't have an actual attendance count, but money wise it's down, probably, 20%. I think that has to do with the baby pool not being opened due to the delay they had from the rain when we were fiberglassing the pool. The pool's actual was \$14,000 below last year as of June 30th. But the rentals in the park were up \$34,000, so I'd say the park use was up. But as far as the attendance at the pool, it was down. We did have a lot of rain and that's what delayed it to begin with. So, we're at the mercy...

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible...microphone not turned on.)

President Lloyd: Ed, turn on your mike.

Steve Craig: Yeah, we're no longer open during the week as of today. Yesterday was our last day, and today it's suppose to be like 87 and pretty, you know.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right.

Steve Craig: It does hurt us because August was one of our better months and May is a terrible month, you know, it's cold and wet. Basically they gave us the end of May for our swimming season and took away August. So it is something that is definitely going to have an affect on the income at the pool.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, the reason why I'm bringing this up is because it will be different next year. Even though revenues will probably be a little bit down this year, next year it will probably be up because you'll have the kiddie pool that you're working on and a few other things.

Steve Craig: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: I noticed your advertisement is down from last year to next year. I think that's requesting \$10,000, is that right?

Steve Craig: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: And before that we put in \$50,000?

Steve Craig: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do you think that might hurt you a little bit?

Steve Craig: It hasn't hurt us. All of our incomes are actually up. The general fund income was up \$30,000 as of June 30th. Our concessions, floats, and gifts stand, they were up \$10,000. So, it doesn't look like it actually hurt us. The only ones that we were down in were the pool, and I think that was due to the pool not being done at the time.

President Lloyd: Hang on a second we need to change the tape.

**(Tape Change)**

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: One of the things I noticed is that you had underwriters for your billboards, did you not, split billboards?

Steve Craig: Yes, we did.

Councilmember Hoy: That should help the advertising.

Steve Craig: Yes, we got creative and some of the people approached us and we approached other people and Grandy's works with us extensively on our pavilion catering and we got together with them last year when we didn't have any money in the budget for the advertising and they gave us one fourth of all their billboards that they had put up for a six month period and put a Burdette advertisement on it.

Councilmember Hoy: You had about half the billboard didn't you, or was it that much?

Steve Craig: I think it was one fourth.

Councilmember Hoy: It was noticeable. I thought it was a neat idea.

Steve Craig: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: And we didn't have to pay for that or we paid...?

Steve Craig: We didn't pay a penny for it.

Councilmember Hoy: That's great. A good idea.

Steve Craig: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: What other type of things do we do advertising wise?

Steve Craig: We did some on-site promotions with radio stations. We do some flyers. Basically, it was promotions with radio stations and that. I mean, we used to do TV and that, but I don't know that I ever saw, you know, the jump in attendance or anything from doing TV over radio. I think the radio probably reaches a wider area of people. With all the stations we have on TV now, it is hard to pick out the one that somebody is going to be watching at the time, you know. When you have five stations you knew you were going to catch, you know, sooner or later, but now you have 50 to 100 of them you don't know which station to advertise with anyway.

President Lloyd: Other questions on Burdette Park budget?

Councilmember Sutton: On...yeah.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 1240-1450 Secretary/Receptionist. Is that a step increase there?

Steve Craig: What was that number again, please?

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 1240-1450, page 122 in our book.

Steve Craig: Secretary/Receptionist?

Councilmember Sutton: Uh-huh.

Steve Craig: It was a three percent increase.

Councilmember Sutton: That's a little bit more than three.

Councilmember Raben: You looking at 1240?

Councilmember Sutton: It's 1240-1450.

Councilmember Raben: Well, based on '98 budget that's three percent, I believe.

Councilmember Hoy: You may be looking at the actual rather than the budget. The actual is \$17,549, but the budget last year--

Councilmember Smith: And three percent of that it wouldn't come to \$21,000.

Councilmember Sutton: That's what I was looking at, the actual '98 and then the requested for '98... '99, excuse me.

Councilmember Hoy: But you budgeted for \$20,000. Was that vacant for a while?

Steve Craig: Pardon me?

Councilmember Hoy: Was that position vacant?

Steve Craig: Yes, it was.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, alright.

Steve Craig: Yeah, she was on maternity leave.

Councilmember Sutton: I see.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, is this the appropriate time if we're finished with the budget to discuss the building rationale for the change in it?

President Lloyd: Yeah, let's go ahead.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like...I mean, my hope was for a multipurpose building that would include, you know, skating and I'm wondering how come...what's the rationale for changing that from your viewpoint?

Steve Craig: Okay, I guess I had a bell that got rung last year at this meeting and Mr. Raben rang it for me. He said that from a business point of view why don't we move it into the city to

a central location where everybody would be able to use it. At first I thought it was crazy, then when I thought about it, it wasn't crazy because I was thinking of the Day Camp, having a Discovery Camp, having things out in the park being in nature and that, but when you start looking at it from a business point of view if I was going to build it and I wanted to make money and I wanted it to at least pay for itself I would put it in a central location. I think you could look at Swonder Rink and if you would have took it and stuck it out into the four corners of the county it would have probably not made it. I think one of the reasons it is successful is because of its location. If you just look at it from that point of view, you know, I think that is a major reason in itself that it shouldn't be there, but the other reason is that it's going to like double the cost of what the building is going to cost right, what we're asking for. I think that would make it cost prohibitive and then we're going to lose the other things that we want it to be such as a place for receptions, proms, dances, the Discovery Camp, we wanted to use it for arts and crafts. It's out in the country setting. You know, the park did have a skating rink for probably 35 years, but it never really made any money, it broke even. Nowadays to build a building of that size and that it would cost the county a fortune to keep it running every year and I don't think we could take enough revenue in by using it as a part-time rink because it wouldn't be a full-time rink, it would just be a part-time rink. I don't see that would be financially smart, I guess, to build a part-time rink and then we're going to have to hire several full-time employees to run this building and we looked at it and I thought if Vanderburgh County would build a skating rink it should be in a more central location where it can serve all four sides of the county, plus pick up Mount Vernon, Princeton, Newburgh, Henderson. If you're near the main thoroughfares you're going to pick up a larger clientele.

Councilmember Hoy: My counter argument which I would like to offer is A, there is an intercity skating rink in Evansville over on Bellemeade. The survey that was taken last year indicated that Burdette was one of the top three parks in the county in terms of usage and the usage from the east side and the north side, you know, all those sections of the city other than the west side was almost as high as the west side. Royce has got the survey and you can check me on that, Mr. Sutton, so I don't think...distance it not an argument that works real well with me because Evansville and Vanderburgh County are just not that big that people will not get there. They'll get there. I was envisioning, and I think some of the rest of us were, a building similar, and this gets to double the cost and not being able to use it for banquets, at the 4-H Center they have built a rink that has the new type flooring in it where you can skate on it and you can have a banquet on it and they put their kitchen facility in the middle between the rink and the other banquet room and you can go out there some nights and there are people skating on one side and eating on the other or eating on both sides or whatever they have scheduled it for. I just have strong feelings that this may not get the usage that the multipurpose building would have gotten because it could have served that function that was desired the most and that is skating. My final point is one that is not appreciated, but it's true and that is when you have a facility like Burdette or almost any other facility like in the city or the county generally speaking you are going to subsidize it. I mean, we're going to subsidize The Centre over here and we subsidize a lot of things, you know, because they're for the betterment of the community or they go under that strange phrase that we use, quality of life. I think for those reasons I would like to see it reconsidered. I don't know whether it will be, but that is where my sentiments were when I originally voted for this.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on Burdette?

Councilmember Sutton: Where are you proposing that this facility will be located?

Steve Craig: On the backside of the BMX track. Just because this building is being built doesn't mean that there can't be a skating rink built out there. I mean, to combine the two of them it's going to make one of them nonfunctional. If we want to have a full-time rink we could build a skating rink out there, but to make it a multipurpose building with a skating rink in it I was afraid that we're going to take away from the use of being the skating rink. You brought up that Burdette was, I think, the second most used park in Vanderburgh County. I think

Wesselman's Nature Center was first, but probably 80 percent of Burdette's usage right now is in a three month period which, you know, makes the skating rink probably a major competitor of our swimming pool. If we took it out there and its three most active months would be the summer which it was, then it's, you know, in direct competition with our swimming pool also. So that is something that I took into consideration that, you know, when you have large picnics and that and you have the park full of people that you're spreading it thin. We usually have the park pretty full of people right now in what we offer them. We do keep them busy for the whole day. Most of our use in our park right now is probably in the three month period.

Councilmember Sutton: Are we going to get...I guess I'm thinking that, you know, some type of facility that we're looking at would have some type of crossover. A person comes to the park and they want to swim, they want to do some other things, maybe with what I'm hearing here it's going to be more of a nature center oriented type of thing? Don't we have that at Wesselmans already? I mean, aren't we duplicating since it's already in existence?

Steve Craig: It's going to house our Discovery Camp and our Day Camp. That was one of the reasons that the word multipurpose was used instead of just a skating rink. The other purposes of, well, you know was envisioned years ago for a multipurpose building was to have a central location for our Day Camp and our Discovery Camp. Right now they are using four of our rental buildings in our park. They take away from our rentals because at the time that we're using...or that the Day Camp and Discover Camp is in session then we're not being able to rent four of our larger buildings.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess with the School Corporation moving closer and closer, you know they haven't made a decision yet, but closer and closer to the thoughts of year round school that's going to have a tremendously negative affect upon a facility like this if they go in that direction because you won't have those summer months as a luxury from a usage standpoint that maybe you once had.

Steve Craig: We've looked at that. They will still have the same amount of time off a year, but they'll just be in different sections during the year. During that time they can still offer programs with this Discovery Building up there.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think we're kind of crossing terms here. I guess multipurpose and this facility as I see it is really maybe two different things from the standpoint of what we're looking at. When those funds were set aside, you know, by the Council that's what the intent was that we would have a facility that would provide--

Councilmember Smith: A skating rink.

Councilmember Sutton: --skating and possibly banquet type of things as well as some other things, something that would be multipurpose truly in that sense. I guess I'm not really seeing us as going in that direction with this particular facility. I think the park does continue to have an attraction, but I think if we go back and look at our numbers it would show that once that skating was no longer available we did see some dip in some of our numbers, even at the park it did have an affect. That's why there has been a continuing interest in trying to have some type of multipurpose facility. We studied it. We've looked at this whole process and I just don't see why we're abandoning that whole process. I know the board there that you guys have studied this and looked at it and you guys are probably closer to the park and its needs than probably we are as a Council, but I guess I have to really look at the study and look at the other discussions that we've had on this and it just seems like we've strayed away from that, that whole thought and intent that we were going into. It just doesn't seem really plausible for us to set aside half a million dollars and then use it for something else when that really wasn't the intent. That just seemed to make sense to me.

President Lloyd: I would like...we've got a number of large budgets to move through, so I would like to pick this up next week on Burdette.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I had a short comment I would like--

President Lloyd: Okay, real short, please.

Councilmember Hoy: Going back to the 4-H Center. During the fair, that whole skating rink floor was used for displays. I don't understand why perhaps a smaller skating rink, you know, it wouldn't have to be as large as the old one. With these new floors they have you can do anything, you can skate, you can have a display, you can have a Discovery Camp, you can have banquets, you can have everything. When we initially discussed this we were talking about \$2.5 million for that kind of building, so I have to say I'm disappointed because I feel like I'm looking at something entirely different here and something less useful.

President Lloyd: Thank you very much, Mr. Craig.

### **COUNTY HIGHWAY**

President Lloyd: County Highway is page 133. Here comes the highway crew. Please state your name for the record.

Milton Hayden: Milton Hayden, County Highway.

President Lloyd: Any questions from Council for County Highway? Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: On page 135, line item 1052 Bookkeeper/Payroll Clerk. Your actual is \$24,890 and it's gone up \$27,179. Is that a step increase?

Milton Hayden: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Smith: It looks like they had a step increase from...actually, in '98 they raised it from \$22,000 to \$24,000 so that step increase and this step increase they wouldn't get one in the next year would they?

President Lloyd: Mrs. Deig.

Sandie Deig: The County Commissioners requested this upgrade because one position has not been filled all year and this Council did approve it.

Councilmember Hoy: We approved that increase?

Sandie Deig: Yes, you did.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: It was a position upgrade.

Sandie Deig: It's an unclassified position and the Commissioners requested a higher salary because she is doing the work of two jobs.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, we approved that at the Council this year, if I recall on that.

President Lloyd: Okay, other Council questions on County Highway?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman.

President Lloyd: Councilmember Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: We've been informed that we will have to cut the Highway by the Auditor's request of \$200,000 so we're going to go with that! No choice, but that is better than \$400,000 which has happened in the past and especially in the middle of the year that has happened in the past, so I think the state has finally realized that we got to...you know, help us out. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on County Highway?

Councilmember Hoy: It's interesting that whenever the television stations used to have to do...under the FCC they used to have to do a survey of community needs, roads and streets were always the top thing, but when it comes to paying the taxes for them that's probably way down the list.

President Lloyd: One question I have is on page 138, Equipment Lease and Rental. What's the reason for that big increase?

Milton Hayden: On Equipment Lease and Rental?

Councilmember Hoy: It's 3630.

Milton Hayden: Okay. That's for mowers and any other equipment that we do have to lease out. Some of the equipment that we have is not really up to standard. We do have these mowers to cut city lots and we're getting more and more of them.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: I think that is very true. They have two mowers to mow along the side of the ditches and we have had one in repair considerable and it has been considered that we rent here for the summer months here and some of this is possibly involved in this so they can keep these weeds down. They're having a heck of a time with the rainy season this year especially.

Milton Hayden: That's correct.

President Lloyd: Any other questions for County Highway? Thank you very much.

Milton Hayden: Thank you.

### ***CUMULATIVE BRIDGE***

President Lloyd: The next budget is Cumulative Bridge which is on page 140. Please state your name.

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer.

President Lloyd: Any questions for the County Engineer on Cumulative Bridge?

John Stoll: One thing I would like to state on those bridges that are listed for next year's replacements, we're working off the 1995 bridge inspection report still and there is an ongoing inspection going on right now with the report due back sometime in the next few weeks, so

that report may result in some changes on the bridges that are listed for replacement for `99, but if that turns out to be the case and there are some bridges rated more poorly than the `95 report listed that we need to get on for next year then we'll be back in January to make those transfers at that time.

Councilmember Hoy: How many bridges are you maintaining now, John?

John Stoll: One hundred and forty-two.

President Lloyd: When you say the 1995 report how often do they issue reports?

John Stoll: It's a bi-annual report. The problem with it not being redone at the end of `97, there were some delays in the state issuing the funding for that so we had a consultant selected at the end of last year but the funding wasn't available so it delayed it until I believe they started the inspection in March or April and we're still waiting on the final report.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on Cumulative Bridge? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: John, down at 3160 you've got Radios and Pagers \$1,500 and you've never had that in the budget before. How many is this?

John Stoll: This is to take our pagers in my office out of the accounts that are being paid out of the County Garage accounts. It just separates the two offices, so that's why we added that in this year and then the county vehicle that I drive doesn't have a two-way radio in it so we wanted to get that installed as well next year.

Councilmember Sutton: Where was that? Well, maybe back in the County Garage. Maybe we need to find that, where that came from.

John Stoll: Carol might be able to answer that.

President Lloyd: That would be on page 138, line 3160 Radio/Pagers.

John Stoll: Right, in the past the pagers for my office were paid out of the same line item as the County Highway, so we're just splitting those out for next year's budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Shouldn't there have been a reduction on there?

President Lloyd: Well, it seems like it should be \$1,500 lower. Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: That way we can keep track of John.

John Stoll: That's right.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on Cumulative Bridge?

### ***LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS***

President Lloyd: Okay, let's move to Local Roads and Streets, page 159. Two page budget. Any questions from Council?

Councilmember Hoy: Where are the new traffic lights going to go?

John Stoll: Everywhere.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, I thought so.



John Stoll: We've got lights going in at Burkhardt and the Wal-Mart entrance; Burkhardt and Virginia; Burkhardt and Vogel; Burkhardt and Oak Grove; we've got the new light that was just installed at Green River and Lynch; and we'll have the new light that will be installed at St. Joe and Allens Lane. I'm trying to think, I think there was one other one. I'm drawing a blank right off the top of my head, but those are the main locations plus we already had the signal that we were paying electricity on at Cross Pointe and Lloyd and we have the flashing lights at Covert and Fuquay; Boonville-New Harmony and Green River; and Covert and Fuquay...I mean, Green River and Millersburg, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: You know, I would almost be willing to pay for a study out of my own pocket to see how many retail facilities are vacant in this city because we just keep going that direction and all we're doing is doing lateral transfers of jobs, adding traffic lights, adding to the pollution. You know, it really makes me wonder. Eating up cornfields. It just keeps going and going and I see vacancies all over town. You know, from my viewpoint from my profession it touches on my sense of stewardship, of everything, money, resources, you know, and all of that. As I said, I forget when we were discussing Burkhardt and someone said, well, it's going to help with the pollution. Yeah, it is, it's going to help to raise it because every traffic light you'll have people sitting there burning gas, burning gas--

John Stoll: On traffic lights, too, one of the problems is once a light is put up they are rarely taken down and there is usually an outcry from the public that they won't let it be taken down even if it is not warranted.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm not blaming you, Mr. Stoll, you understand that.

John Stoll: Right, I'm just throwing out that the studies, even when I was at EUTS we did studies that showed there were unwarranted signals and we had a heck of a time trying to get any of those signals removed even when they weren't justified anymore, so that is a problem that--

Councilmember Hoy: When we start paying for gas what they pay in Europe we might see a change.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on Local Roads and Streets?

Councilmember Sutton: Two words, overpasses and frontage roads.

President Lloyd: I noticed you've got a large amount for Eickhoff/Koressel, you might talk about that for a minute. That's on page 160.

John Stoll: The intent on that is we need to get the engineering, the right-of-way engineering, done on that project which basically would define the legal descriptions for all the right-of-way parcels we would have to buy for the first phase of that project between Lloyd and Diamond and once the right-of-way engineering is done then we can get a right-of-way services agreement with the consultant to go ahead and start buying the right-of-way parcels, so that is what that chunk of money is for.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question about that, Mr. Stoll. I'm on the Local Emergency Planning Committee and also on another committee that deals with disasters. It would seem to me that if we get I-69 and if we were to persuade the powers that be to run that down the west side of the city, then we might want to reconsider this project. My question is, just to move from a statement to a question, okay, is are people coming together, departments coming together to look at that possibility because I know that in LEPC I have an assignment to look at that with some folks since we all take assignments on and I'm hopeful that may

happen because it would seem to me a better idea and it would use less land and I-69 would not have traffic lights on it.

John Stoll: Right. That has been discussed. I guess the only problem potentially with that is the fact that I-69 will not have access to all the local roads that Eickhoff/Koressel would so roads like Hogue Road and Upper Mount Vernon and things like that, depending on where I-69 may go through it's not likely that all those roads would have access to the interstate so this road, even though it would have potential for traffic signals, would provide a more direct route with more connections for our local streets. Depending on where they would potentially put I-69 it may be further off into Posey County that it may not have benefit so much for moving traffic on the west side. I guess it all hinges on where they might put the road.

Councilmember Hoy: But there are discussions taking place concerning the interface of these two things, I hope?

John Stoll: I've not seen any studies on I-69 at this point, but the issue has been out there and has been discussed so I guess once they start realistically looking at alignments for 69 once it goes south of 64 then we could look into that.

Councilmember Hoy: We have discussed it as a committee with Mr. Schwartz with Voices for I-69 and some other people, so there are some discussions going on. I would hope that those discussions would find a point of convergence for a lot of reasons. I've been in other cities where people choose to move out further as they are on the west side now and when you buy that, you know, you buy into whatever the roads and streets are like as all of us do. It's not that I want to cheat the west side, but I think everybody wants to look at what this is going to cost us, how much, you know, land it is going to eat up, that sort of thing. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions, Roads and Streets. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I have one just brief comment on Eickhoff/Koressel. Next to the Burkhardt area this is probably the second most congested area that we have. It's in the fastest growing university not only in the state of Indiana, but in the midwest. As you can tell with what is happening at Red Bank and 62 now this is the area where all the development is going to move to. If anyone drives through there now if you think it's a bottleneck today think about what it is going to be like in five years. I don't really think that part of the county can afford to wait for I-69. You know, we need to be acting as aggressively as we can on getting Eickhoff and Koressel going. The other drawback with I-69 is John may have said it best, you're not going to get Hogue Road, Peerless Road, you're not going to get interchanges for any of those roads and the ones that you do they take up just a tremendous amount of land because an interstate is going to have a cloverleaf where, you know, Eickhoff and Koressel we can get by with crossroads, so I am looking forward to seeing this project happen.

Councilmember Hoy: I have one more point and that is one that dismays me. The line was drawn, you know, on the west side now as to where development would stop. That's been moved. This is not a question, it's a statement. We criticize the state for building the Lloyd the way they did and it wasn't built right. We sabotaged it thoroughly on the east side now so it is no longer an expressway. We spent six million county dollars on the interchange at the university and now we're going to sabotage that by putting in more traffic lights and more traffic. If I were sitting in Indianapolis, you know, with the State Highway Commission, I simply would say Evansville likes traffic lights, Evansville doesn't care to have an expressway and this is where I think the planning has gone awry. The whole situation...because you go to other cities and your expressways are not sabotaged. You access, you know, the retail via intersections. I just hate to see this happen. I hate to see all the trees go, too, because I like to breathe, that's another whole issue. But just in traffic alone that's what is happening on the west side. I don't mind development going out there, but we're going to have an expressway that is an expressway for a short while and then it's not, and then it is, then it's not, then it is

and it's just going to get worse and worse.

President Lloyd: Mr. Stoll, any closing comment?

John Stoll: We don't have a whole lot to work with when it comes down to the state. I mean, once the signal is warranted the signal goes up. Unfortunately, that's the way it is. If not, then typically the city, the county, the state and everybody gets sued because once the accident happens then all of a sudden we're liable, so unfortunately that is the way it seems like it turns out and I would like to see an interchange everywhere as well, but there is not enough money unfortunately.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to add one thing as far as--

President Lloyd: Quickly, please.

Councilmember Raben: --the actual overpass itself. It was designed to accommodate Eickhoff/Koressel.

John Stoll: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: So that is not going to be a problem.

John Stoll: Eickhoff does have design approval. It has been designed and it has been approved by the state so from that perspective I guess it is a little further along than I-69.

President Lloyd: Okay, thank you very much. Let's move to the County Clerk, page one. We need to change the tape.

**(Tape Change)**

**COUNTY CLERK**

President Lloyd: Please state your name for the record.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell.

President Lloyd: Any questions by Council for County Clerk?

Councilmember Raben: Marsha, 3540 Maintenance Contract...

Marsha Abell: What page is that on?

Councilmember Raben: In the big book it's page 5. That is up significantly. Can you elaborate any on that? Can you help us out as to why?

Marsha Abell: Some of them that weren't paid in 1996 had to be paid in 1997 and we even had to carry some of them over in 1998. These are what our contracts are actually for. I think the contracts are actually for -- we've got, I think we requested \$20,000. I think the contracts are actually for around \$17,000 for everything.

Councilmember Hoy: On your expended, the \$11,000, that probably would be through May, would it not?

Marsha Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: So, --

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Marsha Abell: Or maybe through the -- probably toward the end of June, I suspect because some of them we pay every quarter and we may have paid two quarters. I am not real sure.

Councilmember Hoy: You would predict, though, that's six months, would that double then?

Marsha Abell: Yes.

President Lloyd: Other questions?

Councilmember Raben: I have a question on Child Support Supplies. That looks like that --

Marsha Abell: I'm sorry, what page is that?

Councilmember Raben: Page 5 --

President Lloyd: 2611.

Councilmember Raben: It appears as if that's a new budget. It shows an actual of \$6,200 and the request is for \$15,000. Is there anything we can do on that one?

Marsha Abell: Let me look at that. I think the reason we increased that was after my discussion with FSSA, our equipment, although it wasn't put in until 1995, it's 1998 computers and they're not going to take care of any expenses on them. I can get back with you on that. I don't see it right off the top of right here...Child Support. I think that was why we did it was because we've got one, at least one terminal, maybe two. They're getting ready to go down.

Councilmember Sutton: The line above that on Office Supplies, line item 2600, we are...I guess the request is much higher than what we've seen before. Can you speak to that request?

Marsha Abell: That amount actually has been almost \$60,000 but it's been paid -- half of it has been paid out of the Incentive Fund most of the time. I have some figures if you...

Councilmember Sutton: Using Incentive Funds for next year --

Marsha Abell: Yes, we will be using Incentive --

Councilmember Sutton: -- on supplies for next year or what's your thoughts on the use of the Incentive Funds?

Marsha Abell: We will be. I told Mr. Lloyd that I would give him some figures on how much we project the Incentive to be. Of course, it's not going to be nearly what it has been. But in the past, in '93, '94, '95, and '96 supplies purchased out of Incentive has been well over \$30,000 and in '97, but I don't have all the full year, of course, because...

Councilmember Smith: Are they going to set up a separate supply account for child support? It's never been before until you okayed this \$6,240. That's always been -- everything was bought out of the same account and she's right, more than half of the supplies were bought out of the Incentive Fund.

Marsha Abell: The reason we did that this year is the Clerk's Association is trying to determine if we should ask the state legislature to increase the \$20 a year fee that the people pay to more than that because we don't think we're covering our costs on child support by just charging \$20 for the fee, so I got with Suzanne. It's basically just to kind of keep track of it so we will have something to present. Almost all of the counties are doing it to try to find out

where are in that thing.

Councilmember Hoy: The Incentive Funds are diminishing year by year, is that correct?

Marsha Abell: That is correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Do we have a prediction on how much, a percentage or anything? Is that hard to do?

Marsha Abell: I am predicting that 1997 total income for my particular portion will be around \$60,000 and I don't suspect that it will be -- we're hoping that it is that much next year. I am certainly not thinking it's going to be any more. It's going down the more they get to centralized collection and distribution away from the county and toward the state taking over control of child support.

President Lloyd: Other questions? I had gone -- I guess I will ask a question. I had gone through a number of the salaries and there's up and down -- some changes. And I read the memorandum you sent. Are those changes -- are those people in those jobs now or are you planning on having them there as of January 1? You know, you've got just some different increases besides a 3%.

Marsha Abell: No, those people are actually working in there now. For instance, in child support, there's only three people listed in the salary ordinance, but there's four people working in there and I know four people worked in there when Mrs. Smith was in there because there were four there when I came. There's always been four people in there. There's only three listed in the salary ordinance, but there's no way three people can run that child support division. So these people are already in these positions.

President Lloyd: Well, and then also you have some that are decreases, so those people have been changed to lesser jobs, is that correct?

Marsha Abell: You mean decreases in what I had last time or what I --

President Lloyd: From last year's budget.

Marsha Abell: What, for instance?

President Lloyd: On page one, Juvenile Clerk, 1080-1010, that is a 6% decrease from last year's budget. I mean, I just assumed that they were given different duties.

Marsha Abell: Well, we did change someone around and they had a lesser step, three's a brand new employee in juvenile and there was someone in there that had a lot of years in juvenile.

President Lloyd: Okay. I guess the one other one I would ask about is on page three, 1440-1010 Bookkeeping Clerk. I believe in your memo you had noted that you wanted to move that up to a COMOT III. That works out to an 18% increase. Is that one of the supervisors or which area is that person in?

Marsha Abell: You mean from the 1998 actual to the 1998 --

President Lloyd: Yeah.

Marsha Abell: From \$17,333 to \$20,000 is 18%?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Marsha Abell: No, this isn't someone with -- I don't know how long Debbie Schneider has been there. It could be that she has one step coming this year that might have brought that up.

President Lloyd: Has that person been doing the same job for a while or is that -- I mean, is she new to that job?

Marsha Abell: She is new to it within -- she had done it. She moved somewhere else and now she is back in it. That is actually the bookkeeper that balances the child support account and there just aren't very many people that know how to run that computer program and it limits me on who I can put in there anyway.

President Lloyd: The one other one would be the one right below that, is 1450-1010 Assistant Chief Deputy Cash. That is another one that is 18% -- I just -- is that a level increase or is that a new person there?

Marsha Abell: No, that is not a new person in there. That is just a level increase.

President Lloyd: Any other questions by Council for the Clerk's budget? Okay.

### ***ELECTION OFFICE***

President Lloyd: We will move on to 1210 Election office, page 72.

Marsha Abell: Page 72?

President Lloyd: Any questions from Council on the Election Office budget?

Councilmember Smith: I think the wrong figures are in the Inspector, the Judge and the Clerks because next year is the city election and there is 127 precincts and I think this was figured on 167 because I think the Inspectors should be \$21,590.

Marsha Abell: I think you're right.

Councilmember Smith: And the Judge is supposed to be, I think it's \$30,480 and the Clerk, I believe, is \$27,940. I think that's the right figures that -- \$85 for the Inspectors now; \$65 for...the Judges, the one Judge and \$55 for the others; and that was to cover for they have to pay Social Security on it now -- I mean pay taxes on it now.

Councilmember Hoy: What are those figures again, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: What?

Councilmember Hoy: Can you repeat those figures?

Councilmember Smith: Okay, in the Inspectors line item it should be \$21,590; the Election Judges, \$30,480; the Clerk, \$27,940. You're talking about two elections, five people on a board for 127 precincts. So I think those are the right figures and if not, she can check.

Marsha Abell: I'll check but I do think you're right because I think when I was working with Sue, we were figuring it, we figured it on 167 precincts which was what the county race was this year.

President Lloyd: Would that change precinct meals also, which is 2280?

Marsha Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: That's \$75 a precinct, so that should be instead of \$25,050, it should be \$19,050.

Marsha Abell: And that might go down. Last year when we had the classes, we took a vote and the people that worked the precincts said they would rather have a meal delivered at 10:00 a.m. and another one at about 3:30 or 4:00 and just have two, what they call good meals, I don't know that you can get a good meal when you work election day. But rather than three, because the third one always comes when they are trying to tally their votes and they can't get everything done at one time.

Councilmember Smith: I think the Council appropriated \$5 a meal for three meals a day, so it was \$15 per person times 5, so that's \$75. And sometimes all the boards aren't filled, so you don't nearly spend all that much money.

President Lloyd: Other questions on the Election Office budget?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, line item 3410 Printing, it was \$6,000 and you've raised it to \$30,000?

Marsha Abell: Right, we included in that having the ballots punched and put together by E S & S rather than having them done locally -- and locally meaning our office. E S & S purchased VRC, VRC sold us that machine that does that punching and between 20 and 25 years ago, they couldn't remember exactly when, they no longer have the machine, no longer service the machine, and if we were to have that machine break down, they will not repair it and I can't find anybody that says they know anything about it to repair it other than oil it and that type thing. If it breaks down while we're getting ready to do the ballots, it's too late to send them to E S & S to be done and I don't know where we would be except you can't postpone an election. We would be sitting here with no ballots and no election and a piece of equipment. No one uses that equipment anymore. There were a few counties that bought it. No one is using it anymore. E S & S has put in an upgrade where they do it themselves and send it back to -- and that's to have them do it rather than us which we also think will cut down on the number of people that will have to work in there to do it.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on Election Office?

Marsha Abell: I might also tell you that I tried asking if we could sell it to them and no one wants to buy it.

President Lloyd: Okay. Any other questions? If not --

Councilmember Sutton: One more question, line item 3610 Legal Services? Talk about that just a little bit. We haven't really spent very much there but why do we need that line item?

Marsha Abell: I think part of that has to do with when they were having the -- they hired the attorneys to check the ballots when there was a problem a couple of years ago, checking the signatures. We do have a staff of attorneys that are there election day, quite a few quite frankly. I would think that if you wanted to decrease that it shouldn't be a big problem. You can see we didn't spend that much in '98. If you double the 400 we've already spent, you're still just up to \$800 and it's not going to be that much and I think pretty much the investigation is over, so I don't think we're going to need it for that.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions on Election Office? Thank you very much.

### **CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

President Lloyd: The next budget for consideration, 3570 Convention & Visitors Bureau, page

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Dolli Kight: Dolli Kight.

President Lloyd: Any questions on Convention & Visitors Bureau budget? Yes, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Workman's Comp, I can't...I know this is the first -- we don't really have a history on that but does that line need to be there?

Dolli Kight: Workman's Compensation, it's been one that we've had every year to cover our employees, we've stayed consistent. We carry our own coverage.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, it has to do with the kind of entity they are, that it is mandated. It's something, that's my understanding anyway. You have to pay into unemployment as well which you might find in the other budgets.

Dolli Kight: We file all of our own taxes and everything.

President Lloyd: Other questions for Convention & Visitors?

Councilmember Smith: 4230 Motor Vehicles, you've got \$6,000. Is that --

Dolli Kight: That's the Bureau vehicle that we use. We have site visits to take people around to tour the city.

Councilmember Smith: But that's for the gas and oil, or whatever, or --

Dolli Kight: That's for the lease on the vehicle.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, it's the lease. Oh, okay.

Councilmember Hoy: That's not used as a personal car.

Dolli Kight: I use it, but the rest of the staff is welcome to use it at any time.

Councilmember Hoy: But it is not a take home car.

Dolli Kight: Yes, it is my take home car but many times the staff has it.

Councilmember Raben: I don't recall, I know this question has been asked in the past, but that 3601 Rent-Show Place, what is that?

Dolli Kight: That's when we attend exhibits and trade shows to promote the city/county, everybody.

Councilmember Hoy: What all does that include?

Dolli Kight: That's basically the rental of the space. They can be anywhere from \$500 to \$2,000 for booth space rental depending upon the show that we attend.

Councilmember Raben: I guess I am just kind of shocked. I would expect to see this budget go way down since we don't really have anything right now to market; our big drawing card is not there.

Dolli Kight: Well, actually, we are marketing. We've already booked 16 events through the year 2005, people are already looking that far in advance for The Centre facility. We've got



23, 22 - 23 other pieces of business that we are actively pursuing right now that could take place up through 2005. So while it is not physically there, we still have to sell the space now. If we wait until it's there, they are going to be looking at 2008, 9, 10.

Councilmember Raben: Advertising, is most of that handbills and whatnot?

Dolli Kight: No, that is anything from Midwest Living to Better Homes & Gardens, our professional associations that we advertise in their directories or their magazines and national tour association, Meeting Professionals International, all of that is included in that. We also used the advertising this year to produce The Centre brochure so it is several different things that we use that money for.

Councilmember Hoy: The brochures themselves and the some of the other items such as the Evansville magazine, you've got advertising in that, of course.

Dolli Kight: Right, it kind of all gets intermingled when you take some out of printing and the cost out of actually placing the ad and...so while we might take some out of advertising to produce the brochure, we might take the rest out of printing to actually print the brochure.

Councilmember Raben: What does it cost and what type of advertising are you doing, like in Better Homes & Gardens?

Dolli Kight: Better Homes & Gardens, one of the ads that we're running next year which is considered a brochure ad, it will be under Indiana State Tourism cooperative page, they've negotiated a break for us, but it's about \$2,800 for that piece. We'll be running four ads next year just in that magazine alone. We do four ads in Midwest Living and our advertising usually starts in March and April and runs through the fall. We are increasing and extending our advertising a little bit next year. We get a lot of requests from people wanting to come in the fall or come in during the Christmas season to see Fantasy of Lights or the Reitz Home, go out to Christmas at the Zoo, so we are trying to extend our advertising out a little bit.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Other questions on the budget?

Councilmember Raben: One last question. Bond & Insurance, account 3000, is up?

Dolli Kight: That is going up. We're coming to the end of a three year contract we had with our insurance company. They have told us that it will increase substantially for the next three years that we set our insurance costs. The previous years it was set, but next year we anticipate that it is going to increase.

Councilmember Hoy: What all does that cover?

Dolli Kight: That covers director's insurance, our liability insurance for the Bureau, personal liability, personal injury, all of that.

Councilmember Hoy: The insurance on the building is carried elsewhere?

Dolli Kight: Yeah, carried through Visitor's Center Incorporated.

President Lloyd: On the salaries, you had budgeted 7% based on the incentive system. Would that -- on all the others except you, would that be you rating them?

Dolli Kight: All of them except for me, yes. It would be my review. We do conduct those reviews twice per year and the review is based on the action plan that each department is

asked to write at the beginning of the year and it's quite comprehensive. They have to set about six or seven goals, they determine three or four objectives for each goal and about eight strategies, that's about the average in order to develop that action plan and then we review their performance based on whether they've met their deadlines they've set or their quantifiable goals that they've set. The three member personnel committee reviews my performance also twice a year at the same time frame, same criteria.

President Lloyd: Is that part of the board, or board members?

Dolli Kight: Yes.

President Lloyd: Is it possible that if convention business fell or something, that the increase could be zero?

Dolli Kight: It could be zero if the employee isn't performing.

President Lloyd: I know the data that you gave us, would that performance appraisal, would that be the same for your position?

Dolli Kight: Absolutely.

President Lloyd: So the way you presented the budget was the maximum allowable, but that could fall lower just depending upon --

Dolli Kight: Right, it could be zero to seven percent, it just depends on each individual employee's performance. Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: The jobs are listed in the salary ordinance and rated by the Job Study.

Councilmember Hoy: What was the question?

President Lloyd: Mrs. Deig was questioning this as far as these jobs being in the salary ordinance. Mr. Deisher?

Tim Deisher: They are listed in the salary ordinance under section 357.

Dolli Kight: One of the things that I know that our legal counsel did some research on was that our commission never formally adopted that and I am speaking from not having personal knowledge of that and not knowing the legal issues.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Ahlers, do you have a comment on that? I am confused at this point because I thought at one time these were being taken out of the Job Study? Is that, it could be. Is that correct?

Jeff Ahlers: I don't know what the discussion was as to whether or not they're taken out of Job Study or not. I suppose that, you know, that regardless of whether they're in Job Study or not, the budget has to be approved by this body, so ultimately, you control what those salaries are. The question becomes whether or not you're doing it by virtue of Job Study or not Job Study. I suppose one of the problems, and I do remember and didn't realize this was going to come up again today, but I do vaguely remember six months or a year ago, I guess, that this issue came up and I guess it's one of those things that you get through that initial point and then nobody took it back up again, but I suppose there's good and bad and I suppose the Convention Bureau has to consider you can't take part of it and not all of it. There's good and bad. You like county policy and you want to adopt the county policy manual and county benefits or if you don't, then you don't get step increases and I mean, there's all sorts of pros and cons from that standpoint. I can go back and look at the issue as to whether or not they

are bound by the salary ordinance. I don't know that technically and I've never looked through their minutes that they've ever adopted it. They are considered a separate body, they don't come out of the General Fund so to a certain degree, I agree it would be separate, but it ultimately -- the buck still stops here. I mean, you can argue around it any way, but still the statute says that their budget has to be approved by this body, so I suppose this body, if it wants can either allow them to essentially unclassify those salaries and approve them, or this body can say, you can call it salary ordinance or not, this is what we say these salaries should be and this is all we are going to approve, so it comes full circle where you're right back to where it's basically your decision in that regard, regardless of how you want to look at it. Now if we want to once and for all resolve this issue, I would suggest that probably at some point, once we get through this budget process maybe take a look at whether the Convention Bureau wants to discuss being a part of taking both the benefits and the detriments that go with being under county policies or whether they are going to have their own policy and look at the legal angles and we can look at it or talk about it. But at any rate, it's for this body to determine what those salaries are to approve the budget.

Councilmember Hoy: I am looking at the levels -- those don't bother me a great deal because I am your liaison and I know the kind of jobs they are. What I would think you all would want to do is see whether or not you are going to lose by not being under the Job Study, not getting step increases and those things.

Dolli Kight: May I make a few comments? We do not share in the county's PERF. We had to set up our own retirement plan. We also, most of the employees work overtime, weekends, evenings, they're out of town, they do not receive compensatory time off, they do not receive overtime pay. So I can give an example, just a few weeks ago we had a convention in town and three of the staff members worked about 12 to 15 hour days for three days. They go out of town when they are on the road traveling. I spent 17 days in one month out of town and didn't get an extra day off and I didn't get any extra pay or a bonus.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you. I think it is important for this body to hear that because it's a different kind of work and I know I was in on, as I told you, on one of the events. It was on a Saturday and the staff was involved -- longer than eight hours, I can tell you that.

Councilmember Smith: Well, you can't take it halfway one way and halfway another, either. You're going to have all the way or not because she's right, they do work when there's things in town. They do work a lot more than sometimes 12 to 15 hours, but you can't say well, you've got to go under the Job Study this way but you don't get the fringes this way. So, you know, that's what we're going to have a make a -- whether we're going to give them the fringe benefits that go with it. If not, then you let their board make the decisions.

President Lloyd: Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: I'm curious. Do you have your own insurance or do you take county insurance?

Dolli Kight: We are asked -- the county insurance, we don't get the YMCA benefit, but we can take county insurance.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, well that maybe something, too, whenever all this is discussed and resolved is that --

Dolli Kight: There are things we get and certain things we don't get so --

Jeff Ahlers: Right, and at some point that's what needs to be discussed. Either it's -- it probably needs to be consistently all the same or consistently separate, whatever that is. At some point that probably needs to be --

Dolli Kight: And I have brought some other information with me. The International Association of Convention & Visitors Bureau has just completed their salary and benefits study and I'll be happy to leave that information with you. It does show salary levels based on comparable budgets, comparable regions and comparable staff size. We're quite a bit lower.

President Lloyd: We could make copies of it for all the Councilmembers.

Dolli Kight: I've got copies for everybody and I've also got a copy of our action plan and I did bring -- I think everybody did get a copy with my rationale of our performance based system I'd like to use.

Councilmember Hoy: Mrs. Kight, what I would like to suggest if the Council concurs, we have as Mrs. Smith has pointed out, you know, where does it fit? I think that would be a beneficial discussion for your board to conduct and then set something in that seems to fit your situation and then bring it for our consideration and it would kind of settle the dust on the issue.

Dolli Kight: Well, I do know they were aware that I was going to submit the 7% increases and hopefully get this sort of system passed. So I think they gave the stamp of approval when they approved our budget, but I don't know...

Councilmember Hoy: Well, the event that I touched based on, just so Council knows, and I know we're going late, but where a thousand --

President Lloyd: Excuse me, we need to change the tape. Hold that thought.

**(Tape Change)**

Councilmember Hoy: They asked me, they said, "Phil, are you sick? You didn't say much--"

President Lloyd: Okay, we're back in line.

Councilmember Hoy: --I'm well today. Well, the Council needs to know there was a thousand people using rooms here from all over the United States for six nights.

Dolli Kight: Virgin Islands and all over. It was an international event.

Councilmember Hoy: Right and you work a lot of hours when that occurs and they were, I talked with them because I mixed with them on that Saturday and they were just delighted at what goes on here. I tell you, you get a better convention in Evansville than you get a lot of other places, that's easy to say.

Dolli Kight: And you know we're not just all about the heads in beds thing either, we know that, to use your term, quality of life is important you know we've worked hard, the bar-b-que festival--

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you. Heads in beds.

Dolli Kight: We have worked hard with the bar-b-que festival and got all of the calls on Garth Brooks, you know, where can I stay, I'm coming in to see Garth Brooks and without those events we know that everybody is going to be affected from somebody who blows a tire on the highway and stops in at Raben Tire and they are from out of town, you benefit from that visitor, so it all comes around.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on)

Dolli Kight: Sure, you are welcome, come anytime.

President Lloyd: I think that Board is composed on the law, isn't it? State law, because a certain number have to be hoteliers.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on)

Dolli Kight: No, there is three out of the seven that are hoteliers.

President Lloyd: We may need to do some research on that as far as, I mean our attorney could talk with your attorney.

Councilmember Hoy: I've got the, if you'd like, I mean, he has provided me with the packet, I could you know--

Dolli Kight: The folder that both of you did receive--

Councilmember Hoy: --yeah, that's got the information in it.

Dolli Kight: --I did drop off here for everyone.

President Lloyd: Any other questions for Convention and Visitors? If not, let's go to the next budget, Tourism Capital Improvement, page 194.

### ***TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT***

Dolli Kight: I thought that I got off easy.

President Lloyd: One more.

Dolli Kight: One more.

President Lloyd: We've got--

Dolli Kight: We cleared the room, didn't we?

President Lloyd: --it shows the actual expenditures on the Auditorium furnishings, which came out of tax fund, which we are very grateful for that.

Dolli Kight: Half is going to the Pagoda, half is going to the Centre. So, that is pretty cut and dried.

President Lloyd: Any questions on this budget?

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on)

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: When you have this much money in your account, did you put that up for bids at the banks?

Dolli Kight: Yes, all three banks bid on--

Councilmember Smith: Bid on it?

Dolli Kight: Well, actually they are all getting a share of the interest. It was kind of a unique situation, all of them worked on, especially the Pagoda project, they are all sharing in the interest from this.

Councilmember Smith: Because a lot of times if you, you know, you'll call and get a quote and get one from each one, you take the best--

Dolli Kight: Right.

Councilmember Smith: --rate.

Dolli Kight: I don't know. I wasn't involved in all of the nuts and bolts when they established it but I do know that all three major banks do receive a percentage of the interest from that.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, because it used to all go to one.

Dolli Kight: Yeah, it doesn't anymore.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this budget? Okay, thank you very much, Ms. Kight.

Dolli Kight: Thank you. I will leave that other information here for you.

President Lloyd: Appreciate it. The next budget would be Bond Issue/4300, on page 200.

### ***BOND ISSUE***

President Lloyd: These are outstanding bonds that the County is funding.

Suzanne Crouch: I might, Suzanne Crouch, County Auditor, I might note for Council that these payments do not come out of the General Fund, they come out of COIT, surtax and wheel tax, so they do not affect the property tax rate.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on)

Suzanne Crouch: Yes, that payment is \$480,000 a year.

Councilmember Raben: I was, when will we be finished with that?

Suzanne Crouch: I will have to check on that for you.

Councilmember Raben: It's around like 2000?

Suzanne Crouch: I was going to say sometime after 2000.

Councilmember Raben: 2000.

Suzanne Crouch: I will check on that for you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on bond issues? Looks like on the USI it is decreasing each year, that must be related to principle and interest? The bonds are being retired each year?

Suzanne Crouch: Yes.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions on this? Let's move on to the last department 1020 County Auditor, which is on page 6.

**COUNTY AUDITOR**

Suzanne Crouch: I presume that since Council is worn down, there will be no cuts in this budget? Is that a false assumption?

Councilmember Sutton: Don't come with any assumptions.

President Lloyd: Any Council questions for County Auditor? Overall budget increase over last year is 4.3%.

Councilmember Sutton: I have a question.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: On Office Supplies and then Other Supplies, on both of those line items I see that you have decreased on both of these but on Training, Computer Hardware and Computer Software, any particular hardware, line item 3371, we have a pretty significant request there, can you speak to that, just a little bit?

Suzanne Crouch: Yes, sir. That line item increase reflects a total of five PC's. Two for bookkeeping, the Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable Department. Three of them would be for the Transfer Department. Then there is a, also within that there is an expense for a color printer that would go into bookkeeping.

Councilmember Sutton: Do they have to have color?

Suzanne Crouch: Certainly, if Council doesn't wish it, no.

Councilmember Sutton: Most color printers are pretty inexpensive.

Suzanne Crouch: It is an expensive printer, yes sir.

Councilmember Sutton: We are not talking about laser, are we? Are we talking about a desk jet?

Suzanne Crouch: I don't have that specific information for you, I will get that for you. But, as I recall it is a fairly expensive printer. I am thinking that it was in the neighborhood of about \$4,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Definitely a laser.

President Lloyd: Any other questions for the County Auditor?

Councilmember Sutton: Then the last one was Office Furniture.

Suzanne Crouch: Office Furniture.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, that is line item 4210.

Suzanne Crouch. Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you speak to that?

Suzanne Crouch: First, there are two issues, as of June 30 there had not been any money expended in that line item of the actual \$1,400 that you had budgeted us last year. That is because we physically rearranged the bookkeeping department and installed three computers

there, so we were waiting for that physical work to take place to go out and get some quotes for furniture that we need in there. The additional request in the Office Furniture is for shelving. Last year Council budgeted for 56 plat books for the Transfer Department in the Auditor's Office. They required a special type of shelving, one similar to what the Recorder's Office has with the rollers that makes it very convenient and easy for people to access those books. Unfortunately those books, I'm sorry those shelves, cost \$800 per unit and we need five units and that is \$ 4,000 and then we need an additional \$500 for shipping and handling, this is an expensive process.

President Lloyd: Other questions for the Auditor? Okay, thank you very much.

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Oh, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, Suzanne that 1180-1020 on page 6, we have another figure on that and it should be \$29,208.

Councilmember Sutton: What page is that?

Councilmember Bassemier: Page 6, 1180-1020/Bookkeeper Accounts Payable. Would you check on that? We think that should be 29,208.

Suzanne Crouch: I will check on that.

Councilmember Smith: What line did you say?

Councilmember Bassemier: 1180-1020.

President Lloyd: Oh, okay. That's related to a step increase?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah.

President Lloyd: Twenty-nine thousand, what was the rest of it?

Councilmember Bassemier: 29,208.

President Lloyd: 208.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, sir.

President Lloyd: Any other questions for the Auditor? Thank you very much.

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you.

President Lloyd: I'll entertain a motion to recess until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. Motion by Mr. Sutton, is there a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Before we close out, I did want to, hope that we could, before the session we really didn't discuss it but Mr. Whobrey distributed a copy of this around to all of the Councilmembers to give us chance to compare over a ten year period, if we went ahead and the County went ahead and picked up the employee's share of the PERF and hope that everyone gets a chance to take a look over that. I think that it even further underscores the cost savings and benefits of going this particular route for our county employees. So, I hope you get a chance to take a look over that and I just want us to make sure that we give ourselves an opportunity to really give is some strong consideration. I think it is a good, I think



it is a good deal for the county and for the, a good deal for the employees as well, so, I was just hoping that we can, don't maybe brush this aside but make sure you pull this to the top of your stacks and stacks of paper, and take a look at this.

President Lloyd: Is there a second to recess until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Lloyd: All in favor, raise your right hand. We are recessed.

## **VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARINGS AUGUST 13, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 13th day of August, 1998 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Russell Lloyd, Jr., at 9:05 a.m.

President Lloyd: I would like to reconvene the Vanderburgh County budget hearings for 1999, day number 3, August 13, 1998. First off I would like to have everybody stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Lloyd: Once again, we will try to have a five minute recess around 10:30 a.m. during the budget process. I would like to welcome everyone to the budget hearings. A couple of quick remarks. We have had some conscientious discussion with various county government officials over their discretionary funds that are controlled by certain departments. Many of these are where the department would charge a fee and by law they're allowed to keep those fees and spend those in various manners according to state law. For example, the Sheriff's Commissary, the Clerk and Prosecutor Incentive Funds and things like that. I want to remind everybody that those are taxpayer monies and they don't belong to any office. The taxpayers are the ones that pay for these services. The state law dictates how that money can be spent but ultimately it is the taxpayer that is giving money to county government. What I was going to propose to help the Council in our budget deliberations is that I am going to send a letter out to all of the county offices that handle discretionary money and I am just going to ask them for three pieces of information; the first would be their June 30 cash balance in the fund, the discretionary fund; the second piece of information would be their projected receipts from July 1 to December 31 of 1998 which would be the next six months; the last would be their projected receipts for 1999. But, I think this information would help Council to know in our budget deliberations that the monies coming into certain offices that have these funds. You know by law we don't control these funds but it will allow us to see this in our budget deliberations.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Since we are discussing funds that belong to the Building Authority, would you get those, those figures for us also? I'd like to see those.

President Lloyd: Okay. One other note before we get started with the individual departments. The Coroner called yesterday and gave me a figure for Autopsies, that would be on page 36 in your budget book. The question was asked, what was the year to date expenditures in the Autopsy account, which is 3650, and we've got a total of \$85,940 spent year to date on that. So, that's through now, through August 12, \$ 85,940 and the budget amount requested was \$ 110,000 for next year. So, I just wanted, since he was quick in getting that response to us, I wanted you to have that.

Councilmember Smith: That's not a difference from (inaudible, microphone not turned on) he probably needs that amount of money.

President Lloyd: Right. So I thought-

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on)

#### ***DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN***

President Lloyd: --I thought that was important that we have that information. Okay, moving onto the individual budgets to consider today, the first one would be 2042/Division of Family and Children on page 148. Remember to state your name for the record.

John Schroeder: Good morning, my name is John Schroeder and I am the Assistant Director of the Vanderburgh County Office of Family and Children and I am not familiar with your budget book here but I can give you some general information that the initiatives of welfare reform and the economy seem to be working very well in favor of the taxpayers and the citizens of the county. We will be reducing the request in the Welfare Fund, I believe that we are talking Family and Children's Fund now, you said two.

President Lloyd: Yes.

Unidentified: (Inaudible)

John Schroeder: Okay, 148. There is an increase in that fund however, due to the available money coming into that fund, we are requesting a lower tax level to reduce the actual taxes, and to reduce the working balance that we have in that account at this point in time. The increases are of course in areas that the emphasis is being placed in, which is Prevention and also then Adoption Services we continue to have expenditures, large expenditures in Institutionalization of Children. However the emphasis is to try to either prevent by means of interacting with the families to prevent the need for out of home care or in fact if the children have been placed out of home for some period of time, the termination of parental rights and adoption seem to be the goals that are being placed upon us from the state of Indiana. Do you have any specific questions concerning these accounts?

President Lloyd: I will remind Councilmembers to turn on the mikes when they have questions because we did lose a few comments yesterday of people not turning on their mikes. Any questions on Family and Children?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: You mentioned that you are moving to reduce that levy, what are you, how much?

John Schroeder: Let me go and pull my records here, if you don't mind. On the Family and Children's Fund we are asking for a tax levy of \$5,420,254. Last year we had asked for the maximum without an excess levy of \$6,262,000. This is a 13, little over 13% decrease in the tax levy for that particular fund.

President Lloyd: Did that answer your question? Any other questions? Looking at the budget that we have, account 32520 is the one that has the largest dollar amount of \$5,350,000 and that is a 17 % increase. Is there any reason for that?

John Schroeder: Increases in placements, you are talking about Care of Wards in Institutions. The institutional increase, the institutional charges have increased and services that are provided to the children many times have increased. We do have an increase in their, I believe as of last month, we had 111 children, we paid for 111 children in varying institutions and those charges ranged from \$92.00 at our local facility to a maximum of \$300, I believe that is the maximum \$306 a day at a different institution that provides different services to the children.

President Lloyd: So, 111, is that a normal number or is that high?

John Schroeder: I would have to go back and review my statistics from the years, but we've been holding, I believe we have been holding, we've, a few years ago we were running in the 90's but it has grown to some degree, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: What is the, and I always ask you this, what is the total cost for us keeping children places other than in their own homes, do you have an estimate on that?

John Schroeder: Well, it would be a combination of 32500, 32510, 32520 and those are wards. That is the total cost of actual room and board and the types of treatment that the various facilities or homes provide. In addition to that, we would have miscellaneous costs, the 32550 a portion of that. Those are things like clothing, medical treatments, educational costs, things like that.

Councilmember Hoy: And then your foster care would be at the top.

John Schroeder: Uh, 32500 is the Children in Foster Homes. The 32520 is the institutions and therapeutic foster homes where the foster parents have specific training in various areas of treatment and those are the ones in the therapeutic foster homes. One of the other areas where we do have an increase, as I said earlier, one of the goals is to have children in permanent placement with loving parents, hopefully and that is the adoption services area. The initiative there is to do that along with the fact that most of the children that are placed for adoption from our agency are not infants. These children are usually sometimes as old as teenagers, young teenagers and because of that, factors that caused us to enter the situation, those circumstances mean that those children usually have problems that require additional treatment even after the adoption may be finalized and many times the Courts recommend that we support those costs, such as medical treatment or psychological treatment, those kinds of things.

President Lloyd: What would, do you have a rough estimate of what it would cost to place a child for adoption? I mean out of that fund, that line item?

John Schroeder: I do not have that. I do know...

President Lloyd: But you are doing more of them.

John Schroeder: Yes, we are. When that increases until the child turns 18 or in some instances, depending on the type of health care that is needed, I do believe that we have some that we may be responsible for until they are 21. Let me see if I have a breakdown on that as far as on a monthly figure. A monthly, I determine monthly average costs and the way I am working in keeping my budget in projecting as to how we are going to come out at the end of the year. In June the monthly average cost per child was \$639.93 and at that time we made a payment on 201 children.

Councilmember Hoy: I think that you answered this but I want a little more clarity on it. Having adopted a child a number of years ago we, who was not a newborn, he was accompanied by some physical conditions that were costly. At that time, adoptive parents were just on their own--

John Schroeder: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: --now you are saying that there are funds available to assist with that?

John Schroeder: That's correct. The Adoption Services and the Adoption Aid for Hard to Place Children, those used to be two separate accounts because of the structure change, the account structure changed last year, those have both been put together and on the Adoption Assistance account there are some reimbursements from the federal government, if the child is eligible for those specific categorical accounts.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that helping families to make that decision more easily, do you feel, or not?

John Schroeder: Well, I would hope so.

Councilmember Hoy: So would I.

John Schroeder: I can't say for sure but I do know that this number continues to rise for the number of children that we are paying adoption assistance on.

Councilmember Hoy: Most adopting families want a newborn, I do know that, and they are not plentiful.

John Schroeder: It is rare that we are called in to take permanent custody of a newborn.

Councilmember Hoy: And it is forever when they give them up at birth, I think.

John Schroeder: That I can't speak to.

Councilmember Hoy: Those are the figures I have, thank you.

John Schroeder: Uh, uh.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on Family and Children? Okay, thank you very much.

John Schroeder: What about the Welfare Fund?

### **COUNTY WELFARE**

President Lloyd: Okay, the next budget would be the 2041/County Welfare on page 147. You are going to speak to that one as well?

John Schroeder: That's correct. Here again, we have continuing news of reductions and because of the reductions in this particular area and the restructuring accounts in this particular situation, the projections in the past that we have attempted to make have been somewhat high so we have reduced those and this particular account we are in fact reducing the request for appropriations over last year and we are reducing the tax levy request by 84%. Our working balance is sufficient in that and has been. The expenditures in that area have been going down, and one of the things about our agency is that if we do not have items that we are required to pay for by law we don't spend the money. So, the money is available to us and carries over in a working balance from one year to the next. In this situation, as I'd said about welfare reform and the economy, and I definitely want to give that particular credit because I have concerns that if the economy is bad welfare reform will have difficulty finding people jobs when there are jobs; however, in this particular situation we seem to be doing very well in both categories.

Councilmember Hoy: I have one more question. Is the, since this basically was an initiative of the federal government filtered to the states and then locally. That's correct, is it not?

John Schroeder: Uh--

Councilmember Hoy: Welfare reform.

John Schroeder: Welfare reform has been an initiative all over the country and actually Indiana initiated welfare reform about a year before the federal government mandated it.

Councilmember Hoy: Is anybody in government, are they instituting any studies to see what really happens to the people who leave the system? Because we are seeing an increase in customers.

John Schroeder: That's a possibility, I can not speak to that I am not aware of that. I would assume that if that were initiated they would do that at the state level or the federal level and I am not aware of that. They are doing studies on how we can do our jobs more efficiently, I know that.

Councilmember Hoy: Like you need a lot of help, right?

President Lloyd: Any other questions? One question I had on this was Child Welfare Service, 30090, that is a pretty substantial increase. I just wondered if you would comment on that?

John Schroeder: Yes. That Child Welfare Services is an account, and let me read the definition of that, it pays to develop, establish, extend and strengthen the public welfare services for the protection and care for dependent and delinquent children in need of services, includes but is not limited to information, education, including general parent health, prenatal education, and information on child care, retainer fees for immediate boarding homes, community awareness programs, camping for underprivileged children, travel allowances for underprivileged children and parents to visit foster parent training recognition and family support services, those kinds of things. This is one of the things that we are working with as in trying to increase our work in preventive care for the child care area. So, intentions are in that area and the reason that has been increased is to try to work more with the training and education, counseling areas, for children who may be either children in need of services, potentially children in need of services or delinquents, that we also have to have responsibility for. I know this sounds like it should fall under the Family and Children Fund, however, when they broke the thing from one account to the other, this stayed there and that I can not explain.

President Lloyd: Are these funds allowed to carry over balances, also? Like you had mentioned that some of the other funds carry over balances.

John Schroeder: That's correct. The appropriations do not remain at the end of the year. Whatever was appropriated that was not spent goes away and what we are working on now, takes us into next year. However, because this is an independent fund the working balance of that fund carries over and that is why we are having such a large reduction requested in tax levy is because this fund has been on the decline probably more so than we had suspected and also in the breakup of the funds, it was probably given a higher tax rate than it should have been, compared to the Family and Children Fund when they split those two apart and are trying to adjust for that at this point in time.

President Lloyd: Roughly, what kind of working balance would you be carrying over?

John Schroeder: Okay, in the, are you talking about the Welfare Fund here?

President Lloyd: Actually, both of them.

John Schroeder: Okay, let me find that. Okay in the Family and Children's Fund, we are estimating a cash balance of \$6,781,000; and in the Family and Children's Fund, I'm sorry, the Welfare Fund, we are estimating at the end of 1998 an estimated cash balance of \$1,771,000.

President Lloyd: Are those normal balances, or are those high?

John Schroeder: Well, they are high now for the amount of expenditures that we are making.

Councilmember Raben: When you refer to cash balances you're--

John Schroeder: Your working balance.

Councilmember Raben: You are talking unappropriated funds.

John Schroeder: Correct. Well, we are talking about funds that may have been appropriated but were not spent or unappropriated funds.

Councilmember Raben: You know that is kind of an important fact here. That these different departments like these are paid from property taxes although they don't affect our General Fund rate these are made up in property tax. So, I think that it is important that we try to reduce that levy because it makes a difference. The taxpayers, when they pay their tax bills, if we spend these balances down somewhat and reduce those levies, they will see it each year on their tax bills.

John Schroeder. That is why we are reducing the welfare funds tax levy by approximately 84% over last year.

Councilmember Hoy: Since the case load is being reduced, my understanding was before that happened your caseworkers had exceedingly heavy loads. Has the diminishment of a case load resulted in the elimination of jobs in your department or are you giving them a lighter case load?

John Schroeder: No, actually what they have done is, they are changing the emphasis, yes we have a reduced staff. However, within the last two months the state has reclassified some of the workers who were doing eligibility determination and the retraining is under way now to reclassify these into what we call impact workers, or the Welfare to Work workers, work with our clients, meet with them, training and initiate the process of moving people from the welfare rolls to work. Years ago, when I was a food stamp supervisor, I used to give a little speech and I used to say, well I tell you what, I can reduce the cost of administering your food stamp program to practically nothing. Of course, I would have to have my salary and then once a

month, we would hire a couple of security guards and we would take the food stamps out to the parking lot and get out of the way. On the other hand we could be very certain that everybody got exactly what they were entitled to and we could have a very, very good accuracy rate but we would have to hire someone to live in every one of the households of the people who were on food stamps. Well, what we try to do is reduce the cost as much as possible on administration and provide the maximum amount of service we can. The state has determined that what they want us to do from our staff perspective is to work more with the clients as opposed to handing them a check. They want our staff to work with and many, they have a lot of private providers that are contracted with, to work with our clients to develop both the skills and attitude that will assist them in going off of the welfare rolls and into the job market.

Councilmember Hoy: The Welfare to Work program that we have funded, do you find that a complimentary thing to what you are doing?

John Schroeder: Absolutely. It has been very beneficial and I think that it is a reflection, a very positive reflection on the community that we're willing to do that kind of thing.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Okay, thank you. We are going to change the tape and then we have 4250/Levee Authority on page 195.

### ***LEVEE AUTHORITY***

#### **(Tape change)**

President Lloyd: Okay, please state your name.

Kelly Lawrence: I'm Kelly Lawrence. I'm the Superintendent of the Levee Authority.

President Lloyd: Okay, any Councilmembers, questions for the Levee Authority?

Councilmember Smith: I don't remember, but--

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: -- what is the percentage that the city pays on this?

Kelly Lawrence: It's not a percentage. We're a separate entity of the government. We're on a county wide tax base.

Councilmember Smith: Doesn't the city put in so much?

Kelly Lawrence: No, we're just like the School Corporation--

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay.

Kelly Lawrence: --and the Airport.

Suzanne Crouch: It's city administered--

President Lloyd: Mrs. Crouch?

President Lloyd: --but it's supported by a county wide property tax.

Kelly Lawrence: Right.

Councilmember Smith: I didn't know if there was a percentage there, like Weights and Measures and some of the others. Mr. Chairman, I think we okayed this budget the other day, didn't we?

President Lloyd: Right, this was presented at the joint city-county budget hearing. The figures in this book here, is that the full budget? I believe it is. Page 195. The total is \$1,078,094. Is that your full budget?

Kelly Lawrence: I believe so.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: We have probably one of the best levee systems around, as I recall.

Kelly Lawrence: That's what the Corps says.

Councilmember Hoy: No, that's true though. We do have a good levee system. I have a concern that with the urban sprawl, we might begin...we might be starting some situations that would give us less protection than we now have. Do you have any...I mean, there's a lot of water in the Ohio Valley.

Kelly Lawrence: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: The more you pave, you've got to put the water some place, it doesn't disappear.

Kelly Lawrence: That's true. From my understanding from the Corps, who's built these pump stations, of course you've got some that were built in 1948 in the city and in 1979 went on the east side and built a new pump station. But for the ones built lately, like in the '80's and in the '90's, the Corps always overkills and builds them to where you lose one pump you're still at 75% capacity. So I think that maybe at some point in time, depending on what areas are being built up, we may have to look at providing bigger pumps or a bigger pump station. But right now I think that we're in fairly decent shape. I think that when they get all the infrastructure fixed with the storm sewers and get the water to us we may have to relook at it. But right now, the water...the rain water that we get that we have to pump, they can't get it to us fast enough.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, that was a freak storm the other day, but we were flooded out, not in our warehouses or our office building, but out in the street the gushers were three feet high coming out of the manholes. That's the first time that I have seen that. It does concern me, you know, that flooding all over the city. It's one of my personal interests as you know, Kelly.

Kelly Lawrence: I know.

President Lloyd: Okay, the Auditor's given me the joint city-county budget and there's a couple slight changes I wanted to ask.

Kelly Lawrence: Okay.

President Lloyd: On the line for Workers Compensation, that would be 1940 on ours, page 195. At the joint meeting it was \$5,350 and then here we've got \$13,375. Do you know which one is correct?

Kelly Lawrence: I do not prepare the Workmans Comp, or the insurance, or things like that. That's prepared out of the Controller's Office.



Suzanne Crouch: So it needs to be set in at what you approved at your joint meeting.

President Lloyd: Okay, right. This budget book was prepared before that budget book, is that correct?

Suzanne Crouch: Right, the Controller's Office submits preliminary budgets to us because of our time table. That's what you see reflected in your budget book that you have before you. Then at the joint meetings, you all approved the final numbers. So that's why there's a little discrepancy.

Kelly Lawrence: Okay, let me look here on my city budget and see if I can find that line item.

President Lloyd: It's about the fourth line--

Kelly Lawrence: I understand it's on yours. My budget shows that in 1999, it's \$5,350.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Kelly Lawrence: I don't understand why it is because we were budgeted \$20,961 in '98. It doesn't make sense to me, but, as I say, I don't put those figures in here.

President Lloyd: You're anticipating a very safe year, no accidents.

Councilmember Hoy: But you're...in the kind of work you do, the rate would be higher than it would be because it is at my place. My warehouse rate is higher than my office rate by a considerable amount. It just...it seems like an enormous reduction, I hope it's right.

Kelly Lawrence: Yes, it does.

President Lloyd: Okay, so what I would ask Council to do, on 1940 Worker Compensation, we should change that to \$5,350, which is what was approved at the joint meeting.

Councilmember Hoy: How many staff do you have, I know it's on here?

Kelly Lawrence: Fourteen, including myself.

Councilmember Hoy: It might make it.

Kelly Lawrence: With Council's approval, we can approve and then after I'm done, I can check, and if there's a change, I can come back to the door and you'll--

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, do check that. I have nine people, and ours is over \$9,000, and our wages are lower, I'll add.

President Lloyd: Okay, the other change I would have would be on page 196. At the joint city/county budget, it being Bond and Insurance, 3000 account. It just says Insurance under the Levee budget, \$26,880.

Kelly Lawrence: What line item in your budget?

President Lloyd: It's 3000, Bond and Insurance.

Councilmember Smith: Did you say \$26,000 and--

President Lloyd: Eight eighty.

Councilmember Smith: Eight eighty.

Kelly Lawrence: Is what we approved at the joint?

President Lloyd: Yes, for you it's account 4340500.

Kelly Lawrence: That's correct too, at the joint it was \$26,880.

President Lloyd: Okay, so what's...we'll change that one.

Kelly Lawrence: What did you have for Workmans Comp?

Councilmember Hoy: It's \$13,375.

Kelly Lawrence: Okay.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have one more. Under Contractual Services, it'll be the same page, 3930, it's listed as Other Contractual, in the joint meeting that was \$20,000 even, instead of \$25,000 and for the city that would be account number 4310500. It should be \$20,000 even, is that what you have, sir?

Kelly Lawrence: Well, I've got more than that in Contractual Services. I'm not sure exactly what we're getting at with the--

President Lloyd: The number is 4310500, Contractual Services. Do you show \$20,000?

Kelly Lawrence: Yeah, well, I show \$25,000 for 431050001, which is Union Township.

President Lloyd: Right.

Kelly Lawrence: Contractual Service is 500, for \$20,000.

President Lloyd: Right, I'm asking the 500.

Kelly Lawrence: I show \$20,000 in the joint meeting.

President Lloyd: Okay, our book has \$25,000, so we want to change that \$20,000, and that's...the line item is number 3930, Other Contractual, and that should be entered in at \$20,000. Any other questions for the Levee Authority? Okay, thank you.

Kelly Lawrence: If you see me standing at the door, we'll have this Workmans Comp thing.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Kelly Lawrence: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

**RECORDER**

President Lloyd: The next budget under consideration, 1040, Recorder and that's on page 13.

Betty Hermann: Good morning, Betty Hermann, County Recorder. Do we have them numbered?

President Lloyd: Any questions for the County Recorder on the budget?

Betty Hermann: I don't know how they are numbered here.

Councilmember Hoy: The page numbers are right of center, way at the top, and hard to see.

Betty Hermann: Way at the top, and hard to see, okay. Okay, now I have a copy of it here. Okay, any questions?

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you. Betty, of course you always have an excellent budget and you always try to keep it down, but would you explain that new employee, that 1200-1040 while you're here.

Betty Hermann: I certainly will. We're asking for an additional person, and the reason that we are, our workload has doubled and this year we will take in well over \$600,000 to \$700,000. Now this is revenue generated by our office. We're making this county a lot of money. We've also used all of our monies for everything in our budget, like supplies, we paid for that, and in my six years there...our...all of our service agreements, we pay for all of this out of our Recorders Perpetuation money. So actually, we're a very self sufficient office. We cannot pay salaries out of this, so that's why I've asked for an extra person. Our workload right now...our people in our office worked three evenings last week, half the day on Saturday, we will work this Saturday, we need a person right away. We actually will take in, like I said, around \$600,000 to \$700,000 this year. When I went into the Recorder's Office and we generated \$300,000 and we worked. But I only have eight deputies, so I really feel like I could use two, but I'm only asking for one. We really, the work that we're generating, we need more people.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mrs. Hermann?

Betty Hermann: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, it sounds like you're doing pretty good. On the Extra Help, do you still need that then, if you've got this extra--

Betty Hermann: You could lower that. It's really helped us this summer, but each year I've been giving back. So if you could give me the \$5,000, you could lower that from the \$7,000 to the \$5,000, and I want to thank all of you, we could not have worked this year without our part time help.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Betty Hermann: So you can lower that if I can get a new person. But we give college students a chance in the summer to come into our offices and work, and it really helps them, but it also has helped us because they do all of our microfilming for us.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Ms. Hermann?

Betty Hermann: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: You were indicating that there's been an increased workload, which warrants the additional position.

Betty Hermann: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: You indicated the figures and that. How does that compare maybe to past years, I guess maybe that's what I'm trying to get a figure of, how much of a percentage increase, maybe, are you talking about here, maybe workload wise?

Betty Hermann: Yeah, I tell you, like I said, it has doubled and I could give you...when I first went in, we were taking in, making, generating about \$300,000 a year and this year we will generate...we already as of July, we've taken in \$394,428, that's in recordings. Now think about it, that's on \$9 and \$10 recordings. That's a lot of work done by this office.

Councilmember Sutton: And, okay, you said when you first came in it was a little over \$300,000, you said?

Betty Hermann: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: And now it's, just through this year, how much did you--

Betty Hermann: For a year we would take in \$300,000. In '93, '94, '95, '96, we would take in around \$300,000 to \$350,000 would be the most, with the same amount of people. So now, as of July, we have already taken in \$394,428. So think of doubling that and we will...and the way it's coming...our economy...when the banks...they check, you know they know our economy is very good. We cannot really explain why we're being bombarded with all this work, but it's all the new buildings and everything that happens in Vanderburgh County has to go through our office. All new sales, releases, we're getting like 100 releases a day, and this has to be microfilmed and gone through the whole process. So I wish all of you...I invite you all to come down and to see the workload. I also invite you to come down...do you all realize that August 24th we will be having this fund for 180 years? We will be celebrating 180 years of county government. So it seems like we've been doing this a long time, doesn't it?

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to ask you one last question related to it, with the increased workload, the people who are kind of picking up the slack here.

Betty Hermann: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: Are these hourly people or salary people?

Betty Hermann: These are all salary people. I have eight employees.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Thank you.

President Lloyd: I guess, one question, the new request, what COMOT level is that? Is that five or three?

Betty Hermann: No, three.

President Lloyd: Okay. Any other questions for the Recorder? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: All eight of your employees are salaried, is that what you said?

Betty Hermann: Yes, except for summer time or part time.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Betty Hermann: Uh-huh.

President Lloyd: Okay, well, we look for the Recorder's Office to be going another 180 years.

Betty Hermann: Yeah, we'll be there. Thanks.

### **VOTERS REGISTRATION**

President Lloyd: The next budget would be Voters Registration, 1220, which is on page 74.

Susan Kirk: Thank you, Sandie. Our budget is the same except for a copying machine. You can lower that from \$6,000 to \$5,000.

President Lloyd: Okay, please state your names for the record.

Susan Kirk: You don't know me, Russ?

President Lloyd: They may not be able to tell on tape.

Susan Kirk: Just kidding. Susan Kirk, Board Member.

John Hill: John Hill, Board Member.

Susan Kirk: You get punchy when you sit back there too long.

President Lloyd: You should have been here yesterday.

Susan Kirk: No, one day is fine, thank you.

President Lloyd: Any questions for Voters Registration?

Councilmember Raben: This...that 3620 Copy Machine, reads Copy Machine Lease, is that actually a lease or is it just--

Susan Kirk: No, we're going to go ahead and purchase it in the long run. It's not a real fancy one. What we need to do...this will take care of what we need to do. Just buy it and get it over with, rather than lease it. We're not even going to get a maintenance agreement.

Councilmember Raben: Well, that would have been a pretty high lease, that's why I was curious.

Susan Kirk: No.

Councilmember Raben: That's a purchase, okay.

President Lloyd: Was that \$6,000 correct on that?

Susan Kirk: I put it in and once I got out and started shopping a little bit more, I've got it down, where actually now, it's \$4,647. So you can lower that \$6,000 to \$5,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Did you say \$4,000--

Susan Kirk: It's \$4,647.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, that's what I thought you said.

Susan Kirk: Yeah, but just...even it...round it up to \$5,000.

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John Hill: We've got to buy some paper for it.

Susan Kirk: That's right.

John Hill: Extra toner.

Councilmember Smith: ( Inaudible - the microphone was not turned on. )

Susan Kirk: That's true, you could just give us the money now, we could get it all done and, you know, whatever you all want to do.

President Lloyd: Okay, so you don't have the machine right now?

Susan Kirk: No, we have nothing right now. And if we have any big things to do, we'll just pop up to Suzanne's office and use her big monster up there.

Councilmember Bassemier: Russ?

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Why don't you put in an appropriation for it and we'll take it out of this...see if we can get it out of this year's budget. You need it right away?

John Hill: Yeah.

Councilmember Bassemier: It'll be cheaper now than it will be after the first of the year.

Susan Kirk: Well, we've gone this long, I don't care, whatever you want to do. Make your mind up, tell me now.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think we can get a better deal now on the '98 ones.

Susan Kirk: Well, like everything else, it all goes up.

Councilmember Bassemier: So go ahead, if you don't mind, put in your appropriation for it.

Susan Kirk: Is that what you all want to do?

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: That was Ed speaking.

Councilmember Bassemier: It's got to be voted on.

Susan Kirk: It's a good idea, I was going to say, you know, we like--

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Ed speaks.

Susan Kirk: Well, I'm looking at everybody else and I don't get a...nothing.

Councilmember Smith: But he's right, it could raise by the first of the year--

Susan Kirk: Oh, it will raise.

Councilmember Smith: --or next year. If we have the money, ask--

Susan Kirk: That's why I said at least give me \$5,000.

Councilmember Smith: --for it now.

President Lloyd: Well, will that help you for November?

Susan Kirk: Well, we're used to running up to Suzanne's office, I mean, we'll...we can finish it out. It doesn't make any difference. Whatever you all want to do, if you want me to put in an appropriation now for it, you know, I'll probably even have some money I can transfer around a little bit and then ask for a little bit more. But I can transfer some to cover part of the cost now, or I can just give it back to you at the end of the year and have it for next year, I don't care.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think she just ought to submit it by the 15th of the month and then we'll process it in September, and then she can possibly get it in October, if she'll, like she said, transfer money around, then she'll have it if she needs it right away. I think that's the way to do it, then we can adjust this accordingly.

President Lloyd: It sounds like you got the votes.

Councilmember Hoy: It'll be helpful if you'll bring us the specs and all, you know.

Susan Kirk: It's pretty simple, there's not a lot of--

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I just bought a complicated one for \$4,000, that's why I'm saying that.

Susan Kirk: Really?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, stacks, collates, staples--

Susan Kirk: I want the basic one that works that doesn't have all the bells and the whistles because it's less to go wrong, because I don't want a maintenance agreement. This is a basic model where we can duplex on both sides. That's what we need to do. Otherwise, I don't want anything else that something is going to go wrong with it. Just...that's all we need. Like I said, if we've got big stuff to do we'll run up and use the Auditor's.

Councilmember Hoy: You've got my vote, I just want you to shop some more, that's all.

Susan Kirk: Oh, I'm not...this is...you guys can go shop. I'm going to be like Paul Hatfield, this is it, you know. I'm not shopping anymore. You can shop, let me know, just have it delivered down there. Unlike Paul, just as long as it does that, just send it down. I don't want it at Best Buy or one of those--

Councilmember Hoy: You give me the specs and I'll get you some prices.

Susan Kirk: Well, that's what we need. Okay, is that what you want us to do then, submit this?

President Lloyd: Please submit that by the 15th.

Susan Kirk: Okay.

President Lloyd: Attach the specs and we'll look at it for the Council meeting.

Susan Kirk: What did you say?

Councilmember Sutton: I didn't have my mike turned on, but one Paul is enough.

Susan Kirk: Well, I said unlike Paul, if someone else wants to do my shopping--

John Hill: That's right.

Susan Kirk: --jump right out there. I've looked and this is what I came up with, and if anybody else wants to do that legwork, I say go for it. It saves me time and effort, fine.

President Lloyd: Any other questions for Voters Registration? Okay, thank you very much.

### **TREASURER**

President Lloyd: The next budget for consideration would be the Treasurer, 1030, that's on page 10.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Good morning, Jayne Berry-Bland, Treasurer. I'd like to pass out something before I get started, and I do have a change on mine also.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Jayne Berry-Bland: I guess I also want to bring to your attention, and pat myself on the back that, as you can see, I went back to 1989 on the interest that has been made in the Treasurer's Office. General Fund money only, I'm just going to bring up '97 and what I'm projecting for '98. '97 the budget...the interest projected was \$1,200,000. I made \$2,297,000, almost \$2,300,000, which was \$1,000,000 over the budget, so I'm hoping that you will keep that in mind. For '98 the budget is \$1,300,000 on interest and right now, as of today, I'm at \$1,900,000. So I am expecting to go over the \$2,300,000 from '97. That's really hard to project at times because you never know what's going to happen to that interest rate. On my particular budget, the...I had an employee to retire after 22 years of wonderful service and her line item is 127, 1030-127. That needs to be reduced from \$23,174 to \$18,636, that does also change my FICA and PERF. Do you want those figures also, now?

President Lloyd: No, we can get those later.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Okay. I would like to state, I know you're going to have questions for me, but I know that my biggest expense comes under the printing of our tax bills, and in 1997 I went...we always get only two bids for our tax bills every year. We can only get bids from two companies. I'm hoping in the near future that we can get other companies to bid on my tax bills, but we have gone to a very sophisticated tax bill that has the micro encoding on the bottom like your pay...like your personal checks have, so that the bank can read those and process those. In 1997 I paid \$18,000 to have those tax bills printed. I ended up having to have those reprinted a total of three times. They made some major mistakes on those tax bills. They sent taxpayers bills for \$52,000,000 on ditches. I didn't want that to happen in '98, I went back to a company that I had dealt with before, unfortunately, their bid came in at \$25,500. So I know that is a substantial increase in that particular area, but I think to get the quality that I'm looking for, I'm almost forced to pay that, unless we would get other bids. I'm ready for questions.

President Lloyd: Questions from Council? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: In reference to line item 3610, Legal Services, a reduction of appropriation last year of \$9,000, down to \$1,000 this year.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Let me tell you, I'm probably one of the few offices that has Legal Services, I think most everybody goes through the Commissioners, or I think they do. That...I will refresh



your memory, that's strictly an estimate. I've even had to come back and ask for extra money in that account this year. I totally have no way to estimate how much money I'm going to need for Legal Services. The only thing I pay for out of that is bankruptcy cases. I have no attorney as an employee, so I have to contract that out. The delinquent collections are now...a law has been passed and we are now able to collect the delinquent charges that an attorney charges me to go after these people through that particular taxpayer. So we're out no money when it comes to pressing charges against delinquent taxpayers. But bankruptcies...I don't know if you remember this or not, I had a couple of big ones right in a row, Kent Plastics was a huge one that we're now getting money out of. There's several other very large ones that we're working on right now.

Councilmember Wortman: I noticed you...this year \$7,000, I believe already we gave you on that.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yeah, It's been...I'll tell you between...and a lot of those actually were started in '97. I'm just getting the bills in '98 because a lot of bankruptcy cases will go on for several years, which is kind of, I guess, to our advantage because I really don't ask for the money until I get those bills because like I said, I have no way really to estimate when I'm going to need legal help with a particular case. Now a lot of the bankruptcy cases we handle strictly in our office, but when it comes to the big businesses that are filing in New York and in other places not in Indiana, it's very difficult for myself or my staff because we're not trained in that area to deal with that.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I remember you had Mr. Musgrave there.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes, and he is still the only attorney that I use unless there's a conflict of interest.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you very much.

Councilmember Hoy: Have you...as I recall, that expenditure from Mr. Musgrave paid off to the county a considerable amount of money.

Jayne Berry-Bland: I collected over \$300,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Uh-huh. That's...I think that's a lot more than \$7,000, isn't it?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Absolutely. You are going to get your money back in this and there's really no way to get around the legal help that I need for those types of cases.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, he is a specialist in that field.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes, he is.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: There's only an increase of...a little bit less than \$15,000 in that whole budget, so I think that's good.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, Jayne, I think it's really a pretty nice looking budget. I did have one question. On the line item 4220, Office Machines, is that a computer or copier, what is that?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes, it is. Let me tell you what my line of thinking is here. We...there are

14 employees in my office. Seven of those employees have personal computers, whether it be to...we have two computers that are hooked up to our bank accounts where we can grab the information, the first thing we come in. The other ones we use for various other reasons, to handle the bankruptcy cases, and specific items, because I have seven PC's I am more lucky, or I feel I'm real lucky that I could get seven years' use out of one PC. Generally speaking, they want you to replace those about every four to five years, but what I'm trying to do is just replace one every year.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? I just had one. On the Legal Services did you say that when you have a delinquent tax you use attorneys on a contingency, or not?

Jayne Berry-Bland: We have one attorney and it is by contract. We have signed a contract with him and the law was passed two years ago that now...before we couldn't, but now we can add the attorney's fee to the tax bill and recoup our money. So when we're charged \$800 for a collection, he collects that and we do not pay him until he collects that fee from the individual or the business and then we actually quietus that into that fund and then turn around and write him a check for that amount.

President Lloyd: That's common in private business, and that's a good way to do it really.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Right, I was glad to see the law changed.

President Lloyd: Any other questions for the Treasurer?

Jayne Berry-Bland: I have just one other comment. I have seen a large increase in having to reprint tax bills, simply because they're lost from May to November, and the reason we have always only billed once a year is because of the postage costs, which is absolutely skyrocketing, I mean, postage is very expensive, so I'm not opposed to only billing once a year. I would like to have it considered though that maybe there could be a charge for having to reprint peoples' tax bills that are just truly lost. It would be a very minimal amount. But in 1997 we had to reprint over 4,000 bills.

President Lloyd: How many do we send out, approximately?

Jayne Berry-Bland: About 90...92,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Jayne, when you say reprint the bills, do you have to, I mean, this isn't something where you can just go to a copy machine and just give them a copy or something, this is something that's a long process?

Jayne Berry-Bland: No, we print, actually from our office. We have a screen and we actually reprint the bill there in our office.

Councilmember Sutton: We charge for copies and things in many of the other offices and --

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes, we do.

Councilmember Sutton: --documents, you know, I don't--

Jayne Berry-Bland: It's never been brought up, and I don't think there's anything wrong with charging to have to reprint the tax bill.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Suzanne, how much do you charge for a copy when somebody comes in there and asks for a copy?

Suzanne Crouch: It varies, it's anywhere from a dime to 35 cents depending on what's being copied, and I believe that's one thing that was mentioned at that public access seminar that was put on. The County Council should be...probably look at, and set a uniform charge for copies throughout the county, so--

Councilmember Smith: Well, the state law says the Clerk has to charge \$1 a page.

Suzanne Crouch: Right, and in those instances where it's set by law, then that's what you have to do, but for all those others there probably should be some set costs, because it just varies from office to office. We would appreciate if there was kind of a set--

Councilmember Smith: A set figure.

Suzanne Crouch: --standard, yes.

Jayne Berry-Bland: We do currently charge a nickel for copies of just an inquiry screen. Say you need a copy for your tax return, you've lost your receipt, and you come in there and you need a copy to file with your federal tax return, we charge a nickel for those. But I don't see any reason why we couldn't charge for the reprinting of an actual tax bill.

President Lloyd: Okay, that's something the Council really needs to consider, so I appreciate that. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jeff, would we have to put something on it? If we bill somebody, will we have to put something on there that says if you do not pay this there will be a fee charged for the next one?

Jeff Ahlers: Oh, probably not necessarily, I can look and see if there's anything specific on that, but I think it's more like a copy charge.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just checking, somebody can refuse to pay that.

Jeff Ahlers: The only problem I can see, you might run into, you know, when somebody comes in, do they say they lost it, or they may say I never got it and then that becomes another issue. You know, do you charge somebody again, who says they never got it even though they may have, but--

Jayne Berry-Bland: Well, we kind of hold firm on that...those lines too because a lot of people will come into the office and say, I've lost...I've never received a tax bill so you can't charge me that penalty. Wrong, state law says I can charge a penalty whether you got your bill or not, it is the taxpayers' responsibility, so I think we really could kind of stay along that line. I still...I would not feel like that I should charge a bank that somebody has either remortgaged or bought a different home, and it got in that time period where we couldn't get it switched to go to them, you know, in those instances I don't feel like I should charge them. But there's a lot of instances that people just merely misplace them from May to November.

Councilmember Raben: One suggestion is, require those people to come in for their second copy where you're not paying postage. That would save some.

Jayne Berry-Bland: We don't mail them out anyway. We do not mail out a second billing. If you've lost your bill, we either tell you to put your tax code on your check, or you have to come in.

President Lloyd: To get the amount, they can just call?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Right, correct, and then...that's what the majority of them do.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on that? So that's something Council needs to consider in addition to all the departments' charges. Okay, thank you very much.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Thank you.

President Lloyd: We need to change the tape.

**(Tape Change)**

***SURVEYOR***

President Lloyd: Okay, the budget for consideration is 1060, Surveyor, which is on page 32.

Robert Brenner: I've got some bad news to report, the \$52,000,000 ditch bill that she sent out, they didn't collect it.

President Lloyd: Please state your name for the record.

Robert Brenner: Robert Brenner, County Surveyor. I have one change. We missed the line item Chain Man. He has a two year step increase coming. So instead of \$20,278, he'll go to \$21,261.

President Lloyd: Any questions for the Surveyor?

Robert Brenner: That happens when you turn in the same budget three years in a row.

President Lloyd: I know the Recorder was letting us know how much her job has increased because of all the mortgages and things. Has that affected you?

Robert Brenner: No. It's affected us on drainage plans, but the number of mortgages, you know, that relates back to subdivisions. Subdivisions have gone out of sight, but we're able to handle it.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Brenner, in line item 1130 Party Chief, you've got a reduction there, is that a new person possibly? It's from \$27,000 down to \$25,000.

Robert Brenner: Yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Other questions of the Surveyor? Okay, I guess everyone is satisfied with your budget.

Robert Brenner: Okay.

***SURVEYOR PERPETUATION FUND***

President Lloyd: Let's move on to Surveyor Perpetuation Fund on page 185.

Robert Brenner: The amount of money in this one is affected. Every mortgage pays a fee. So

the Recorder is collecting more money for us on this. It's for perpetuating section corners.

President Lloyd: What is this budget used for, again?

Robert Brenner: It's for perpetuating section corners. We reset five percent of the section corners in the county every year. It's a state requirement and this funds it.

Councilmember Smith: Your Special Deputy there, is that just a part time position?

Robert Brenner: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay.

Robert Brenner: And as you can see, we haven't expended a lot, he broke his leg. Not working for us, but on another job. So he's not on our budget right now. (Inaudible.)

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this budget? Okay, thank you very much.

Robert Brenner: Thank you very much.

(Inaudible)

### ***SURVEYOR MAP FUND***

President Lloyd: Oh, Surveyor Map Fund. Sorry.

Robert Brenner: The same thing. It supplies the General Fund.

President Lloyd: On page 161.

Robert Brenner: It's money that we do collect.

President Lloyd: This one is even smaller. Any questions on Surveyor Map Fund? Okay, sorry to bring you back.

Robert Brenner: No problem. Thank you very much.

President Lloyd: I tell you what, this seems like a good time for the recess, so let's take about a seven minute recess.

(Reconvene)

### ***HEALTH DEPARTMENT***

President Lloyd: I'd like to reconvene the county budget hearings. The next department would be 2130, Health Department, page 150.

Sam Elder: Sam Elder, from the County Health Department.

President Lloyd: Go ahead.

Sam Elder: I'd like to talk to you about a few things that we've put in that are new this year, if you want to start that way.

President Lloyd: Why don't we start that way.

Sam Elder: We have put in for an Epidemeologist for the Communicable Disease section. This is primarily for work in the tuberculosis program. Initially, when we took the tuberculosis problem in the early '70's when they closed Boehne Hospital, we almost could have had quite a blank on that because the County Council, at that time, said whatever you need. But, we applied for federal funding and we funded the TB program with 314 D money for about 15 years at no cost to the county and then when the 314 D money dried up we weren't given any additional funds for it. We had to rob Peter to pay Paul. We eliminated some positions and put them over in the TB section because we felt that had a higher priority than the places we took it from. And we've been playing catch up ever since. I don't know if all of you are familiar with the problem that they have on a worldwide basis now, multi-drug resistant tuberculosis. If you contract this disease, it really is considered worse than AIDS because you're going to die. There's not any of the drugs that'll touch it. I know we always felt that when a lot of the immigrants came from Asia that they brought tuberculosis with them and now the world health people feel that we're doing a bigger disservice to the second world because we're exporting this multi-drug resistant tuberculosis. The reason that I'm getting to this is more and more tuberculosis patients, new patients that---we get the ones that nobody else wants, as a rule. We get them from the private sector and we have to observe them taking their medication every time they are supposed to take it. And this could take a half a day for some of them by the time the nurse finds them and gets them to take it. We buy things to induce them to take the medication because this is what causes the multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, is not taking the full treatment. There are some side effects to it and some of them when they get to feeling better, they decide they won't take it anymore. Most patients, we furnish the medications at no charge and those medications we get from the State Board of Health through federal funds. Most patients take it their self, but if it's people---some of the people have drug and other problems and don't take it. Then we have to observe it. This is time consuming. At the present time, when someone is on vacation or ill in that section, we have to take a nurse from some place else. These nurses are not trained. They are not familiar with it. It takes a person that's not just dedicated, but addicted to these people that have these multiple problems. It would work much better if we had a person that did that and that alone because it is a full time job now. We're just taking the people from their various areas. Now in the Venereal Disease program and AIDS that place is almost like a revolving door sometimes. The permanent people, they just burn out after they've been there awhile. That's the nurses in the clinic, we have---most of the nurses and the people that come there, they stay for a long time. You know we have a lot of long term employees, but this is not true in the communicable disease section. With the exception of the Director, most of the people are short term.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, I'd like to ask two questions. One, how many cases is involved and are they to stay away from other people?

Sam Elder: If they're infectious they are, but we have to prove they are infectious. Now we have five new cases so far this year that are infectious. Now we have, I believe, 118 new positives from the community that were positive for tuberculosis. I don't know if you realize it, but if we get an infectious person from one of the factories, and this has happened to us with the large employers. The nurse and the Epidemeologist, they have to go out there and test everybody in their work place and this is time consuming. They're usually trying to go where we can get the shift going off and the shift coming on. You not only have to give them the TB test, but then you have to go back and read it. I feel that it's very, very important that we have a person to do nothing but the epidemiology and it's not just tuberculosis, it would work in some of the sexually transmitted diseases and also work with E.Coli. You know, we've got a new group of pathogens that they are going to make reportable, Hepatitis B and some of the others, E.Coli. And these, when they make them reportable we have to investigate them. I know how the Council and all agencies feel about new employees, but I feel that this is one that we just can't hardly afford to do without. It's kind of like that old TV commercial, pay me now or pay me later. You know, with the oil. Change the oil or we'll overhaul your engine. We wouldn't have to put but two or three of these people in the hospital and you'd pay for several nurses. The state law requires the county to pay for a person's treatment for TB that's

indigent.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Several years ago, they always had to have a chest x-ray to work in any food establishment and they discontinued that and I thought it was wrong at the time when they did it. Because you had to have it once a year and the state discontinued it because there wasn't that much tuberculosis going around and if they would have kept that up you would have caught it a lot sooner. A lot of your people, especially in your lower income, would work in restaurants or dish washers or whatever and you're right, Sam, because back then there wasn't hardly any cases. They had got it down and now it's coming back. I didn't know there was a hundred and some odd cases, but I knew that they found several of them. My sister in law had tuberculosis and was in Boehne Hospital for four years and they took one whole lung and a tip of the other one out and so we go back and that is really a problem and it's getting wide spread now.

Sam Elder: Everybody understands that tuberculosis is airborne and when I said 118 positive new skin tests, this doesn't mean that they had infectious tuberculosis, it just means that the germ had entered their system. But normally, in most of us if we're in good health, your health system takes over and calcifies the bacterium within your lung where most of it goes and you remain noninfectious unless you have an illness. AIDS breaks down the immune system and if a person has been exposed at anytime in his life, in all probability he'll develop an infectious case. I don't want to beat that to death, but I wish that before you eliminated this position that you'd give us a chance to speak further on it.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Just to reiterate, Mr. Elder, when you talk about case load, you're talking about a whole lot more than one person if you have to go into a plant.

Sam Elder: Oh yes.

Councilmember Hoy: I think that needs to be pointed out. That case load is not indicative of workload.

Sam Elder: No. If you go and test the people in the plant, any of them that would be found positive and infectious and then you have to get their family and---it takes somebody. I think that somebody should work full time on that. Instead of just using whoever is available. We've got one of the nurses now working in that section. We just had to take her, we didn't have any choice.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Is anything available, such as a grant or have you applied for any state or federal funds or anything?

Sam Elder: We'd be tickled to death to hold on to what we've got, but that's not going to be the case. Now, at the present time there's several of the grants that we feel are in trouble. We've been told---you know normally they don't just spring it on you. They tell you so you'll have time to move one way or the other and I don't feel that in the case of some of them that we'll be able to get them funded. I wouldn't expect to fund them all, but we're going to lose some federal money.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Elder.

President Lloyd: So on the employee, the Public Health Nurse, that person would be concentrated on TB cases, is that what you're looking at?

Sam Elder: Yes, the infectious diseases and primarily TB is the one that's causing us a problem now. With the VD program, you know, we have some federally funded positions, but we suspect that we're going to lose two of them. So that load would go on that too, part of it anyway.

Councilmember Hoy: Also, when these regulations come out, or are they already out on Hepatitis B and E.Coli, then this person would also be dealing with those as well.

Sam Elder: They'd be dealing with all the infectious diseases.

Councilmember Hoy: Because seeing what's happening in the---not happy news in the food supply---Americans have some strange ideas about inspections and regulations. That's why we got bad hamburger, they cut a number of meat inspectors, the feds did. So you pay---with bad health.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Sam, do we do quite a bit of out of county work?

Sam Elder: I'll tell you, all of the (inaudible) of county work is paid by federal funding. We do some VD work out of the county, we do some lab work in the Children's Lead Program, but the Children's Lead Program is at no cost to the local taxpayer. That was started with a grant. The equipment was bought with a grant and the expenses were paid with a grant and we've operated it on the proceeds from Medicaid. That's all the operation that we have. All the money is from that. The out of the county---all of that comes from the grant and two of those are two of them that I anticipate that there might be a possibility of us not having anymore. I certainly wouldn't expect or ask the county to fund a program that was working out of the county. You have to realize that we get most of their work in our county. In other words, most of the work is here, but they do---they have an office that's open in Jasper, Tell City or wherever one day a week or half a day a week and primarily for AIDS testing. You know, you've got to realize that infectious diseases don't pay any attention to the county line. You can't expect to remain well if your neighbor is sick. That just about sums it up, you know. We always hear---even when we funded the VD program entirely from here, we treated anybody that came in the door. We didn't insist on identification or do you live in Vanderburgh County, and it was county funded. The physician, Dr. Miller, that was here at that time, he used to say that if they can come here for treatment, they can come here to spread it. And the rest of it is that they probably caught it here anyway. Your answer is we don't spend any local tax money on out of the county traveling or expenses that's of service to those counties. We do immunizations out of the county, but that's all federally funded.

Councilmember Raben: The actual medicines are probably funded, but do we get anything as far as staffing and what-not?

Sam Elder: They pay the total cost to those people. They pay their travel, they pay their salary, their fringes---

Councilmember Raben: Oh, okay.

Sam Elder: This is one of the problems that I'm having now, is some of the grants. Because they put a cap, for example, on what to pay the nurse in the Children With Special Health Care Needs, and that's \$37,500. That's well above what we pay a nurse, but they say our fringes are too high and this year on that position they won't pay. They pay the cap of \$37,500 and when I get down to it I was asking that you supplement this Children With Special Health Care Needs so that we could continue it.

Councilmember Hoy: Where's that decision made, Mr. Elder, is that a state decision or a



federal?

Sam Elder: It's state.

Councilmember Hoy: It's made in Indianapolis?

Sam Elder: I'll tell you, the main thing is that the state has picked away at the fringes here for several years because it's more than what they pay for their own employees and it doesn't sit well with a supervisor of a grant that comes down here and trains people that are paid more than her. If you count the fringes.

Councilmember Hoy: Another question, I think Council needs to know this, because I'm your liaison, and I forget the figure, but when you include your grants and other sources of income we're looking at a substantial amount. More than this.

Sam Elder: A substantial amount.

Councilmember Hoy: And I think that money is spent very effectively, having used your department several times. Sam's department, for example, did a workshop for us at the Food Bank on food handling because I have to certify all my workers. So that's front end stuff so that we handle food well and then they do that sort of thing for a lot of places. Their services are far more extensive, I think, than I imagined before I became your liaison.

Sam Elder: In the room next to here today we've got a group of our employees and employees from other places in the county on a teleconference on the same thing. We consider the food program as an educational program primarily. You can hit a guy in the head and you get his attention right now, but you'll lose it as soon as you're gone. You have to convince them that this is the way they should do it and all of the things that we teach in that food program are good business. It saves you money.

President Lloyd: Other questions for the Health Department? I might ask you, I know in your rationale sheet you wanted additional money for laboratory?

Sam Elder: This is for an HIV SUDS, a single unit for diagnosis, and primarily this is to test for Chlamydia. We don't test for Chlamydia on all of the patients that we have in the VD Clinic. The national statistics says that the top age group that's infected with Chlamydia is 14 years old.

President Lloyd: It's page 154.

Sam Elder: And this is what we want to do. We wanted to test all of the people in the VD Clinic for this. We can't do it with the funding we've got now. I don't know if all of you are familiar with Chlamydia, but it's one of the most expanded groups of STD. I'm looking at Denise so that she can disagree with me if I say anything that's wrong. I don't know if all of you know Denise Cory or not. Stand up Denise. Denise is the Director of Communicable Disease and as far as I'm concerned she is one of the Health Department's most valued employees and I'm counting myself in that too.

Councilmember Smith: Sam, how long have you been there, 43 or 44 years?

Sam Elder: If I make it until June 1, I'll have been here 50 years. It'll be 50 years June 1.

Councilmember Smith: There's probably not a more knowledgeable person in the country than Sam is of that Health Department.

Councilmember Hoy: Did they start you as a child?

Councilmember Bassemier: You know, the way he looks he probably started when (Inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: When did you start, when you were about eight?

(Inaudible)

Sam Elder: No, I was 74 last month.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's what I said, you had to start at about 12 years old, you look so good.

Sam Elder: When I was 25.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, 25.

Councilmember Hoy: The other remark that I would make, that I would offer to Council, is that all too often we spend a lot of money on repairing damages rather than preventing damages. And when you spend money in the department, the money is spent on prevention a lot of the time. That saves you money down the road. That's why I keep asking the Welfare Department how much we're spending on, you know, children being kept other places because we work at that end of things and spend about \$9,000,000 a year, but we won't put money on up front programs.

Councilmember Bassemier: You've got to consider the suffering too.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: I mean, you know.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, yes, that's not even considering that. You're right, Councilman.

President Lloyd: One other question in your rationale, the account 3510, which is Other Operating, you requested an increase in that. That's to fund those grants? Is that correct?

Sam Elder: To supplement them. See, they've not---that primarily is because of the increased costs of fringes. Some of the departments have started hiring part time employees, I've noticed especially in clerical employees, not so much with the county as with the city. There's an increasing number of part time employees, you know, half the time. I noticed one of them advertised for 37 hours a week. I guess that makes it a part time employee. Anybody that thinks that two part time employees can do the work of one full time, especially in our department, is mistaken. You can't do it.

President Lloyd: Are those all state grants? And what you're saying is---

Sam Elder: The Children With Special Care Needs---what that is is that anytime a child has special health problems, like the child that was pile driven into the ground and paralyzed, this lady goes to see them and she shows them what's available to them and how they can get it and they do that with any child. A newborn, any that have special health care needs, so that the people don't have to wait forever for it. This is something that a person has to almost specialize in. This program was run by the state out of Deaconess Hospital for years. They had three people out there and they gave us that grant for this current year and then they never said anything about the salary and the fringes being too high, but this year they said they were and that's all the grant that they'd give us. When they say this is all you can have, then that's all you can have. I don't know just exactly what we would do with it if you're not willing to supplement it.

Councilmember Hoy: Well coupled with that, Mr. Elder, not too long ago the state had a five year freeze on wages, which made state wages lower. Even the State Police were having trouble attracting people because the wages were so low. We went through five years of that and I think that's had an impact on what you're talking about.

Sam Elder: I've seen it swing, it's like a pendulum on a clock. One 10 year period, or decade, the state employees make more than the local and then the local will make more than the state and you're right, the state's at a low end now.

Councilmember Hoy: Well the state's surplus came out of the billfolds of the state employees, is where it came from.

President Lloyd: Any other questions for the Health Department? Okay, thank you very much. The next department is... change the tape.

**(Tape Change)**

Councilmember Bassemier: You've got to look at it two ways, Phil, you might be the only one talking.

Councilmember Raben: We've already had to change the tape twice while Phil's talking.

President Lloyd: Okay the tape has been changed.

Councilmember Hoy: That's what you get when you elect a preacher.

**CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICE**

President Lloyd: Department 1230, Co-op Extension Service, page 76. Please state your name.

Susan Plassmeier: Susan Plassmeier, CED.

Larry Kron: I'm Larry Kron. I'm the president of the Board of Directors of the Extension Service. If possible I'd like to make just a short statement at the beginning, then we'll get into the budget.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Larry Kron: We're all aware of the past controversies and problems between the Extension office and the Council. I hope these can be resolved, and that the Extension office can start over and build a working relationship based on honesty and trust. Therefore, I want you to know that the Board of Directors is taking a more active role in the budget process. So, I'm pretty new at this, so if you can bear with me. Before you consider the budget, there's one change that we have in it. On, I believe it's line 3530, it's Contractual Services, we're lowering that from \$98,775 to \$53,575.

Councilmember Smith: Repeat that.

Larry Kron: We're lowering that to \$53,575. Just a note of what the Contractual Service line is, all of our educators or our agents, were paid partly through the county and partly through Purdue. Purdue was paying retirement benefits based on the entire salary, the county portion and the Purdue portion. The IRS has objected to that. So they want to go to the Contractual Service program where the county would just send the funds for each agent to Purdue and Purdue would issue the checks there. That way the retirement, they would get around the issue with the IRS. We are lowering that amount by that much because Purdue monetarily

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supports three agents in our county. The fourth agent would have been totally county funded, which was the \$45,200.

President Lloyd: Go ahead, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: How many.... that Contractual line, how many employees are you speaking of there?

Larry Kron: On that Contractual Service?

Councilmember Hoy: Uh-huh.

Larry Kron: Three.

Councilmember Hoy: Three, okay. I just spoke with Mr. Deisher and he concurs that what Purdue said is true, that former procedure was not legal. So, I think that's good that we got that on the floor.

Larry Kron: One other benefit to that is that previously two of the agents had the county health plan and they will not have that any longer. They will go on the Purdue plan. Two of the agents were on social security through the county, and that will be no more. That cost will all be paid out of Purdue now. So the total cost to the county would be the \$53,575.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I met with Mr. Krohn and kind of went over this budget. I can rehash here if you wish, back up here. We start at the top of the page, it says 76, and of course the Extension Agent is not there, set in at zero, and that won't be reviewed until next year, July of '99. So then we go down to the Office Manager, Secretary, Secretary, and 4-H Assistant. They're all four on there, but Vanderburgh County pays the three total and the existing line item 4-H Assistant is vacant as of the present time. It just became available about a month ago.

President Lloyd: Which line item?

Councilmember Wortman: The line item would be 1170-1230, 4-H Assistant. That's vacant at the present time. Her name was Mrs. Shulz and she was there. We'll proceed down to the other 4-H Assistant, 1200-1230. That's \$12,900, that's part time. I just wanted to let you know that's one person there. Then we'll go down to the Extra Help, that's \$7,000. That's five people, summer help. They come in there on a part time basis. Then we'll go to the next page, 3120 Postage/Freight. They thought they'd leave that like that. Then we go to the 3130 Travel/Mileage, \$8,000, reduce that to \$7,000. The Training, we'll leave that there. We go to the 3370 Computer (Data Management), that's the Internet situation that you're involved in on that.

Larry Kron: Yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, then we went down to the 3530 Contractual set in at \$53,575 as he said on that. Then the Rent, the 3600, set it in at \$35,997 unless the attorney has a remark on that. The 3910, the Youth Program, set that in from \$9,000 down to \$7,000. Then we go to 4220 Office Machines, that's a copy machine, \$4,000. It's on its last leg and they don't know if it's going to work or not.

Larry Kron: Curt?

Councilmember Wortman: Go ahead, Mr. Krohn.

Larry Kron: No, that's not right. I talked to you earlier about that.

Councilmember Wortman: I stand to be corrected.

Larry Kron: Yeah, I told you a copy machine at first and then I changed that.

Councilmember Wortman: That's right.

Larry Kron: That was for a printer for one of the computers which is shot and a folding machine.

Councilmember Wortman: That's right, okay. I stand to be corrected. I think that's it. If anybody has any questions, Mr. Krohn--

President Lloyd: Did you change that line item number, or the amount on that or not?

Councilmember Wortman: Where's that, Mr. Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Office Machines?

Councilmember Wortman: It remained at \$4,000, yes sir.

President Lloyd: Okay, thank you. Any other questions? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Curt, can you maybe clarify on the line item 3600, on the Rent there, the \$35,997? You mentioned that the attorney or something... help me to understand what you're referring to there.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, I'll elaborate a little bit on it. I think our attorney can elaborate. They're in negotiations or something and then I thought they could go on to them next week or when we finalize in September he might have something final on it. But he'll elaborate on that.

Jeff Ahlers: What we have going on now, and it's something I guess that we addressed here in a Council meeting a couple of months ago when it came to our attention that the amount of money that was set in the '98 budget was set in, I believe, at \$8.50 a square foot which is less than what the purported lease agreement is that's on the property which I guess is in the amount of about \$44,000. Based upon the fact that this Council did not appropriate the full amount of what the purported lease states, I sent a letter to the County Commissioners advising them that at some time before the end of the year there would not be enough money in that line item, and that based upon the discussions we had at that Council meeting, that because the lease did not contain the language stating that it was subject to an annual appropriation by County Council every year, and the fact that money had not been appropriated before it was entered into, that it was our position that the lease was void and unenforceable. The County Commissioners then, Joe Harrison, the County Attorney then forwarded a similar letter to Mr. Kahre, advised him of that. Since then we have met with Mr. Kahre's attorney, Steven Krohn, and have tried to work out the differences and see if there's a way short of litigation to work this issue out. There was a... Ms. Smith, Mr. Lloyd, and I also met in an Executive Session with the County Commissioners to discuss this situation. Proposals have been exchanged, and we're working on that issue now. My hope would be, and I expressed to attorney Steve Krohn, that it obviously would be best if a settlement could be worked out, that it be done before this budget is finalized so we can get the correct number in there. If it is not, then I guess this Council will have to set in whatever amount it wants to appropriate, whether it's the same amount we set in last year, and then if the matter is worked out subsequent to that, you know, if any change in the appropriation needs to be made, it can be done at that time or the matter would just be left to the courts to resolve. So that's where

we stand on it without getting into the specifics of the negotiations, but --

Councilmember Sutton: Right. Thank you for kind of just shedding some light on that, but I know just based upon our past discussions on this that we probably have right about two more months left in terms of what they have in this line item to be able to actually meet the obligations. Anything beyond that they would actually be out of funds in that line item. So, you know, whatever resolution comes about, hopefully we'll hear something here soon, but obviously that's for, maybe, some other parties to look at and to decide. I guess prior to maybe setting in an amount, perhaps maybe we'll hear some more in terms of what that actual figure will be.

Jeff Ahlers: What I will do is, I will call attorney Steve Krohn today and see if he's had a chance to talk over the latest proposal that was sent over to them with his client, and maybe get a sense from him when we think we can either resolve the matter amicably, or whether we're going to reach an impasse or something before this budget is finalized so that will help us out in that regard in making a decision. So maybe I can report that to you Tuesday or something. I would surely be able to communicate with him by then, but I will initiate a call today.

Councilmember Sutton: How long was that agreement, by chance? Do you recall?

Jeff Ahlers: The agreement in total was ten years. Now I don't know if that was five years and then a five year option, or ten years total. In part of our negotiations we are working on both the term as well as the rental amount, as well as making sure any new lease would have the required language by statute that it's subject to annual appropriation by this body and get that all straightened out. So the hope would be that we can resolve the whole issue, but you never know how these things go whether we'll get it resolved or whether it will be left to the courts.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: The only thing I could add to that was Mr. Harrison had indicated that we would need to fund the current lease amount in 1998. I mean, Betty, did you agree, or didn't you get that from him, that we were going to do an additional appropriation and fund that while these negotiations are going on?

Councilmember Smith: That's the way I understood it, and hopefully they can work out something because I don't think anybody gets well when you go to court on it. We felt that the Commissioners entered into a contract even though the money wasn't in place, there would be a loophole there, but when three of them voted for it... you know, we wanted to give them time to work out something and maybe they could work out something with the landlord too. So I think we probably will have to go ahead and put the money in for '98 and by that time they will probably work out something.

President Lloyd: Right, he indicated if we refused to pay the '98 that would make our case worse.

Councilmember Sutton: I hate to say I told you so, but I think that's what I was saying back a few months ago when we were kind of going through this exercise. I obviously don't have the credentials that Mr. Ahlers has. I think it buys us some time, for one thing, if we at least meet the obligations and then go back and revisit. But kind of in the middle, mid stream, it's a little difficult to go back and say, hey, wait a minute, you know, you hurt me a little too much here. Let's go back and rethink this thing. So, I'm glad we're going to go back and try to do that. Even though we do have some real issues there that we need to work out, I think we do need to carry out the conditions of the contract, at least through this year.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I think this has probably proved a point to the Commissioners and the Council that they need to work more closely together instead of entering into something that the other one is not aware of. Hopefully this can work out.

President Lloyd: Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: This raises the question that I thought we had answered, Mr. Ahlers, but I guess we haven't. I thought the law said that no contract is complete until we appropriate the money, but it appears that may not be so. We didn't appropriate this money until quite a long time after the Commissioners approved that contract.

Councilmember Smith: I said I think they've learned a lesson from this.

Councilmember Hoy: I know, but if they do it again then we're hung out to dry again. If they can sign a contract and the law says it's not final until we approve it, and then we find out we've got to pay it anyway, you know, then the law doesn't seem to have much force and why would you have checks and balances?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I don't know that there is anything that says that... I mean there's nothing that says that we have to pay it. That's exactly our position is that it's void and unenforceable. The question, and I think what they're discussing, I don't think we should get into the subject of the negotiations and what's going on, but if we enter into a new lease, presumably if it's worked out, we would just start that now and this Council would be involved and an appropriation would have to be in place when this contract is executed. So at that point, obviously, if the issue is resolved we'll be back here reporting that and the Co-op or the Commissioners will be back here asking for an appropriation to put the funding in place for them to execute the contract.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I understand that, and I don't want to go to court with this because it's too expensive. I'm just saying that it could happen again even if we have good communication. It seems to me that the law is on our side from the law you cited. Therefore, if that's not the case then, you know, I wonder why we would have checks and balances in the law.

Councilmember Sutton: Curt, just one last question. This figure that you named, that you indicated, the \$35,000 figure, how much is that per square foot?

Councilmember Wortman: I believe that was figured out about eight and a half, in that vicinity.

President Lloyd: That was \$8.50 per square foot.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions for Co-op? Thank you very much, I appreciate it.

Larry Kron: Thank you.

### **LEGAL AID**

President Lloyd: The next budget for consideration, Legal Aid, 1460, which is on page 127.

Sue Hartig: I'm Sue Hartig from Legal Aid. In the audience are Tim Sanders and Steve Hahn. Steve is the president of the board currently, and Tim is the treasurer and finance chairman.

President Lloyd: Questions for Legal Aid budget?

Councilmember Raben: The only question that I have, it looks like all the 300 accounts are up. Is there any particular reason? Use, for instance, Postage/Freight, Travel/Mileage, Telephone, Law Books, everything seems to have an increase.

Sue Hartig: Yes, there is. We reduced all of these accounts back in the early '90's to get our third attorney, third secretary, and complete the expansion. So, little by little we're trying to get those accounts back up to where they need to be. One thing that we did, this was our first ever community benefit report, which each of you received a copy. The board has instructed me that they would like that done every year. This year it was underwritten by Deaconess Hospital, that won't be the case every year. So, the increases in Printing, Postage, and Office Supplies are to enable us to prepare that report next year. We have discussed Travel, Continuing Ed, and Dues and Subscriptions, on many occasions. We have three attorneys in the office. Each of those attorneys have to complete twelve hours of continuing ed, in short, per year. It's six hours per year, but 36 hours in three years. So, in essence, it's twelve hour per year. So it's twelve hours for each of us, that's 36 hours per year. There are video replays that we can go to in Evansville. They're often totally irrelevant to what we do. With the changes in welfare reform and poverty law, it is important that we go to those places, be it Indianapolis or out of state, and attend seminars that relate to the specialty that we practice so that we can properly represent our clients. Those are what those increases are for. We have refunded the Litigation line item which we haven't (Inaudible) for several years. We have no money for depositions, for investigating, for preparing for our cases. Sometimes there are fees that we simply can't get around. If we have a deaf client, by law we must provide an interpreter and we have to pay for that. There are times we have to purchase doctor's reports and medical reports. If we have to get service of process on someone that's out of town... I recently spent, I think, \$68 to Fed Ex service overseas to get service on a person so that we could complete the case. Occasionally we have to order a transcript of a hearing that occurred. So that's why I've asked that this Litigation line item be refunded. We also, this year, not next year, will have to purchase a new computer. The current dummy terminal that we have where we retrieve information from the court system is not adequate for the new court system. As far as the Equipment Repairs and Furniture and Fixtures, our typewriters were purchased in '94, our six networked computers were purchased in '93, our six networked dictation machines are from 1988, the copier is from '95, the fax from '96, and our shredder from '91. So we keep as many of those things as we can under our maintenance agreement and keep our fingers crossed on the rest.

President Lloyd: Questions? I know at the joint budget meeting, we had asked that Telephone be reduced.

Sue Hartig: Right.

President Lloyd: Was this prepared before the City/County--

Sue Hartig: Yes, I haven't provided you any paperwork since then. Was that reduced from \$2,500 to \$2,000?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Sue Hartig: Okay.

President Lloyd: That would be page 128, line 3140 reduced to \$2,000. The only other question I have on the rent, at the joint meeting it was \$20,110. Is that correct?

Sue Hartig: We had to turn in our figures to the city, I believe, in April. That \$20,110 was this year's figure. I think what probably happened with, after that we received word from the Building Authority that this year's figure would be \$20,281. But if changing that is a problem, we can do a transfer or resolve that some other way.



President Lloyd: But the joint approved \$20,110.

Sue Hartig: I mean, that's fine, if it turns out to be a bit more than that we can make due with that.

President Lloyd: Right. We probably ought to put that at \$20,110 because that's what the joint meeting approved.

Councilmember Raben: Actually that's our call, Mr. Lloyd. We can, but it's our call.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible--microphone not turned on)

Sue Hartig: They are all full time. I might point out that this is our 40th anniversary. We were established in 1958, so October of this year will be our 40th year in existence.

President Lloyd: Other questions for Ms. Hartig? Okay, procedurally, I think that Rent should be \$20,110. That's what we should set it in at since that was voted on by County Council members at the joint budget. I mean, if we want to make a motion to change it, we can.

Councilmember Raben: We don't actually have to make a motion. There really wasn't any official action taken that evening. It's whatever we do here next week is what's official. So that has no relevance at all. Are we on United Way yet, or are we still on the --

President Lloyd: No, we're still on this budget. Any other questions? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: What's the... I've forgotten, the city pays part of this and we pay part of it?

Sue Hartig: Yes, 50/50.

Councilmember Hoy: Fifty?

Sue Hartig: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

Sue Hartig: And that's why we reflect rent in this budget where often you don't see that. So you can bill the city their 50%.

### **UNITED WAY LEGAL AID**

President Lloyd: Okay, if there are no other questions on this budget we'll move to United Way/Legal Aid on page 198.

Councilmember Raben: Sue, what is the actual grant amount this year?

Sue Hartig: For the United Way?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Sue Hartig: We don't know, we haven't even started that process yet. To refresh your recollection, what we normally ask the county to budget here is what we propose. Then we will not find that correct figure out until late November. If the United Way drive comes in slow, sometimes it's been January or February, but what we will do then is come back to you and

repeal or appropriate accordingly after we know what that figure is.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on the Legal Aid? Okay, thank you very much.

Sue Hartig: Thank you.

### ***VETERANS ADMINISTRATION***

President Lloyd: The next budget is Veterans Administration, 1270, which is on page 83.

Mark Acker: Good morning, Mark Acker of Veterans Services. After listening to that budget I'm kind of ashamed of mine. I would ask the Council to consider that we have applied on numerous years in the past for computers for our office and we have been denied each year. We finally had a computer donated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and that's the only computer in our office. We would like to hope we were getting some excess used stuff. It came over and didn't even have a hard drive in it. We would hope that maybe somewhere along the line that Council, with appropriations this year, might consider that, or finding used equipment we might be able to upgrade our office with would be greatly appreciated considering the VA's programs are now on computer and available. The programs are expensive, but they will expedite the veterans cases and make sure that we do a better job for those people we're representing. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: You were asking for used equipment?

Mark Acker: We're asking for anything at this stage, Mr. Raben. We'd like to have new equipment. That would be nice.

Councilmember Raben: Check with SCT because I know--

Mark Acker: Sir, I don't mean to interrupt you on that matter, but we have on numerous occasions, with no avail for equipment.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, they've got a lot of... there should be a lot of used, good computer equipment coming in just due to the fact that a lot of the computers in the township offices had to be Pentium type computers for their new type of software. So there's a lot of new updated equipment out there being replaced. So, somewhere there ought to be a graveyard full of good stuff.

Mark Acker: Well, we'll put our request back in and hopefully we can get a shot at it before it goes to excess property and is sold off.

Councilmember Hoy: But your software comes from where?

Mark Acker: It will come out of the Veterans Administration. We'll have to purchase it through their programming department. Those programs run about, between \$300 and \$600 programs.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, but if you're going to look at used equipment --

Mark Acker: Will it be compatible with the programs? I will get the programs and give it to the appropriate agency so they can see if these computers will adapt to that programming.

Councilmember Hoy: Over the years I've collected a number of door stops at my place.

Mark Acker: I've got a couple of them sitting in the office right now that I've been trying to get

Bennie to come over and pick back up. They will make great river weights, but that's about all they're good for.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Mark Acker: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, should we make a change on that 1120-1270, on that employee? That's a new employee, isn't it? Shouldn't that drop down to \$23,075?

Mark Acker: I think Sandie had given me some figures on the new employee, Jay, so that we would be covered in January for that. Is that the \$23,000? Okay, yes, you're correct, sir.

President Lloyd: Line 1120-1270?

Mark Acker: For the Assistant Service Officer, from \$25,377 to twenty three?

Councilmember Bassemier: That's \$23,075. That's the only thing I can find.

Mark Acker: That would also be for his step increase in January and February. That's the reason that figure would go from the base up.

Councilmember Smith: Did they increase your rent?

Mark Acker: Eight and a half percent our rent went up. It will go from \$8,584 to \$9,000 this year on an 8.5% increase. I know this isn't the place, but we can't even get the fans wiped off. They've got three inches of dirt on them.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was going to say on that, that wasn't your fault on that one. I wasn't blaming you.

Mark Acker: Okay, no, I realize that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Mark Acker: On our Contractual, the jobs program has not had a, that's our cleaning for our office, has not had a raise in two years. They project that will jump 3% from \$911 to \$962. Of course, on the 1270-1990 account, that's Extra Help, we've not made an adjustment to the new federal laws for minimum wage. That is that reflected increase.

Councilmember Smith: Did you say that Contractual Service was for the cleaning?

Mark Acker: Yes, that's--

Councilmember Smith: And then you're just telling us that they won't even wipe the fans off? I mean, there's something wrong here if we're paying for it and we're not getting it.

Mark Acker: This is basic cleaning, the carpets, vacuuming the carpets, wiping the desks off. They're going to use... the ceilings, I think anybody that's been in the Old Courthouse realizes that requires a rather large ladder. Since this construction is going on adding air conditioning systems in the building and other things, we've had a great deal of extra dirt. This cleaning service, not to be misunderstood, this is from the Mental Health Department. These individuals coming over are not capable of doing that type of work which would be of high risk, getting handicapped people on ladders to clean fans and door facings, things of that nature. They just do the basic cleaning for \$15 a week, the two offices.

Councilmember Smith: I spent nine years over there so I know what the Courthouse looks like. But when you said you can't even get the fans cleaned, that's when you said, well this is the cleaning--

Mark Acker: Well, Betty, to answer your question, I feel that's part of the maintenance of the building that we're renting the space from. We bought the fans, the county did, through appropriations and upgraded this office space and we can't even get the fans wiped off. That is equipment that belongs to the Old Courthouse. I believe that type of maintenance is not part of this Contractual vacuuming and dusting offices. This is much more extensive maintenance that should be done by a competent staff. That's part of the Old Courthouse's, in my opinion, to do. I have plaster falling off the ceiling because we've got water leaks.

Councilmember Hoy: I know you're correct on that. We use the same cleaning service and you cannot expect them to do this kind of work. How many square feet do you have?

Mark Acker: Fifteen hundred, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: I think we need to check and see if we can find you a computer. I mean, you send out all kinds of letters and things like that too, so we'll see what we can do on that. Who's your liaison for Council?

Mark Acker: Betty.

President Lloyd: Ms. Smith, okay. Well, we can work on that with her.

Councilmember Hoy: You might want to do some shopping, too.

Mark Acker: I'll make sure I get the programs and let Betty know what's applicable for the programs we need it to run.

Councilmember Hoy: If you get a 3.1 donated, you're not going to run new software on that, I can assure you.

Mark Acker: Starla, what is our computer? It's a 486 we had donated.

Councilmember Hoy: Is it Windows '95?

Mark Acker: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Is it, will it meet the year 2000?

Mark Acker: No.

Councilmember Hoy: That's what I thought.

Mark Acker: But you don't look a gift horse in the mouth when they'll give you something that works.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions for Veterans Service? Thank you very much.

Mark Acker: Thank you.

President Lloyd: The next budget is Circuit Court, department 1360, page 97. Oh, we're going to change the tape.

(Tape Change)

**CIRCUIT COURT**

President Lloyd: Okay, we're ready.

Carl Heldt: My name is Carl Heldt, I'm Circuit Court Judge. Also with me today are Harris Howerton, Karen Angermeier who will provide, hopefully, answers that I cannot. I just want to mention a couple of points. I think as far as Circuit Court is concerned the only increases of any consequence, we are requesting two additional probation officers, one additional public defender. On the issue of the probation officers, our probations officers, of which we have seven currently, have a case load of 211 probationers each. The state average is 81. If we were to get these two other officers we could reduce that case load to 150 each. I might say that the state standards would require that we have 10.25 probation officers and we have seven, so this request is to help alleviate that situation. As far as the public defender is concerned we also need an additional public defender. We have, I think, the highest rate of jury trials per judicial officer in the state and that impacts, obviously, on our public defender staff as well. I think one additional side benefit if we had an additional public defender we could reduce the Public Defender Fund that we have that we use to hire outside attorneys when we need to supplement public defender work. Although it won't be reduced proportionately it can be reduced, we think, substantially. Other than that, I think the large item has to do with the expansion of the SAFE House capacity and probably Harris would be better to speak to that if you have any questions on that.

Councilmember Raben: Can we--

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Before we address the SAFE House, on the Circuit Court budget we've got quite a task before us this year. We need to, obviously, cut a lot out of our budget this year. While it may be wishful thinking we're not going to be able to grant all the positions in every budget. Looking at yours, if you had your choice on one or two positions what would they be?

Carl Heldt: If you were going to cut one of the three positions we're asking for I would ask you to cut one of the probation officers and give us one probation officer and one public defender.

Councilmember Raben: One probation officer and one public defender. If I'm not mistaken there are four positions requested. Two probation officers, a public defender and a bail bond interview specialists.

Carl Heldt: Those have been approved.

President Lloyd: State your name, please.

Harris Howerton: Harris Howerton. The bail bond position, you approved those in July and we're, of course, carrying that through to a new budget so we assume that you all understood that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: You're trying to hire somebody to take those positions now, aren't you?

Carl Heldt: As we speak.

Councilmember Smith: Those are already made positions.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, correct. I overlooked that.

Carl Heldt: I might say one of the reasons we would like one of each, at least one probation officer and one public defender, is that we're hopeful that with more personnel across the board we can try more jury trials than we are trying even now and process people through our system faster and a side benefit hopefully to help alleviate some of the jail overcrowding because the faster we get people through there the less people we have to worry about in there. That's why we're really in need of one of each.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Carl Heldt: I might say there is some chance that the State Legislature might grant us an additional magistrate. I was in Indianapolis last week speaking at a committee meeting and if that happens then we can really make some headway as far as the case load is concerned and we would have special need then for these people.

Councilmember Raben: I understand that. I know we're going to address several more when we get into Community Corrections which makes that budget even larger yet.

Carl Heldt: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Again, just for clarification, if this Council were to allow two positions in your budget you would want the probation officer and a public defender or two probation officers?

Carl Heldt: I would prefer another public defender if you were going to cut one of those three.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Carl Heldt: Cut a probation officer and give me one probation officer and one public defender.

Councilmember Hoy: Public defenders are part-time?

Carl Heldt: They are.

Councilmember Hoy: What kind of hours do you expect out of them?

Carl Heldt: They don't clock in and clock out. Basically, what they do is each public defender handles one week's worth of court business as far as initial hearings are concerned. They are in there in the morning and the afternoon for a full week and every new defendant that comes through there that needs a public defender is assigned to that person in court that week. They basically take the next four weeks that they aren't in court in routine matters and handle those however many, ten or 20, however many new clients they have and try to process them through. Hopefully, you know, a lot of them are through the process by the time they come back into court again. That doesn't usually happen. That's really the best I can give you. I will say that it is my impression that we have a much better value with our part-time public defenders than we do in hiring outside public defenders even at the rate, the hourly rate, that we pay them which is obviously much lower than the market rate. I think we have a much better value with the people we have that are part-time, but have actual positions.

Councilmember Sutton: Judge.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: They've been spending several months and I guess they even met yesterday, last night, on this jail overcrowding situation and the committee that has convened to address that whole issue. How do these three positions that you are requesting here, how do those tie into discussions and issues that have been raised during the course of that committee's hearing and deliberations? If you can just kind of elaborate on that and explain how this ties into what they are talking about.

Carl Heldt: Really, I talked a little bit to the jail commission last night about this and what brought it up...what brought it really home was my trip to Indianapolis when it seems to me that we have a real chance of getting another magistrate and what I told them was if I had another magistrate, another public defender, and another probation officer and some space instead of trying one jury trial at a time, I could try two at a time which to me would really put a big dent in the criminal case load in my court and hopefully a dent in the jail population, those people who are sitting in jail waiting for a trial or for sentencing. If I don't get the magistrate I still think that I can make more progress because if I have another probation officer I feel certain that I could get my presentence investigations done more quickly and once again move people through the system faster. Instead of having a person sitting in jail for 30 days waiting for a presentence investigation report and then sentencing and then moving outside the jail maybe we could do it in 20 days and get them through that much more quickly. Obviously, with a new public defender I think we could get more clients represented faster and more efficiently and hopefully get them through the system again. Part of the problem, I think, with the jail...not necessarily a problem, part of the solution might be making the judicial system, the criminal judicial system, move faster for those in the jail. Now I can't say that for every new position you give me I can reduce the time spent in jail because there is a...you can't get them through there in a week or a month or even two months sometimes. It takes a certain amount of time for an attorney to prepare his case, to talk to his client, to work out a plea agreement if he can or to get to trial. That won't reduce proportionately down to zero, but I think that we are at the point now judging from my trial calendar which has five to ten jury trials set every Monday and Wednesday for the next several months where if instead of trying one of those five I can try two of them, we can move through the system faster. I hope that answers your question.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I guess I'm wanting to really get an idea of what is going to take place from this study that they're doing and what the final results are going to be and what recommendations are made to us overall. Just trying to get an idea there, but as well I guess the goal is to try to move people through the system a lot faster involving all those parties.

Carl Heldt: I think the three conclusions they've reached so far and I think which have gotten substantial publicity is number one the bail bond project, which has already been funded and they're interviewing candidates now for the bail bond interviewers. Secondly, expanding the capacity of the SAFE House which we're going to talk about, which Harris knows quite a bit about, and we can expand that by 50 beds and we can alleviate some of the stress on the jail population. Thirdly, increasing the electronic home monitoring system. Those are the three things I think that the jail commission decided on to go forward with. We're going forward with that as well with a new vendor and a lease agreement whereby we can increase the number of people that we can put on house arrest to help, hopefully, alleviate the jail problem, so those three things have been accomplished. The commission last night basically decided to move forward on other solutions and I think they want to do some studying first before they reach any conclusions on that, but I think they're continuing to want to move forward. They hope these three things help solve the problem and they want to go around again to see if there are some other things that the people can bring to the commission to help solve it some more.

Councilmember Sutton: Doesn't the case load, doesn't it kind of run in cycles? I mean, times when it's up and other times when it is down. Isn't it kind of hard to predict what we're going to have down the road?

Carl Heldt: It is except I think it's predictable that it's going to increase. When I was at the

State House last week I had the statistics for Circuit Court and uniformly it increases every year, the case load. Now, it will spike up at times when there is a big drug arrest such as what we maybe had last week when 20 or 30 people come through the system all at once--

Councilmember Sutton: Out of the system pretty quick, too, some of them.

Carl Heldt: Yeah. Over the long haul it has uniformly increased to the tune of about 40 percent. The case load increased about 40 percent, I think, in the last seven years in Circuit Court and I suspect it is going to continue to increase.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Could some of this also...it seems to me, I know this is controversial, but Judge Brune released what...five or seven people on OR. It seems to me that's one reason the jail is crowded is because you have people sitting there who can't afford bail. In his estimation, those people...I mean, the only reason you have bail is to make sure they come to court unless they're in there for something very heavy. I would consider that a strong possibility for reducing the jail population.

Carl Heldt: I might say that I know that I am sensitive and I know that all the Superior Court judges are sensitive to OR people that they feel are qualified to be OR. Who is qualified? Everybody has got their own opinion on it. I see in the papers after Judge Brune OR -- he received a lot of criticism and then he received a lot of support such as with the editorial in the paper, I think, yesterday. That's a matter of judgement and that's what judges are called upon to do is use their judgement.

Councilmember Hoy: I think it might be interesting to see, you know, if they are not in for terribly heavy charges, just to see how many people show up over a period of time. I suspect that most of them would.

Carl Heldt: Most of them do.

Councilmember Hoy: I mean, I've known of situations...I know of a situation where a woman sat there for two months and the bail was \$50. She just couldn't get it. Had I of known about it sooner I probably would have just gone and paid it, you know, just to save the county money and save that space. The thing that Mr. Sutton has been asking about and I have, too, about this study is maybe we had the wrong expectations. I'm not trying to put you on the spot. You're one judge, one person, so I'm not wanting to be unfair to you at all, but I expected, you know, something would come across our desks and the Commissioners' desk that would say, you know, here are the things to put in place. Instead we're seeing one thing here, and one thing here, and one thing here. I would rather have seen something more organized.

Carl Heldt: There was some discussion last night at the end of the meeting about what the commission's goals ought to be and whether or not they should set some sort of a timetable and make some sort of decision on the big question which is, do we need more facilities, more physical plans for the jail? Basically, the commission decided to meet again in a month and that subject may come up again. I might also say this, Reverend Hoy, about the OR and setting of bail, we're hopeful that these two new bail commissioners will help that because what they will do is provide a lot more information to the judge at the person's first appearance and hopefully will help get those qualified people out on OR or on small bail.

Councilmember Hoy: That was why the yes vote was very easy for me on that because I do feel that up front we can do some things.

Carl Heldt: We'll find out.



President Lloyd: Okay, Mrs. Smith and then Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Smith: Judge, the Senior Judge, there is no money there. We do have a senior judge over there with you now. Does he get paid through the state?

Karen Angermeier: He's paid through Superior Court.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I thought Judge Lockyear was working in Circuit Court as a senior judge.

Carl Heldt: He worked in Circuit Court after Judge Young had left and before I was appointed, as a special judge.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay, because I saw that there was no money.

Carl Heldt: Yeah. I think they're both paid through Superior Court, are they not? Sometimes they may serve as a special judge or a judge pro tem in my court.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay. There was just no money in that line item and I was wondering.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, Phil may have said it best there just a few minutes ago. That's a big concern I've got also is that here it is we've already approved two new bail bond interview specialists. You've got a request for three more new people which is five in your budget. We're looking at, again, a greater number in Community Corrections. You know, we're making a hell of a commitment for the taxpayers to foot this bill. I would hate like hell next year to be in this room and this hasn't made a tremendous difference on the flow of people coming in and out of our jail up here. It would be disappointing to me to find three months from now the end result is, you know, bricks and mortar, it's not any of this at all. Something that just for instance, and this just came in today, matter of fact, this is the '97 judicial expenses and this is prepared by the Indiana Judicial System, okay, the Supreme Court of Indiana. St. Joe County, just as a comparison, St. Joe County has just roughly over 245,000 population. Vanderburgh County's is just over 165,000. Actual expenditures for St. Joseph County is \$3.4 million. Vanderburgh County is \$3.8. Our population is almost 100,000 less, so I guess what I'm trying to say is I hope...my gut feeling is spend, spend, spend isn't the solution here. I hope if we make that kind of commitment for the taxpayers I hope next year we're not even talking about a Blue Ribbon Committee or an overcrowded jail, I hope. You know, we're at your mercy and I hope what you folks are telling us is right.

Carl Heldt: I agree with you. If it doesn't make a difference I would be very disappointed myself. I wouldn't be asking for them if I didn't think it would make a difference and hopefully in the next year we'll find out. I also say you have me at somewhat of a disadvantage about what the statistics on St. Joe County, but I don't know what their crime rate is and I don't know what their case load is, but I can assure you that the case load handled by the judges in Vanderburgh County is within the top half dozen for the 92 counties in the state. I am very confident that the county is getting their money's worth, but the answer to why we spend more than they do proportionately may lie in many, many other factors and I can't answer that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Judge.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I want to address a couple of your comments. First of all, we've got to separate the two. You know, the jail of course is a detention center. That's where

we are holding and waiting to do what the judges and whatever you've got to do with them. Now you got to picture the SAFE House, now that's a correctional place. That's where they are going to go to be punished, okay, so it's bound...if the judge can try them faster or whatever it is bound to cut the population in the county jail. Okay, another fact, I hope the Blue Ribbon Committee or the commission or whatever you call it, I hope it stays. I really do because I've been to every meeting and the judge and Harris will tell you there is a great coordination here. Everybody knows what everybody is trying to do. What I'm trying to say, we're all trying to stay on the same page, aren't we, Judge?

Carl Heldt: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think...we kind of all agreed last night we think it's very important and we hope that we continue to meet. I mean, it's a great thing we're doing here with the committee.

Carl Heldt: I think everyone on the commission feels it's a worthy effort and that it should be continued because they think that we've made progress and we're going to make more. What do you do if it disbands and quits? What's the answer then?

Councilmember Bassemier: Right.

Carl Heldt: So I think that the commission would rather stay around and try to answer the questions, than just throw their hands up and walk away from it and it's not ready to answer all the questions yet.

Councilmember Bassemier: And we found out we're all talking to each other.

Carl Heldt: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, Judge, I don't think we should make you the whipping boy, but I was going to ask you maybe if we can move on, you probably want us to move on a little bit.

Carl Heldt: That's fine.

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to ask you about 1990 Extra Help. How does that play into many of these positions that you are requesting here? Whether a reduction would be appropriate if they were granted or is it just totally separate from what we're looking at?

Carl Heldt: I'm going to have to get some help on that.

President Lloyd: Please state your name.

Karen Angermeier: Karen Angermeier. This additional money is requested for presentence investigations for the interns. They can get the presentence done quicker and I think Judge Heldt could probably address that a little bit better.

Carl Heldt: This is intern money?

Karen Angermeier: Yes.

Carl Heldt: The interns, we not only have probation officers we have interns that help do some of the legwork on the presentence investigations. The telephone calls, the letters, compiling the data on a particular defendant and, obviously, the more manpower we have there the more quickly we can get the presentence turned around as well.

Councilmember Sutton: How many more additional interns does that \$15,000 increase

account for?

Karen Angermeier: I would say it would account for about four or five.

President Lloyd: Is that okay? I guess what Mr. Raben asked earlier I was going to kind of back it up one more. If you had a choice between probation officer and public defender, if only one, which one would be able to help you more there?

Carl Heldt: I think at this point the probation officer because if we get another magistrate we're almost going to have to have another public defender, but we could probably get along without one. On the public defender, we can drop \$20,000 off of the Pauper/Attorney account, so if we get the public defender we can reduce that account. I think I mentioned that, but probably didn't mention the amount.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question--

President Lloyd: I've got one more related--

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, I'm sorry.

President Lloyd: Does the Chief Probation Officer handle cases or does he just supervise?

Carl Heldt: No, he handles cases.

President Lloyd: Okay. Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I've never heard of it, but I'm curious if you hired a public defender full-time, what would you have to pay him and would having a full-time employee be more effective?

Carl Heldt: I think someone is looking into that. I think that has been an issue as far as the state is concerned. There are some full-time public defender officers in the state. To get the quality of public defenders that we have...I mean, you could go out and hire someone fresh out of law school and probably get them for, you know, \$35,000 a year plus the office expenses, the secretarial help and so forth. To get the quality that we have it would be, in my opinion, at least twice that to get that quality in a public defender.

Councilmember Smith: Almost as much as the judge's salary probably.

Carl Heldt: Yeah, or at least magistrate salary.

Councilmember Hoy: And then I am comparing that to effectiveness, you know, because this is...I think full-time employees generally are more effective than part-time employees, that has been my experience, but that may not be in a courtroom. That may be different.

Carl Heldt: It makes a big difference in the legal market, it is like every market, I guess, you get what you pay for. If you want the type of lawyers that can defend murder cases and death penalty cases and A felonies and matters of substantial importance to not only the state, but to the defendant and the court, you've got to, I think, recruit people and pay people who have a high degree of skill and you're not going to get those full-time for that salary.

Councilmember Hoy: I understand that, but you know the number of murder trials are not...I don't know how many we have.

Carl Heldt: We'll have at least nine this year, plus two attempted murders, one death penalty.

President Lloyd: Other questions on Circuit Court? That's, I think, talking about Special Reporters, is that mainly used for murder trials, 3944?

Carl Heldt: Yeah, additional transcripts for sentencing, pleas, probably grand jury or not? Grand Jury Reporter.

Councilmember Raben: On that, could some of that be spent in 1998 or do you have...like as an appropriation?

President Lloyd: For Special Reporter it's line 3944.

Karen Angermeier: You just approved an appropriation for \$20,000 for this year and with the murder trials coming up we expect that to be exhausted.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on Circuit Court? Okay, let's move on to Community Corrections, department 1361, page 102.

**(Tape Change)**

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Lloyd: Next is Community Corrections.

Harris Howerton: Would you like to talk about the regular budget first, because I know there will be a great deal of discussion on the additional deal?

President Lloyd: That will be fine.

Harris Howerton: Harris Howerton, by the way, Community Corrections. Are there any questions about the budget that you see other than the new positions and the new costs?

Councilmember Sutton: Harris, you know I had a ton of questions when we were looking at the Bail Bond positions and expressed my concern there and I think Phil and Jim have pretty much -- over peeking at my notes or something, but kind of expressed the sentiment that I have. I guess really the feeling that I have is we've got a lot of positions that are requested here and it's pretty hefty requests in relation to what we've seen in the past and I guess before we see that final report that outlines all the things that we can do and really get a good idea of what we're looking at from a cost standpoint, it just seems a little premature for us to proceed forward with such a large request so that -- really, I guess I am looking at something that ties everything together. And I guess before we begin to proceed with positions -- we may find that we may need to increase the number of employees or the positions, but I guess I haven't seen anything up to this point that really ties everything together and I don't want us to get into a piecemeal approach to addressing this very serious issue. And I know you've got some real things that you'd like to do and accomplish with it, so maybe you can speak to this a little bit and talk about it and maybe put aside some of the real concerns I have on this issue.

Harris Howerton: Great expectations. Everyone would like to know today. If my name was Merlin, I would tell you today what the resolve is going to be for our overcrowding of our jail and where we're going to be 30 years from now with our jail population. There have been, I think, six meetings now with this so-called Blue Ribbon Panel. They've met in excess of two, two and a half hours each time they've gotten together. We've collected a lot of data. We have had the NIC, the National Institute of Corrections, people in. They gave a report. Some of us, I think, including myself expected some type of a glorious answer, as if there was going to be this big light go off; here's the answer to the whole problem. It's not going to happen. This

large amount of money that I am talking about here for expansion -- drop in the bucket what will happen if you do nothing for now. And if you wait for the ultimate answer to our problems. We haven't even involved the community yet. We are very early in the process, and remember, the word process versus just a meeting and come up with a solution. We're not sure just yet who ought to be in that jail, okay? And this is why you can call it piecemeal, but these are steps that we're taking to see if we can figure out yet who ought to be in that jail. I've heard about and he knows of, people that are in jail because they can't post a \$50 bond. I read about Judge Brune taking the -- the guts that it took to OR people on a Class A felony -- almost unheard of in this county beforehand. Who were they? Well, they were lower SES, mothers on welfare and they were trying to move a little drugs, co-op a little drugs to get by. Unfortunately, I guess they were probably within a thousand feet of a school, which isn't hard to do in downtown Evansville. So, we're still in the process of trying to find out who ought to be in that jail, okay? Ultimately, it could very well be that this Commission might say, well, we tried the bail bond project. Community Corrections has opened up 25 - 50 more beds, and they did that and the judges used that for some in lieu of bond participants, people that maybe they didn't feel were a good risk that wouldn't make it back to court, but at least if we have them supervised in the Community Corrections setting, it gets them out of the jail. Maybe after all those things we'll be coming to you and say, guess what, why don't you guys go look for 40 or 50 million dollars because we're going to need another 500 beds. That's what the community wants to do. So after we've had more meetings -- and we will -- then the next meeting we go to, we are going to establish what our role is. We've kind of gone from the overcrowding problem to what are our future needs. We're kind of doing that and we didn't know we were doing it until about last night, I think. In the future we're going to have to know that there's going to be a certain class of offenders and I could easily say today -- it would be my opinion today that short of a violent crime, short of a violent crime and with certain assurances that the person would make it back to court -- and remember, I've heard this a number of times -- that's the only concern. Will they make it back to court? Well, no it's not. The statute very clearly talks about what a judge must take into consideration. It talks about long-term residential, are they a long-term resident of the community or are they a transient. It talks about their past criminal record. It talks about problems such as alcohol or drug addiction, so there's a number of things. And with the bail bond part, with that step we're going to try to address that, so it's not really piecemeal. We're going to take these things and look at them very seriously. If this is a person that we can represent to the judge as okay to OR, and I guarantee you that you're going to see a lot of that, I know I did it 20 years ago. I saw a lot of people that we would recommend to the judge to OR. And then it was up to the judge whether he thought it was politically -- could it be political suicide or whether the judge was going to retire in a year, whatever, that pretty much had some bearing on it. We think it might shield the judge a little bit by having this program in place because he's going to rely -- you know, we all rely on employees and on other information given to you by experts -- so we think we're going to put some expert people in place to provide good information to the judges so they can make a good decision and that will also apply to the Community Correction components: the electronic monitoring equipment and the beds out at the SAFE House. I think that some of the judges will feel comfortable that they will be supervised, more intense supervision on pre-trial release.

Councilmember Sutton: If you look at just the bottom line, I don't like to just only do that, we're talking about a 58.52% increase in your budget which is equivalent to just a shade over \$806,000, that's a pretty significant increase. And then I guess I think as well, if you were to get all the positions there has to be some other things I guess will go along with that in terms of furniture, fixtures, just overall getting that many people into your present facility, there will be some alterations that will be needed.

Harris Howerton: Guess what? We're going to do some of those things of our own accord. One of the things that we already discussed taking out -- we did already take out the furniture request. We were told we can get our hands on some furniture down in the basement of this building, so we're going to do that. Don't misunderstand me when I say this: I don't want to do

this, okay? I am making a pretty good living right now. I am entering my 24th year of service in Vanderburgh County. I can definitely get by until I retire without taking on this much more responsibility. I promise you I will do it if you guys want to do this. But this is -- I am not asking for this in my budget just to proliferate Community Corrections. I could definitely do without it. We're here to try to help you guys try to solve a big problem that you're going to have. You talk about a quarter of a million dollars, three hundred thousand dollars being a large amount for your Community Corrections setting. You'd spend that and more when you start entering into your conditions lawsuits and that's one of the things, too, that I've availed myself to anyway, is reading up on what types of problems a community can get themselves into when they take no action and when they pretend that they're looking at something and really don't. And I am proud of this committee, quite frankly, and I am proud of you all, so far, with regard to the response of the recommendation of the committee to put the bail bond project in place and to consider opening up more beds at the SAFE House, to consider additional court personnel to move the cases along a little faster. At some point in time we could all probably be able to have a real good feel in this community how many people are going to be in the hoosegow, okay. We don't know today. I promise you, you don't know today. There are some people up in the jail, I would venture to say, who are on some Class A, Class B felony charges and the lawmakers have told you that's important to lock those people up, when in fact they could easily be in a Community Corrections setting. They could easily be on OR. But we have to make our decision on that as a community, not just Harris Howerton or you guys as Council or the judges individually. This entire community is going to have a stake in that. This process we're going through right now tells us how to do that, tells us what kind of meetings to hold, what kind of information to put forth.

Councilmember Sutton: We've got a tough job here. You've got a tough job as well in dealing with this and I think all the persons involved with the Blue Ribbon Committee have done a great job in really getting the issue on the table and moving it forward, but for our budget process, like I say, we've got to make some pretty tough calls here and I don't know what those are, but just from this standpoint, I just really would want to encourage everyone that's involved that we just continue to move along so that we don't end up with something in the end that doesn't meet maybe all of our needs or leave some things out.

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a couple of things. Mr. Howerton commented on a new facility. If it comes to that, if we have to go to that, about 30 or 40 million dollars, as you all know, in the past I've mentioned another facility and I've talked with this group over the week and that is, if it comes to that and we have to go to that, the top price would be fifteen million dollars and they would put up all the money and it would be a lease to own or however we want to do it and we mentioned the other day about what we're paying on rent here already with the county jail and the Safe House, which is over \$600,000. Okay, coming back to what we're talking about now, as you know, this is my recommendation long before the Blue Ribbon Committee, was to open up the facility out there. Harris, Mr. Howerton, and Judge Young talked about this and if we have to make some cuts out there and we can't get them the 14 employees, if Harris, if we have to do this, and I know space has changed since we've talked over a year ago, do we still have -- we was talking about opening up one wing or two wings. If we open up the first wing it would be a lot more cost effective. So do you still have the 25 in the first wing, 25 openings in that first wing?

Harris Howerton: To refresh your memory, and you're right on track, what we have is in the existing dormitories we have space enough. And remember, we have to meet certain criteria, but we have enough space to put in 25 more beds. If we want to open up the 50 bed dormitory, that's another completely different area of the building and that results in more personnel than --

Councilmember Bassemier: Help me with my memory here, if we -- we were talking about 50 at the time and you thought maybe there was 25 out there, I don't know the present conditions right now, but we were talking about 25 could now be put under house arrest, you had openings for 25, so that would give us 50, plus that meant we only had to hire seven

employees instead of 14.

Harris Howerton: Actually it's eight, but you're close.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. Is that with the cook?

Harris Howerton: Yes sir.

Councilmember Bassemier: I am just kind of helping everybody out here. Maybe we could make it work with seven. I noticed Mr. Sutton is kind of backing off a little bit, but as Mr. Howerton stated, this is more or less a Band-Aid. We need to try this. This won't solve the problem of the overcrowding forever, but this is a starting point.

President Lloyd: Question, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I think I am just going to go ahead and say the unspeakable.

President Lloyd: Say it.

Councilmember Hoy: About the system, in general. I worked in this system and one of the problems with this system is that it's not really a system and one of the things that we've noticed here at Council, when the Sheriff's Department has come in, ever since people have been sitting around the table with the facilitator, the population in the jail has diminished. It would seem to me that is an excellent way to approach the criminal justice problem is to get more cooperation and I think we've gotten it via that committee. Getting people around the table, having a disinterested leader, and I'd like to see that process continue. Because it's my opinion, and I am not here to shoot anybody down in particular because I think everyone in the system is culpable and it's very easy for someone in this part of the system to say well, the blame is here and spread it around. We are all, instead of doing that, I think it's much healthier to say we are all responsible, it is our criminal justice system and with cooperation you can reduce a jail population, it has been done. My second question is, we ran into a problem when your facility got too big a few years ago and it was recommended to trim it down, and I think it has functioned better since we've done that and I don't want to get back to that point. We might increase some, but I would want to avoid that if at all possible because we don't want to get back to where we were.

Harris Howerton: Can I reply to your comments? Your number one comment is exactly right. I learned 20 years ago in one of my college courses, a criminal justice course, we do have a -- it's called fragmented system. It's fragmented. Everyone has their own strongholds, their own little kingdoms, everyone is right in the way they do things. And you're right, when this group got together, we kind of put some of that aside and started talking and looking to one another and it is textbook, the process, of how you do this. Just because it became a focal concern, that jail population started dwindling. So, I think the process, if it continues, we can find some more of that.

Councilmember Hoy: I think with all the -- you and I, and I was on your board -- we've had words, but we're still friends --

Harris Howerton: Says who?

Councilmember Hoy: For my part, but --

Harris Howerton: Only kidding.

Councilmember Hoy: But the reason Jesus said love your enemies is, in the words of Mark Twain is, I have to love my enemies, I am the one that made them. I just don't want us to get back to that point and I think that's a concern and I hope you appreciate --

Harris Howerton: And I don't, either, Phil. I really don't. That's something I've talked to my bosses about is I am not going to push the envelope. This, we can handle. And that's why I want that many staff members. And that's why I wanted an additional cook, and that's why -- I am not going to do this, quite frankly. I mean, I've said this before. My boss will tell you, I am not going to do it and suffer. I am not going to make my employees suffer. These folks have talked about wanting and -- has Chuck left? He's still here. They wanted to put a ratio into the contract and I talked them out of that promising them that it ain't going to get no worse than it is now, okay. And they bought that. And I won't do that. I won't go into this, enter into this and do it and make our other employees suffer. Let's say you go for the 25 bed deal, okay, and you look at all this and well, it's going to cost that much for 25 beds. Well, they are not just beds, okay, and they're not just people without mouths. These are people that need services, have questions, want to talk, want to do this, want to do that, you have to look at their schedules, what are their activities everyday. A whole bunch goes on with any given one human being in that bed. Think how much you talk a day and interact with other people and do things. Well, these people are not quite as on the up and up as you are, Phil, but they have activities and things going on in their lives, too. So that's what we are dealing with.

Councilmember Hoy: I do not want to be perceived as I was once before at being anti-Community Corrections, but I remember at that time when our Community Corrections was -- it was the largest in the world, I think, or largest in the United States. I simply -- I still feel -- I do not think that this county and its residents are any worse at breaking laws than St. Joe County, Allen County or Marion County or Vigo County, I just don't believe that and so I think the solutions have to lie in some other places as well.

Harris Howerton: We all have to look at ourselves to see what's important to us and how we want to handle things. You might end up building your mental health facility instead of a jail.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on.)

Harris Howerton: Well, let me point out to you if I can real quick, a couple of these items. Let's talk about the 25 beds, the \$3,800 for uniforms, that will be a one time; the motor vehicles, that's a one time, \$19,900, for a total of \$23,700. That's a one time, that drops off of your budget. We took out the furniture, we think we can get that for free. Now then, let's talk about the 50 inmate analysis. The uniforms \$8,500 one time, motor vehicle one time, \$28,400, a one time expenditure, and we took out the furniture on that request.

Councilmember Hoy: What is the motor vehicle to be used for?

Harris Howerton: That's a van. We've got all of our transport vans have an excess of 100,000 miles. One has over 200,000 miles.

Councilmember Hoy: So that's a replacement, really.

Harris Howerton: Yeah, we think we've done a pretty good job and we haven't asked this Council -- when is the last time you remember me asking for a vehicle? I haven't.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, my point is, your vehicle is not really a part of your proposal for expansion.

Harris Howerton: Right, it's --

Councilmember Hoy: It's to replace a van that I wouldn't drive.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on Community Corrections? Okay, well, we've got a lot to consider on this one, so we appreciate it.



Harris Howerton: Thank you.

***CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER***

President Lloyd: Let's go to Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender, page 186.

Councilmember Raben: Pay increase. Outside of the 3% increase that budget is pretty much the same.

President Lloyd: One page budget here. The only thing is 3% pay increase, right?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Lloyd: Any questions on this budget?

***CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION***

President Lloyd: The next budget would be Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, page 179. Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: One question on Lab Supplies, 2720. It's up from \$8,000 last year to \$30,000 this year.

Judge Heldt: Isn't that the Antabuse?

Karen Angermeier: Yes.

Judge Heldt: Increased cost.

Karen Angermeier: Pharmaceutical companies.

Judge Heldt: Yeah, what is the increase on that?

Karen Angermeier: Over a 100%.

Judge Heldt: One hundred percent increase in the cost of Antabuse and we get the cheapest we can get.

Councilmember Raben: Well, that would be \$16,000. We've got \$30,000.

Karen Angermeier: Hopefully, we will not expend that much. We have reduced the Antabuse to three days a week instead of five days a week. At the time we put in the budget we were planning on five days a week Antabuse and we've gone to three day Antabuse/two day breathalyser, so the cost of the tubes, the breathalyser tubes, you're buying more tubes, so you're going to pay for that, too.

President Lloyd: Other questions? The one that I had was on page 179, Law Clerk Supplement. I just wondered what that was. That's a new item.

Judge Heldt: Explain where that came from.

Karen Angermeier: Right now that supplement is being paid out of Other Pay 2600-1980. We were just making a separate line item for that position.

Judge Heldt: And I will say it definitely takes that kind of a salary to get a law clerk, any kind of a law clerk at all.

Councilmember Sutton: Any adjustments then to Other Pay if we moved it there?

Karen Angermeier: Only if on the Circuit Court budget you pay for interns. That was if you don't increase that, then we need to leave that the same because we pay interns out of county money for half the year and the last half we pay out of user fees.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess I am saying if we went that direction, I am looking at under Other Pay, line item 1980, we've gone up roughly \$5,000 or \$6,000. So if we're moving that, wouldn't it cause that to reduce rather than increase?

Karen Angermeier: It depends on what you're going to do with our Extra Help account in Circuit Court.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this budget? Okay, we'll move on. Thank you very much.

### **911 EMERGENCY SERVICE**

President Lloyd: 3920, 911 Emergency Fund, page 190. It looks like we don't have anyone here to present this budget. There's only two lines.

Councilmember Raben: I can explain it.

President Lloyd: We'll let Jim explain it.

Councilmember Raben: What this is, is the County Council is responsible for the Ameritech lines in Central Dispatch. There's a -- if you've ever noticed, there's like a \$.15 or \$.20 fee on your phone bill for 911 service. That goes into this account, but we're responsible for the -- because we collect the surcharge, we're responsible for paying the line service and maintenance. So that's what this account is.

Councilmember Hoy: I think it's \$.35.

Councilmember Raben: \$.35, is that what it is now?

Councilmember Hoy: I think so.

Councilmember Raben: But this is separate. Although we pay a third and the city pays two-thirds on the Central Dispatch budget, they don't collect any of the surcharge fee, so we're responsible for the line service.

President Lloyd: I mean, last year we had \$650,000 budgeted, this year we have \$160,000.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, it dropped.

President Lloyd: Yeah, well, I don't know.

Councilmember Raben: Last year --

(Inaudible -- microphone not turned on.)

Councilmember Raben: No, no, no. I'll explain it real quick. Roughly there is in that account \$670,000, okay? Last year we used it to pay our portion of our 911, okay, which is in the Commissioners budget. There's a single line that says Central Dispatch.

President Lloyd: Was that an excess that was used or --

Councilmember Raben: That's what was used last year, yes.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on this budget?

### **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION**

President Lloyd: Okay, let's move on to Local Emergency Planning Commission, page 188. I don't see anyone here to present that budget. It's under the Commissioners, but there's only \$10,000 there and its dropped \$5,000, so is there anyone that has any questions on that? Seeing none, let's move to the next budget.

### **LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY**

President Lloyd: Local Drug Free Community, page 189. We're going up \$20,000 over last year. We did have them in for an appropriation because this was new last year. Any questions on this budget?

Councilmember Sutton: Who administers this budget here?

President Lloyd: You said, who manages it?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, this Local Drug Free.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on.)

Councilmember Hoy: I think I have a report on that because I asked for a report on that and they have a separate office, I think, if I am not mistaken.

President Lloyd: There was an individual -- we will get you that name. It's the Substance Abuse Council.

Teri Lukeman: Linda Schindler is the contact person.

President Lloyd: Linda Schindler? Let's try and get someone here next week.

### **COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Lloyd: The last budget would be 1480, County Council, page 130.

Councilmember Sutton: Which one of these is Curt?

President Lloyd: You want to cut that one?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

President Lloyd: Cut his in half.

Councilmember Raben: Can we go ahead and vote on that?

Councilmember Sutton: Let's do it, I'll make a motion.

President Lloyd: The main increase in this budget is for Termination Pay.

Councilmember Raben: Royce, Curt is so tight, if you took a dollar off of it he would know it.

President Lloyd: -- which is Accrued Payments 1971. The rationale sheet explained that. Any other questions on County Council? Okay, it sounds like everyone wants their three percent so...that's the last one. One quick announcement, the minutes from the budget hearings will be available late Friday afternoon and the Auditor is going to deliver those to the County Council office. I'll take a motion to recess until Tuesday.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

**(Meeting recessed at 12:27 p.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 18, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 18th day of August, 1998 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Russell Lloyd, Jr., at 12:10 p.m.

President Lloyd: I'd like to reconvene the 1999 Vanderburgh County budget sessions. First of all, let's have everybody stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Lloyd: Madame Secretary, could we have the attendance roll call, please?

(Teri Lukeman called the roll.)

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Lloyd	X	

President Lloyd: The, I know that I have been talking with the various Councilmembers and we are working hard on doing our job. One of the main jobs that we have is to cut this budget and we are looking at a target of cutting \$2,000,000 out of this budget. That is going to take a lot of hard decisions and I hope that we can achieve that goal and it's important for us to show the taxpayers that county government can live within its means. We would like to see that tax rate stay the same or go down. So, I am hoping that we can all agree on these budget cuts. Some procedural issues, Mr. Raben is the Finance Chair and he is going to be reading the budget pages and he will go 100 accounts, 200 accounts, 300 accounts, 400 accounts, unless there's some reason that he wouldn't have to do that. To reopen a budget item after it has passed will require a two-thirds vote, which is five votes. To increase a budget line item, requires a two-thirds vote. I don't, is there any other procedural issues that any Councilmember has a question about? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. One thing that will simplify things is that if any of us who are liaisons feel differently about what is in the motion, then the best time to introduce that is during the discussion and then if the motion maker accepts that and the seconder accepts that you can get it in there rather than reopening and have a two-thirds vote which takes a lot more time. So, in the discussion is when we generally have done that sort of discussion. Well, I'd like to see that line item changed a bit, it's a lot easier then.

Councilmember Raben: Ask if they will amend the motion then?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, ask if they'll amend the motion, right.

President Lloyd: Okay, what I am going to ask is then a show of hands vote and we will do it that way and it should be pretty clear. Regarding the, we have had a proposal given to Council about having the County pick up the employee's portion of the PERF payments. Mr. Deisher gave me a draft letter with some considerations on this and I had some questions on that and

I gave that back to him. So, what I would like to do is, he has worked with Ms. Crouch, the County Auditor, on that and we have a few modifications to make so what we'd like to do is finish that up and have a letter to all the Councilmembers on Thursday, outlining the pros and cons of that proposal. What we can do is, that will give us time to debate it prior to the September 2 final budget hearing on salaries. So I'd like to handle it that way and in fact, what we can do is put that on the agenda for the August 26 Personnel and Finance Committee meeting so that we can actually have that in open discussion. Hopefully, Councilmembers would agree to that solution. Okay, I believe that is it on the preliminaries. I believe that is it on the preliminary remarks and I am going to turn it over to Mr. Raben for the departmental budgets. According to the same schedule that we had last week. If it is Councilmembers' commentary, if they would want to bring someone up they can bring them up. Otherwise we are considering the budgets and we have already heard all of the explanations so we would just like to go through them and have Councilmembers make any comments or questions if they so have them. Mr. Raben, I am going to turn it over to you.

### ***SUPERIOR COURT***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, if everyone would turn to page 108 Superior Court, we are going to take the 100 accounts first. We will go page 108, 109, 110 down to...

President Lloyd: Jim, did you want to set that in at three percent, on the salaries?

Councilmember Raben: I okay, well I thought that you addressed that issue. How I intend to make my motion today is to set these figures in at three percent because that is the way they are presented in the book. Then what we will do is finalize these on September 2, it will either be the three percent increase or paying the employees' portion of PERF. But just for today I am going to read them in at three percent and we will finalize that in September. So, again starting with page 108 through 109, 110, 111 down to line 1660-1370, I move that those be set it at three percent and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Any discussion? All of those in--

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

President Lloyd: --oh, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: You did set in 1661-1370?

Councilmember Raben: No, sir. I stopped at the one above--

Councilmember Hoy: The line above that one, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you. I wasn't clear.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, raise your right hand. Okay, it is seven to zero and that passes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now starting with:

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1661-1370	Public Defender	-0-
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On down to page 12, or 112:

1770-1370	Clerical Assistant	23,370.00
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Skip down to:

1801-1370	Small Claims Secretary	23,370.00
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Let's skip forward to:

1990	Extra Help	1,000.00
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President Lloyd: Check your mike, please.

Councilmember Hoy: It's dead.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now it's working. Okay, do you? Okay at what point do you want me to repeat it? Okay, the last motion, let's go back to 1770 should read 23,370, skip down to 1801-1370 should read 23,370. Page 113 account 1990 Extra Help 1,000. All other FICA, PERF and Insurance should be adjusted accordingly and will be set in on September 2 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second? We need a second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion? Okay. All of those in favor, please raise your right hand. Jim, did you raise your right hand? Okay that makes it seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay the 2000 accounts, the first is:

2230	Garage and Motor	1,000.00
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2270 as submitted,

2600	Office Supplies	18,000.00
2700	Other Supplies	4,000.00

and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Second Mr. Hoy, motion Mr. Raben. Is there any other discussion? Okay seeing none, all of those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 3000 accounts. Account 3000 as submitted, 3010 as submitted,

3250	Law Books	10,000.00
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3310 as submitted,

3410	Printing	6,000.00
3520	Equipment Repair	10,000.00

3620 as submitted, 3700 as submitted,

3720	Lab Tests	2,000.00
3722	Med Exp & Drug Testing	1,500.00

let's skip down to:

3932	CASA	29,700.00
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and move on down to:

Councilmember Smith: I'm sorry, 3922?

Councilmember Raben: Uh, 3932, 3932 and the figure is \$29,700. Let's skip down to:

3941	Guardian Ad-Litem	15,000.00
3980	Trans Child & Misc	8,500.00

and other accounts as submitted in the 3000 accounts. I make that in the form of a motion.  
President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, second, Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? Seeing none, all of those in favor, raise your right hand. Okay, seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 4000 accounts. I move that they be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Seeing none, all of those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### **SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is page 182 Supplemental Adult Probation. I am going to move that this entire budget be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? All of those in



favor, raise their right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 117. All salaries at a rate of three percent, FICA, PERF and Insurance should be adjusted accordingly and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, second Mrs. Smith, motion Mr. Raben. Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2600 Office Supplies set in at zero. I am going to move on down to the 3000 accounts.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? Office Supplies you are setting in at zero?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, excuse me,

2600	Office Supplies	1,000.00
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Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Lloyd: So, you're changing that to \$1,000?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, \$1,000. That is one mistake for the day. Next:

3120	Postage and Freight	1,000.00
3370	Computer (Data Management)	-0-
3410	Printing	650.00

all other accounts approved as submitted.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? All of those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 79.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Raben, is there something wrong with your microphone? You may want to switch with Mr. Deisher. It just keeps going in and out there. I don't think he is going to have a whole lot to say today.

Councilmember Raben: If you are hearing the click? I am killing my--

Councilmember Sutton: See, you just went out there.

Councilmember Raben: I did that. I am turning it off to allow him to call for the question.

Councilmember Hoy: When your finger is on it though, it cuts you out.

**AREA PLAN**

Councilmember Raben: Alright, page 79, Area Plan, page 79, 80, all of page 79 should reflect a three percent salary increase with the proper adjustments to FICA, PERF and Insurance. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? All of those in favor, please raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the 2000 accounts as submitted. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? All of those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)** Okay, in the 3000 accounts move down to:

3520	Equipment Repair	2,500.00
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all other 3000 and 4000 accounts as previously submitted.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Smith: Question.

Councilmember Hoy: Try that one over there.

Councilmember Raben: I didn't even touch it.

President Lloyd: It's been, we hear it fuzzing and then it goes out.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: On the 4250 Miscellaneous Equipment she has got \$25,000 and I would like to know what that is for?

Councilmember Raben: That was the GIS Cad computer system that they are needing. She may want to speak to that.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Lloyd: Are you calling Mrs. Cunningham forward?

Councilmember Smith: No, he answered my question.

President Lloyd: Proceed.

Councilmember Raben: I call for the question.

President Lloyd: Did you already make your motion?

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Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Lloyd: Okay, second Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Oh, Mr. Sutton, I'm sorry. Any other discussion? All of those in favor raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 49.

President Lloyd: County Assessor. Let's announce the department.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 49, County Assessor. Turn to page 50:

1990	Extra Help	8,000.00
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all other salaries put in at three percent with the correct adjustments to FICA, PERF and Insurance and I make that in the form of a motion?

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: How much was that?

President Lloyd: Eight thousand dollars in Extra Help.

Teri Lukeman: Didn't we need to make a change to--

Councilmember Raben: No, it is my understanding that it is a correct figure.

Teri Lukeman: Didn't she have a step increase?

Councilmember Raben: Sandie, on 1170-1090, the figure submitted is correct, right?

Sandie Deig: It is correct, the lady, employee was not hired until October '97 and her step would not kick in until 2000, the year 2000.

President Lloyd: Okay, we need a second on the motion. Second Mr. Hoy. Any other discussion? All of those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the 6000, the 2000 accounts as submitted, 3000 accounts we will move down to:

3370	Computer (Data Management)	-0-
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and it's--

Councilmember Smith: What about training? I thought we were going to take training out of the Reassessment too.

Councilmember Raben: On this one because it wasn't training for Reassessment I was not. I had intended on leaving that one in. I am going to move the computer to Reassessment but

for this budget it will be set in at zero. Skip down to:

3700	Dues and Subscriptions	2,000.00
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and the 4000 accounts as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second Mrs. Smith, motion Mr. Raben. Any questions? All of those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### **COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 163, County Assessor/Reassessment. Move down to:

1090-3370	Computer (Data Management)	3,500.00
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1090-3310 as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time Councilman.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Training which is 1090-3310 as submitted and 1090-3370 Computer should be set in at \$3,500 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? So that total budget would be \$8,500.

Councilmember Sutton: On that 3370 I was going to ask, I don't know if we had much discussion on that. Are you moving that from the other place?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? All of those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### **BOARD OF REVIEW**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 52, Board of Review. The top line:

1180-1091	Payroll	4,800.00
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FICA and Extra Help adjusted, 2600 as submitted. The 3000 accounts:

3130	Travel and Mileage	-0-
3370	Computer (Data Management)	-0-

and 3371 as submitted, 3530 as submitted. Down to the 4000 accounts, Office Furniture as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Second Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? All of those in favor, raise your right hand. I think that they all raised them. Seven, zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

***BOARD OF REVIEW/REASSESSMENT***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 164 Board of Review Reassessment. Uh, 1091-2600 as submitted, 1091-3310 as submitted,

1091-3370	Computer (Data Management)	1,500.00
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and 1091-3371 as submitted and 1091-3530 as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Line item 1091-3370 set it at \$1,500?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay.

President Lloyd: Well, then this budget is going up \$1,500 to \$25,300?

Councilmember Raben: Uh, yes \$25,300.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? All of those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

***ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Armstrong, page 53. All of the 1000 accounts with the proper three percent salary adjustment and adjustments to FICA, PERF and Insurance and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? The budget as submitted, all of those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

***ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT***

Councilmember Raben: Page 165, Armstrong Reassessment. I am going to move that this budget be approved as submitted with a caveat that the Auditor put a mechanism in place that all Reassessment budgets will not be spent from until July 1, 1999. What we are going to have

on some of the other township offices, the land coordinators which we approved already, they will be able to spend from those January 1, but all other accounts July 1. Does everybody understand that?

Councilmember Sutton: I understand it but--

Councilmember Raben: The reasoning--

Councilmember Sutton: What mechanism, I understand the reasoning, but what mechanism to keep that from occurring? I guess that is what I am inquiring? How do we go about doing that?

Councilmember Raben: I have, the Auditor says that they can do that, the money, they will not be able to pull from those accounts until then. I don't know how they would do that.

Suzanne Crouch: If that is Council's wish and Council, I would ask that the Council communicate that to the Township Assessors. Then that money would not be written out of those accounts until whenever you decided.

Councilmember Hoy: Could we, Mr. President, have any of the Assessors comment on that?

President Lloyd: Any Assessors want to comment on that?

Paul Hatfield: Yeah.

President Lloyd: Please come up to the microphone. Please state your name for the record.

Paul Hatfield: Paul Hatfield, Pigeon Township Assessor. If you pass this motion and you are setting in that we can not spend any reassessment funds until July 1, 1999 you are not giving us time to prepare. Now, if you, what you are doing is if you stand on that, then what you are doing, the time that we get people ready to inspect you are probably talking about 30 days. First of all they will be hard to find. I can understand you saying that we can't spend the bulk of this money saying until the first of June. But that would give us the thirty days necessary to get started July 1. Now let me give you an example. In this township, Pigeon, we have more commercial, more industrial than any other township by far. We have less residential. Now, you are hamstringing us by this particular motion. I can understand and everybody's thinking that this reassessment may not occur. But, what you are doing is in this motion is that if it does occur then you are going to throw us at least 30 to 45, perhaps two months behind. We can't afford to do that. Now, June 1, I could go along with June 1. But, my next question is this, I am now sending an appropriation request for computers, now in this motion, that appropriation is dead because it is dead because it comes out of the 1999 Reassessment and I need the damn things now. So, what are you going to do about that?

Councilmember Raben: We will have to make an adjustment for that appropriation.

Paul Hatfield: Well, my point to you is, the appropriation for the computers will pass but it will come out of the Reassessment Fund, I assume, that is what you have been telling me.

Suzanne Crouch: That would be Reassessment 1999--

Paul Hatfield: That's right and that's what you are passing--

Suzanne Crouch: --but it is money that is appropriated this year and that is different than the budget out of Reassessment 1999 for the year 1999--

Paul Hatfield: Where is the money coming out of then?

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Suzanne Crouch: It is coming out of the Reassessment Fund from 1999 but it is appropriated this year.

Paul Hatfield: That's fine but I am saying, if you hold to the July 1, you see the problem is--

Councilmember Raben: I might interrupt for just a moment, your point is well taken Mr. Hatfield and I will amend my motion to read, June 1, 1999.

Paul Hatfield: I have talked to you about this before.

Councilmember Raben: Alright.

Paul Hatfield: The problem is and my statement is that you ought to come down and see what in the hell is going on so that you can, you can actually address these things with a little more knowledge. It doesn't take a whole lot of time but then you'll know, if you keep, we are the spigot, don't turn the spigot off and the basis for the money that you are spending today..we are. Nobody else.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Hatfield, I think that Mr. Raben made a good point and I think that you made a good point and we are going to do what we can to try and work with you but it doesn't help if we are going to sit here and debate back and forth or argue back and forth, then there really isn't--

Paul Hatfield: I am not arguing, I'm making a statement.

Councilmember Sutton: --I think I allowed you to speak, so allow me to speak and that is that you made your point but the point is, give us an opportunity to do what we can in terms of what we are trying to do here. If there is an issue I think we found ourselves willing to listen to it but coming up and berating, I think we can find another way to address our issues. If we could move on.

Councilmember Raben: I have amended my motion to read, June 1, 1999 if anyone-

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Raben: --if anyone wants.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any other discussion? Please come forward.

Glen Koob: Glen Koob, Perry Township Assessor. I just have a question. Suzanne might have answered it but I'd like for it to be clear. We were appropriated money to get our maps ready, is that still going to be appropriated?

Suzanne Crouch: Yes.

Glen Koob: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President I am going to move to page--

President Lloyd: Well, we need to vote on that. Any other questions or discussion? All of those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**CENTER ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay let's move to page 55, Center Assessor.

**(Tape change)**

President Lloyd: Okay, please proceed. Page 55?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, page 55, Center Assessor, first line:

1110-1110	Center Assessor	34,850.00
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Skip on down to:

1990	Extra Help	5,000.00
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All other salaries set in at three percent, with the adjusted figures for FICA, PERF and Insurance, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 56, 2000 accounts as submitted. The 3000 accounts, move to:

3310	Training	-0-
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I am moving that to Reassessment, we'll deal with that on the next budget. All other 3000 and 4000 accounts as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

***CENTER ASSESSOR / REASSESSMENT***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 166, line:

1110-1120	Coordinator I	32,459.00
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All other 100 accounts should reflect the three percent increase with the proper corrections on FICA, PERF, and Insurance. Move down to the Office Supplies and Copy Machine Supplies should be approved as submitted. Skip down to:

1110-3310	Training	2,000.00
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All other budgets as submitted. All other line items as submitted. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.



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President Lloyd: Motion from Mr. Raben. Second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right...Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, on the line item 1110-1110, the line item there is \$7,781, the amount. That was based upon what we talked about last week, per parcel issue.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I'm sorry, I didn't hear the line item.

Councilmember Sutton: The very top one on page 166. We had some discussion about this per parcel issue, at .50 cents, I guess, is what they...the figure, I guess is what I'm coming up with. We didn't do anything there. I guess, I didn't know if we were...had looked at that or whatever, that particular line item.

Councilmember Raben: No, I didn't, but I'm open for comments or anything else. So, I mean, if we can make whatever adjustments that we need to make there. I mean, it's up to this body.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, it would seem...I guess, when we went through this three or four years ago there was a...if I'm looking at the right line item, the idea of really getting that down. I mean, that really is a part of the responsibility as an Assessor rather than an add on, and the Reassessment, really is a part of the do's and responsibilities...I don't know.

Councilmember Raben: I'll tell you what we can do to speed up the process for today. We could zero out those lines, and address those June the 1st, or at a later date. What's the pleasure of this body?

Councilmember Sutton: They can't spend the money, I guess, is the way we're talking about it anyway, until the June 1st date anyway. So maybe it becomes a moot point. I don't know, I don't hear anybody else saying anything, but I don't know, like I said, last time we went .25 cents per parcel. Now we're moving that up. I don't know if things have changed in terms of what needs to be done or...it just seems likely to me that this is kind of the responsibility as an Assessor to do the Reassessment. I don't know, maybe that's just me talking in the wind here.

Councilmember Raben: Well, your point is well taken, does anybody else want to share any concerns on those lines?

President Lloyd: I guess one thing I would be concerned about is how those figures were arrived at in each Assessor's budget, I mean, but that's something we could look at later.

Councilmember Smith: I think they stated that it was .50 cents a parcel and how many parcels they had in each of their townships, I think is what they explained before, and you said before, it used to be .25 cents, so they've doubled that price. I think that's why you were asking the question.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Well, Mr. Sutton, just to move on today, I would amend my motion to read zero, and we can have all the questions answered that anyone may have, and we can address these June 1st or sometime after the 1st of the year. I might ask the Auditor, it will be okay to do that, correct?

Suzanne Crouch: Setting in an appropriation, next year?

Councilmember Raben: No, to...are you familiar with the line item that they're--

Suzanne Crouch: If you zero them out at this budget process, then you'll have to do an additional appropriation next year.

Councilmember Raben: Right, right, exactly.

Councilmember Smith: Couldn't we wait and discuss that in September when they finalize the budget?

Councilmember Raben: We can do that as well.

Councilmember Smith: I think it would probably be better than it would to zero it out, and then have to come back for the new appropriation because it's getting to be a habit that they...every month some of them are back asking for money, and I'd like to see those things settled before we go into next year.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, that's fine.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know what the solution is, but I think it's something we definitely need to look at.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and Betty is right, we don't finalize this budget anyway until September the 2nd. So let me go back over the motion. The Salary Accounts 1110-1120 should read \$32,459, all other 1000 accounts as submitted with the corrected adjustments to FICA, PERF, and Insurance. Supply Accounts as submitted with the correction to Training, should read \$2,000. All other line items as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, I think originally Mr. Hoy had seconded it, and did you want to continue that?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other discussion on this budget? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**GERMAN ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Page 58, German Assessor, 1000 accounts should reflect the three percent salary increase with the proper adjustments to FICA, PERF, and Insurance. The 2000 accounts, as submitted. The 3000 accounts move to:

3310	Training	-0-
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All other accounts as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**GERMAN ASSESSOR / REASSESSMENT**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 168, Salary Accounts as submitted with the corrected adjustments to FICA, PERF. Personal Services, as submitted. All Supply Accounts, with the exception of:

1120-3310	Training	1,000.00
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All other line items as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**KNIGHT ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 60, line:

1110-1130	Knight Assessor	35,975.00
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Move down to:

1200-1130	Real Estate Deputy	-0-
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Councilmember Smith: What number Jim?

Councilmember Raben: It's 1200-1130, set in at zero. Now, wait a minute, excuse me.

President Lloyd: We're on page 60.

Councilmember Smith: I'm on the wrong page.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, did you get the corrected figure on the top line, 1110-1130? It should read \$35,975, on page 60. Okay, move down to:

1990	Extra Help	10,000.00
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All other salaries should reflect the three percent adjustments, with the correct adjustments to FICA, PERF, and Insurance, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman got it there. Any other discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2000 accounts, as submitted. The 3000 accounts, move down to:

3310	Training	-0-
3370	Computer (Data Management)	-0-

All other accounts, as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mr. Hoy. Motion, Mr. Raben. Any other discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**KNIGHT ASSESSOR / REASSESSMENT**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 170. All Salary Accounts moved as submitted, with the correct three percent adjustments, and the correct adjustments to FICA, PERF, and Insurance. All Personal Services accounts, as submitted. Move down to:

1130-3310	Training	1,000.00
1130-3370	Computer (Data Management)	3,000.00

I make...all other lines as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I'll second that, but I have a question.

President Lloyd: Second, Mrs. Smith, discussion.

Councilmember Smith: The Extra Help, \$140,000, is that the right figure there? Are you going to leave the \$140,000 in there?

Councilmember Raben: Again, yes, but that's why the insertion for June the 1st is in place.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Raben: Again, if you...and you might notice too, Betty, on their regular accounts or General Fund Accounts, for instance, like on Knight, I cut their Extra Help by \$5,000, knowing they're going to have a lot of money in the other account.

President Lloyd: That was the same figure he had in the prior Reassessment, I believe.

Councilmember Raben: You have to remember also, this is an 18 month budget here.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**PERRY ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Page 63, Perry Assessor, line:

1110-1140	Perry Assessor	35,975.00
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on down to:

1990	Extra Help	8,000.00
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All other salaries should reflect the three percent salary adjustment, with the correct...with any corrections made to FICA, PERF, and Insurance. All 2600 accounts as submitted. The 3000 accounts, let's move down to:

3310	Training	-0-
3520	Equipment Repair	1,500.00

All other accounts, as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mrs. Smith, motion, Mr. Raben. Any discussion? I might mention when Mr. Raben says three percent on salary increases, any step increases due to an employee, that would be going to them. That's what we've been voting on. All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**PERRY ASSESSOR / REASSESSMENT**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 172, Perry Assessor, Reassessment. All Salary Accounts, as submitted with the correct adjustments and correct percent of increase for employees. All Personal Services Account, Supply Accounts, with the exception of 1140-3310...no, that stays as it is. All accounts as submitted.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mr. Hoy. Motion, Mr. Raben. Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**PIGEON ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 65, Pigeon Assessor. Move down to:

1990	Extra Help	10,000.00
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All other salaries should reflect the three percent salary adjustment, and the proper adjustments to FICA, PERF, and Insurance. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mrs. Smith. Motion, Mr. Raben. Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: The 2000 accounts:

2600	Office Supplies	3,000.00
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2820 as submitted. The 3000 accounts:

3130	Travel / Mileage	3,000.00
3310	Training	-0-

Down to:

3372	Computer Software	-0-
3610	Legal Services	-0-

The 4000 accounts:

4210	Office Furniture	1,500.00
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All other 4000 accounts, as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mrs. Smith. Motion, Mr. Raben. Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

#### ***PIGEON ASSESSOR / REASSESSMENT***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 174, Pigeon Assessor, Reassessment. Move down to:

1150-1130	Land Commission	32,459.00
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President Lloyd: Which item is that?

Councilmember Raben: It's 1150-1130, I might ask...Sandie, that should be 1150-1120 shouldn't it, yeah, 1150-1120? Do you show an adjustment on that? The one I read, is it correct?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible - Microphone was not turned on.)

Councilmember Raben: But what I read on 1150-1130, is correct, \$32,459?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible - Microphone was not turned on.)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, lets...we'll set it in at that, and we can make any adjustments we have to next year on that, or in September. Supply Accounts, as submitted. Personal Services, as submitted, no excuse me--

Councilmember Hoy: How long--

Councilmember Raben: --I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me, how long will it take to check that, Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: A few minutes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, move to:

1150-3310	Training	1,000.00
1150-3372	Computer Software	1,000.00

All other accounts, as submitted with the corrections for FICA, PERF, and Insurance, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mrs. Smith. Motion, Mr. Raben. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: What was the figure on that computer, again?

Councilmember Raben: Computer Software, \$1000.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**SCOTT ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Page 68, Scott Assessor. We need to insert a new line item and it is:

1130-1160	Real Estate Deputy	18,636.00
1990	Extra Help	-0-

All 2000 accounts, as submitted. The 3000 accounts:

3130	Travel / Mileage	800.00
3140	Telephone	900.00
3520	Equipment Repair	800.00

All other salary lines should reflect the three percent salary adjustment, with the correct adjustments to FICA, PERF, and Insurance, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mr. Hoy. Motion, Mr. Raben. Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Okay, is that one dissent? Okay, it's six to one, and Mr. Sutton dissents. **(Motion approved 6-1. Councilmember Sutton opposed.)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 176. I move that this budget be approved as submitted.

**SCOTT ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### ***UNION ASSESSOR***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 70, Union Assessor. All 1000 accounts, as submitted, with any corrections to FICA, PERF, and Insurance. The 2000 accounts, as submitted. The 3000 accounts, as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mr. Wortman. Motion Mr. Raben. Budget as submitted, any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### ***UNION ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT***

Councilmember Raben: Page, 178, Union Assessor, Reassessment. I move that this budget be approved as submitted.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman barely got there ahead of time. Mr. Raben motioned, second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Budget as submitted. All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### ***AIRPORT AUTHORITY***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Airport Authority, page 156. I move that this budget be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben...page 156. Second, Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion on the Airport Authority? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I still think you ought to consider some ways in which you can...look at some options on that building they've got, and find a most effective way we can get use out of that. Be it something that maybe can draw some revenue streams off the use of that National Weather Service building that is now vacant, and has been vacant for quite a while. That doesn't have any effect, necessarily on this budget, but just hopefully they can move in that direction and look at all the options that might possibly be in the best interest of the county.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion on the Airport budget? Okay, we have a motion from Mr. Raben. Second, Mr. Bassemier. All those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. Chairman, turn to page 15, Sheriff.

President Lloyd: Okay, before we consider the Sheriff budget, we'd like to change the tape.



Councilmember Raben: Okay.

**(Tape Change)**

President Lloyd: Okay, before we do the Sheriff, I was talking to Mrs. Deig about the Assessors' Reassessment budgets and the figure that was approved by the Job Study and Council on that Coordinator line was for, or for that Land Coordinator was \$32,557, but what we'd like to do is---we need to go through those Assessors budgets and we can just vote on them on September 2. But I think---I don't know if Council is---

(Inaudible)

President Lloyd: Right. Right, but I think that we need to check all of those salaries. Since that wasn't General Fund, we may not have looked at those as close. Why don't we look at those and revisit that on September 2, if that would be alright with the Council. Okay, thank you. And that includes the salaries for the Assessors on that. We'll look at all of that. Let's move on then, on those Assessor budgets we'll leave them the way we voted on them, but we'll reopen them on September 2.

**SHERIFF**

President Lloyd: Now, let's move on to the next thing, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: The Sheriff's Department. Move to page 21, down at the bottom:

1130-0199	Part Time Clerk	8,275.00
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President Lloyd: Page 21.

Councilmember Raben: It should read \$8,275.00. Skip over to page 23. Overtime, 1300-1050, \$175,000.00.

1530-1050	Shift Differential	65,000.00
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1750	Clothing Allowance	103,000.00
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And that's it on the 1000 accounts. All salaries should reflect the corrected figures with adjustments to FICA, PERF and Insurance and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. Mr. President and Mr. Raben, do you recall, I guess a couple of years when we paid off the overtime, we put a pretty hefty sum down, that was one of the things that we had talked about was the part of paying that off that the thought was to try to eliminate the amount of overtime that we're accumulating. And try to get that down to a reasonable level where we would fund that up to about \$50,000.00 a year, is what we were told would be a reasonable amount. And we've got a pretty hefty request here that's far in excess of \$50,000.00, \$180,000.00 is what they requested, but this is just a lot more than what we had thought. I just thought that would be an area where we might need to do a little bit more trimming on that. I don't know if anybody has given any thought on that, Curt, if you

can recall that discussion, do you remember that discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I do.

President Lloyd: You recall the discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Oh yes, I do. I guess, you know, my concerns would be that we not get back in the same boat we were in with comp time and I think looking at the seriousness of what the City Police Department's seeing with it and where you've got some officers with as much as 6,000 hours of overtime due to them, I just hate to get back into that predicament. But, you know, I'm one person on this Council, so.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, I'd like to echo what Royce just said about cutting this. Also, I'd like to add that we are going to put some more---we're going to decrease the population of the jail and move some of those inmates out to the Safe House, so I feel like they don't need---they could take some of these deputies up there in the jail, since they don't need to watch so many inmates, put them out there on the road. Now we've met in the past with the Sheriff's Department. This was last year and they said if we could add 10 more deputies we can cut that overtime out. Well, what I'd just like to say is that I'd like to take some of those deputies out of the jail and put them on the road and this will cut that deficit. I'll have to agree with Mr. Sutton. I'd like to cut it to \$50,000.00, but I'm opening for \$100,000.00. The new Sheriff, if they don't use that \$100,000.00, when the new Sheriff is elected, if he doesn't use it, and I hope he doesn't, he can put it back in the fund next year.

Councilmember Smith: We'll be looking forward to that.

President Lloyd: Okay, the original motion for that account, overtime, is \$175,000.00, there's been some questions on lowering that amount. Any other discussion? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I'm kind of in favor of the \$50,000.00 too, because in '95 and '96 it was zero both years, you see.

President Lloyd: Any others? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I feel like Jim does, why get in the bind that we're in, like the City right now is in the same predicament and if we don't use it, and I think whoever becomes Sheriff will probably be very conscientious about building that overtime up, and maybe it will revert back to the County General Fund. But I prefer leaving it like it is. Like the motion was.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: And I'd ask this of Mr. Deisher, I believe that this is the one place where you can have, can you hear me alright? I have a little laryngitis. This the one place where you can legally use comp time and I know there is one Evansville Police Officer who has got about a quarter of a million bucks built up. You know when they buy him out---so I'd rather do it incrementally. I understand the concern, but I think we're kind of in a double bind here. I would go for maybe just leaving it right where it is and hoping that they have enough in there.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith or oh, any other discussion on this? Okay, the original motion included a number of other accounts, so... Mrs. Smith you were the second, weren't you? On this?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

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President Lloyd: Okay. Alright. All those in favor of the original motion, raise your right hand.

Councilmember Hoy: Did Mr. Raben want to consider an amendment or not, on that? You don't have to, I just---

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Hoy: Right, but has there been a, I didn't know if there had been an offer for an amendment. Somebody might want to make one. I think you guys discussed that---

Jeff Ahlers: That's right.

Councilmember Hoy: But did anybody ever offer?

Councilmember Smith: There was not an offer made.

Jeff Ahlers: It was discussed, but did anybody ever offer?

Unidentified: Mr. Hoy is in the process.

Councilmember Hoy: If they wish to offer, this is the time to do it. That's all I'm saying.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, would you like to lower that, please?

Councilmember Raben: What do you have in mind?

Councilmember Bassemier: Like I said, I mentioned \$50,000. I just talked it over with Betty, she would probably be willing to go \$100,000.00 and see how it works. As Royce said earlier, the Sheriff made a promise, if we paid that \$308,000.00 a few years ago that he wouldn't be back up here, but now it's from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00, now it's up to \$180,000.00. I'll be willing to go \$100,000.00, you're doing this, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I would entertain making an amendment, but I want to state this: I, for one, am not open for getting back into the same mess we were in with comp time. I mean, I'll do whatever this body asks me to do, but I'm going to say this, if six months from now or 10 months from now, if it comes to building that comp time back up or paying out overtime, I'm going to support an appropriation into this line item.

Councilmember Bassemier: I understand.

Councilmember Raben: Because I just don't want to get back into that same mess that we were in and I don't want to be in the same predicament that the City Department's in or the Fire Department. I'll make an amendment of \$50,000. I'll amend my motion to \$125,000.00.

Councilmember Smith: Do we need a second to your amendment?

Councilmember Bassemier: I can live with that.

Councilmember Hoy: The seconder of the motion---

Councilmember Bassemier: I just hope that next year, the new Sheriff can take that and give you all a lot of money back.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: To make it legal, whoever seconded Mr. Raben's first motion has to accept that amendment. Nobody else can second it.

President Lloyd: That was Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I will accept that amendment.

President Lloyd: Okay, so now we're saying that :

1300-1050	Overtime	125,000.00
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President Lloyd: I think what Mr. Bassemier is saying is that if the Sheriff could manage that department different, and have less overtime. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben's point is well taken. If we do find it creeping up beyond what we've allocated here, I think the prudent thing to do is to go ahead and pay it. If that's what it comes down to, is just go ahead and pay it.

Councilmember Bassemier: We can always do that.

Councilmember Smith: You never know how much overtime, you don't know how many murders, how much investigation they have to do and I don't think the Sheriff is going to put men out there to work overtime unless it's necessary. Let's give them an opportunity \$125,000.00, but I will support it if it comes back for more money.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think we've got to consider there'll be a new Sheriff next year, too.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, my comment is that I will go with this compromise, but I think Mr. Raben was correct in the beginning, I kind of think we'll be making an appropriation, probably.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion on this? Okay, all those in favor, raise your right hand. Oh, seven to zero, okay. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

President Lloyd: Let's proceed.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the 2000 accounts. As submitted. The 3000 accounts:

3200	Utilities	25,000.00
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3370	Computer (Data Management)	-0-
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With the intent to fund that out of CCD. All other 3000 accounts as submitted. The 4000 accounts:

4230	Motor Vehicle	-0-
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4290	Vehicle Equipment	-0-
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And what my intention there is, is that we fund four new cars and the equipment needed for them out of this year's General Fund. That's four cars at \$92,000.00 and equipment for the

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four cars at \$20,000.00 and I've asked the Sheriff's Department to file an appropriation next month and we'll purchase those yet this year.

President Lloyd: There's a motion, is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mrs. Smith. Motion, Mr. Raben. Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Oh, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: And so I'm going ahead and saying it, but I'm just assuming the six, the additional six, or is it---how many are we talking about here out of CCD?

Councilmember Raben: No, out of CCD was the \$150,000.00 Computer.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so,---

Councilmember Raben: The four new cars will come out of the General Fund, this year.

Councilmember Smith: This year?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: For some reason I was thinking there was a total of 10 cars that they were requesting.

Councilmember Raben: Well 10 cars were requested in the budget, yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Lloyd: And out of 1998 General Fund, he's proposing four.

Councilmember Raben: That we purchase four and zero out both of those accounts as requested.

Councilmember Hoy: If the Sheriff's Department wishes, they can ask for an appropriation for more cars if they wish. I mean this vote doesn't...

Councilmember Smith: Four cars might not be enough.

Councilmember Hoy: And what I'm saying is that they can---this vote does not preclude asking for more cars from the General Fund. Is that right, Mr. Raben? I mean, I know you would prefer that.

Councilmember Raben: Let me tell you exactly how it was discussed with Steven Woodall. I asked him to try four cars this year and he left it clear that next year, if you know, if something happens and they need one or two more cars he may have to come before us and I told him that I didn't think this body would have a problem with that. Is everybody clear on that?

Councilmember Hoy: That's fine. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I'm going to agree with you on the four cars and keep an open mind about next year. I couldn't really get a feel of what they really need over there because this year is the first time in five years that they didn't want to meet with me as their

liaison officer, so I'm going to be conservative and keep an open mind. If they need some new cars after we have the new Sheriff going in, look them over and make sure they're all in safe condition, we might have to add a few more cars next year.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? Okay. The motion was Mr. Raben. Second was Mrs. Smith. Is that correct? All those in favor raise your right hand. It's seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**SHERIFF/JAIL**

Councilmember Raben: Let's move to page 27, excuse me Jail. Twenty seven through 28, 29, excuse me, 30, all the way down to 1980. I move that those items be approved as submitted with the corrected salary adjustments and FICA and PERF.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben. Second Mr. Sutton. Asking for approval as submitted. Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Did you raise your hand, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

President Lloyd: Oh, okay. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay:

2200	Jail Expense	\$0.00
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All other items as submitted. And I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mr. Sutton. Motion, Mr. Raben. Any discussion? Okay, all those in favor raise your right hand. It looks like seven to zero on that. Okay. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**JAIL MISDEMEANOR HOUSING**

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible), Oh, page 187, Jail Misdemeanor Housing. I move that this budget be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mr. Wortman. Motion, Mr. Raben. Any discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Me.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to go back a little bit, I didn't hear on---what'd we do on the, let's see. Back up on page 27. Back up some more. I believe I missed something. Did I miss something on page 30, I was looking at something else? The Jail Commissary, or the Jail Expense, 2200?

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Councilmember Raben: I set that in at zero.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I didn't miss it then. Okay.

President Lloyd: And that was approved seven to zero.

Councilmember Bassemier: I just wanted to double check. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, back to page 187.

Councilmember Bassemier: Was there an explanation for that?

President Lloyd: No.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think I'd like to make one.

President Lloyd: Please.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think you're going to recommend to take that out of the Jail Commissary.

President Lloyd: Okay. Thank you. Page 187. Did you already make a motion on that?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I made the motion and Curt seconded it.

President Lloyd: Oh, okay. The motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mr. Wortman. Budget approved as submitted. Any discussion? This is Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing. All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)** Anything else, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No sir, I appreciate everybody's help today. I think it's gone real smooth. I hope the next two days work out equally as nice. So thank you and we'll see you tomorrow.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? I'll take a motion to recess.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy. Second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: All those in favor raise your right hand. We are recessed.

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The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 19th day of August, 1998 in Room 307 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially reconvened by President Russell Lloyd, Jr. at 12:05 p.m.

President Lloyd: I'd like to reconvene the Vanderburgh County Budget for 1999. Madam Secretary, could we have the attendance roll call, please?

(Teri Lukeman called the roll.)

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Lloyd	x	

President Lloyd: I would like to ask everybody to please stand so that we can have the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Lloyd: Thank you. One procedural issue was brought to my attention. To increase a budget line item takes a three-fourth majority of the Council which would be six votes. I had incorrectly stated five, so my apologies. That did not affect any items that were brought before us yesterday. Mr. Raben will give the total amounts that were cut from the budgets yesterday, but first I would like to ask Mr. Hoy to make an announcement regarding Pigeon Creek



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Greenway, or did you have that? They won an award.

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me. I thought she was going to do it. I've just started eating my lunch, Mr. President. We're happy to announce that the Greenway won first place from the National Trails Association for our project here, for the Pigeon Creek Greenway. We got national recognition for that. I'm sorry Shirley is not here to do it in Shirley's way because she would do it so much better than I, but I think one of the things, Mr. President, that we need to acknowledge in this community and we don't often enough is when we reach points of excellence, and this is a point of excellence, thank you.

President Lloyd: Thank you very much. Congratulations to the Greenway. Okay, we'll move on to the regular part of the agenda which will be consideration of the budgets for Wednesday, August 19th and I'll turn that over to Mr. Raben and he can announce the cuts from yesterday, the final total.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yesterday's total cuts were--

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I'm sorry. Mr. President, can we wait until Curt gets back? It's just a few more minutes.

Councilmember Raben: I can, that's fine. We'll give him a minute.

President Lloyd: We could slip him a note.

Councilmember Bassemier: He raised his hand, I saw him.

Councilmember Raben: I'll tell you what, I'll share this information with him. If we get too far we'll certainly wait on him, but the cuts for yesterday amounted to \$697,697, so great job everybody. We've got--

Councilmember Bassemier: It's six hundred and what?

Councilmember Raben: It's \$697,697. We're still a long way away, but with everybody's help we'll get there by tomorrow afternoon.

President Lloyd: Does that include FICA and PERF adjustments?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, it does. Yesterday prior to the opening of the meeting we had mentioned that we were going to determine between now and September 2nd if we were going to set in the salaries at three percent or include the payment of the employee's portion of PERF. So to speed the process up today I'm not going to do like I did yesterday and mention with the correct salary adjustments because what I state today may not be what it is September 2nd anyway. I'm just going to read in any corrections in the 100 accounts and that should make it a little easier.

**PROSECUTOR**

Councilmember Raben: So if everybody turns to page 37, Prosecutor, there are no corrections on that page. Page 38, no corrections. Page 39, account 1990 Extra Help \$5,000.

1990	Extra Help	5000.00
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Two thousand accounts: 2610 \$5,500. Three thousand accounts: 3130 Travel and Mileage \$4,000; 3250 Law Books \$8,000; 3410 Printing \$1,500; 3520 Equipment Repair \$3,000;

Page 40, 3900 Return of Fugitive \$15,000; 3901 Witness Fee \$20,000; all other line items all other 2000 and 3000 accounts approved as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

2610	Copy Machine Supplies	5,500.00
3130	Travel and Mileage	4,000.00
3250	Law Books	8,000.00
3410	Printing	1,500.00
3520	Equipment Repair	3,000.00
3900	Return of Fugitive	15,000.00
3901	Witness Fees	20,000.00

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Lloyd: Yes, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: There was one question I had, Jim. Was there an adjustment on, was it Office Supplies or Other Supplies, which one was that in that 200 account?

Councilmember Raben: It's 2610 Copy Machine Supplies.

Councilmember Sutton: That was \$5,500?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Lloyd: Questions or discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

#### ***PROSECUTOR IV-D***

Councilmember Raben: Thank you. Page 41, this is the IV-D account. I move that this budget be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy to approve as submitted. Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

#### ***PROSECUTOR CHECK FEE RECOVERY***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 44, Check Fee Recovery. I move that this budget be approved as listed.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: A motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: What about 3994?

Councilmember Raben: Are you on page 44?

President Lloyd: That's a separate budget.

Councilmember Raben: That's another budget.

Councilmember Wortman: I'm sorry, yeah, okay.

President Lloyd: This is just the budget on page 44.

Councilmember Wortman: Right, okay.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? All those in favor of the budget as submitted raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**PROSECUTOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 45. This is the Drug Enforcement Program. Line item 3994 should read \$114,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

3994	Matching Grants	114,000.00
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Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**PROSECUTOR VICTIMS/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Councilmember Raben: Page 46, 3994 Matching Grants should read \$14,956 and I make that in the form of a motion.

3994	Matching Grants	14,956
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President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor raise your right hand. Okay, seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**PROSECUTOR STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Councilmember Raben: Page 47, line item 3994 Matching Grants should read \$12,217 and I make that in the form of a motion.

3994	Matching Grants	12,217
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Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**PROSECUTOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

Councilmember Raben: Page 48, line item 3994 should read \$23,876 and I make that in the form of a motion.

3994	Matching Grants	23,876.00
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Councilmember Smith: Twenty-three?

Councilmember Raben: It's \$23,876.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Was that \$23,876 or 856?

Councilmember Raben: I've got 876.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay.

President Lloyd: The motion was for \$23,876. Any other discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION**

Councilmember Raben: Page 184. This is the Pretrial Diversion. I move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben for budget as submitted, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Mr. Hoy? Okay, seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**CORONER**

Councilmember Raben: Next is Page 34, County Coroner.

President Lloyd: Thank you, Mr. Levco.

Stan Levco: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Line item 1190-1070 should be set in at zero. All other 1000 accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Which line item was that, sir?

Councilmember Raben: 1190-1070.

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Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Lloyd: Set to zero. Any discussion?

Dennis Buickel: I have discussion.

President Lloyd: Mr. Buickel.

Dennis Buickel: If possible 1190-1070 is a half call part-time deputy on our payroll today. Would it be possible, would the Council consider on the 1180-1070 instead of setting that at \$8,360 as requested reducing that down to \$4,180 and allow me to have the 1190 half time? I mean, we're taking \$4,180 out of the request, correct?

President Lloyd: Right.

Councilmember Raben: This was the line item of the person that we just approved for full-time.

Dennis Buickel: The line item of the one that was going to go full-time from part-time was 1160-1070.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Dennis Buickel: What I was going to say, I've got, you know, this 1180-1070 was a request to upgrade...well, not upgrade but increase from a half call up to a full call part-time. It gets kind of confusing so if you would allow the 1190 to stay as requested and just drop the 1180 from \$8,360 down to \$4,180 I'll still have the same number of people.

Councilmember Raben: If that is okay with the rest of this body I'll amend my motion to read 1180-1070 Deputy Coroner should read \$4,180; 1190-1070 Deputy Coroner should read \$4,180 and I make that in the form of a motion.

1180-1070	Deputy Coroner	4,180.00
1190-1070	Deputy Coroner/Histotech	4,180.00

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have the revised motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I would like to go back to that Assistant Deputy. That's 1160-1070. Now Mr. Buickel, he took this through Job Study and instead of that being \$26,100 we factor that in...our job consultant factored in at \$29,029 because of the workload and we all agreed at the Study that should be a PAT V, am I correct on that, Tim? That correct figure should read \$29,029 with your all's permission.

President Lloyd: Was that a question to Mr. Deisher?

Councilmember Bassemier: Tim, do you want to explain that how you--

Tim Deisher: That was factored a PAT V, but it is up to Council to take the Personnel Committee recommendation.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right, would you explain how you...because of the extra workload and all the extra work she had to do is that why you--

Tim Deisher: Not necessarily workload, but the duties and responsibilities of the position.

Dennis Buickel: It also did include the actual formal training and certification and working under a pathologist for five years and all those things also.

Tim Deisher: Correct.

Councilmember Sutton: If that were a...wouldn't it be a separate process if we've got something that has gone through Job Study wouldn't it come before our regular Council meeting to consider that or I mean, at what point are we wanting to bring that before Council? I guess that's what maybe my question is.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, you can answer. I'm just saying right now is a good time to do it.

Councilmember Raben: It was brought to the Job Study to be approved for the budget process. What we can do--

Councilmember Sutton: What I am saying, this is for next year.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: When will it come before Council for this year?

Councilmember Raben: Well, it really won't because they will not be coming to us for an appropriation this year, correct?

Dennis Buickel: That's correct. I have no intentions of bringing it up and saying, okay, now you're giving it to me next year, let me have it early. I wasn't going to play that game.

Councilmember Raben: See, this person will not actually be a full-time employee until January 1st. What we can do just for today, Dennis, like I stated earlier, we're not going to actually set in salaries officially until the September meeting so if everybody is okay with it let's just let the motion stand where it is at and we'll make that correction September 2nd.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's fine with me. I just wanted to make everybody aware it was approved through Job Study, the 12 member board.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Ed, just for clarification what is that correct figure?

Councilmember Bassemier: Sir, that is \$29,029.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: You're welcome.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a revised motion and second. Any other discussion? This is for the 100 accounts. All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all 2000 accounts as listed. Excuse me, I'm sorry, 2710 Color Film \$4,000; 2730 Sanitary Supplies \$1,000; 2740 Chemicals \$1,000. Let's move on to the the 3000 accounts. Radio/Pagers \$1,500 which is line item 3160; 3190 Solid Waste \$3,500; 3310 Training \$2,000. Let's turn to page 36, 3520 Equipment Repair \$2,000; 3540 Maintenance Contract \$11,300; 3640 Diagnostic Studies \$20,000; all other 2000 and 3000

accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

2710	Color Film	4,000.00
2730	Sanitary Supplies	1,000.00
2740	Chemicals	1,000.00
3160	Radio/Pagers	1,500.00
3190	Solid Waste	3,500.00
3310	Training	2,000.00
3520	Equipment Repair	2,000.00
3540	Maintenance Contract	11,300.00
3640	Diagnostic Studies	20,000.00

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second, I think, was a tie Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Smith. Any other discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Dennis Buickel: Thank you.

### **WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Weights & Measures, page 92. Okay, Loretta, everybody wanted to freeze your salary, but I said, no, today is my day and we're going to leave it as it is.

Loretta Townsend: Thank you.

Councilmember Smith: I told her to keep quiet and that's the reason she has got her mouth sealed.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Weights & Measures I move that this budget be approved as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy, budget approved as submitted. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you, Mrs. Townsend. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Hoy: Who is going to call the Guinness Book of World Records on this, that's what I want to know.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 85, County Commissioners. No corrections there. Page 86 no corrections. Page 87, line item 3100 Animal Control should read \$99,366; line 3120 Postage & Freight \$250,000; 3210 Emergency Management \$71,612.

3100	Animal Control	99,366.00
3120	Postage & Freight	250,000.00
3210	Emergency Management	71,612.00

Page 88 as listed. Page 89, 3235 \$15,000.

President Lloyd: You've got that number wrong.

Councilmember Raben: It's 3532, excuse me, \$15,000; 3750 \$73,981.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time.

Councilmember Raben: Line 3750 Purchasing Department \$73,981.

3532	Garage Remediation	15,000.00
3750	Purchasing Department	73,981.00

Councilmember Raben: Line 3850 should read \$309,838; 3890 Central Dispatch \$574,423 and I make that in the form of a motion.

3850	Building Commission	309,838.00
3890	Central Dispatch	574,423.00

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton and then Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know who was first. Go ahead, ladies first.

Councilmember Smith: On the line item 3460 Consultant, I don't know if all of you know what that is for, but that is one of the best \$16,000 we could spend. They go into different departments and apply for reimbursement on a lot of it and it is one of the best line items we've got. I know they came over to the Clerk's Office and we got money back and it comes back into the General Fund. I didn't remember the man's name, but Bettye told me it is David Griffith and he does this for several different counties. I just wanted you to be aware of it.

President Lloyd: So that \$16,000 is well spent on that.

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to add on line item 3535 the Voices for I-69, Bettye Lou had asked that maybe we have conversation with John Schwartz. I had a chance to meet with him and talked to him about it and he was...I guess our question was how long will our commitment continue to be on 69 and he indicated that maybe two to three more years is what he may look for. He expressed appreciation for the support that we've given them up to this point, but if things continue as they are right now who knows it might be shorter, but he says maybe about two to three years we can expect to see that we may not have this particular commitment anymore.



President Lloyd: Thank you. Any other discussion on the Commissioners' budget? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**COMMISSIONERS CCD FUND**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 145. I move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? This is CCD Fund, Commissioners. Okay, seeing none, all those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**DRAINAGE BOARD**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 82, that's Drainage Board. Line 1110-1260, 1120-1260, 1130-1260 all three should read \$780. All other lines as listed and I make that in the form in a motion.

1110-1260	Board Member	780.00
1120-1260	Board Member	780.00
1130-1230	Board Member	780.00

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**RIVERBOAT**

Councilmember Raben: Page 132. I move this budget be approved as submitted. It's Riverboat, page 132.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Sutton, budget as submitted. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Page 95, Superintendent of County Buildings.

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, Mr. Raben, before we get away from that real quick, just kind of an information thing. We talked about in our last meeting the progress on the Welfare to Work things, but the other two items, you know, in terms of I guess in the past we had kind of established...the Commissioners had established some kind of priority list and the projects they were going to be using the different things for so they've been kind of keeping a running total of the different things they've been using it for, so I am just assuming that will continue. Bettye is shaking her head yes, so if we could maybe see something. I imagine that some of the projects we were working on have already finished out, so there are some new priorities that are going to be developed, so if we might be able to see those as they develop we would appreciate that.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**

Councilmember Raben: Thank you. Page 95, Superintendent of County Buildings. Line 1750 Clothing Allowance should read \$708. All other lines as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion. This is a budget that will require six votes, too, by the way.

1750	Clothing Allowance	708.00
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President Lloyd: That is correct.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, what about line item 2300? Doesn't that need to be changed to the same as 1750?

Councilmember Raben: It is my understanding it does not. The only correction is on the Clothing Allowance on the 1750.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero. It is approved, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**BURDETTE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 122, Burdette. All 1000 accounts as listed with the appropriate corrections. Two thousand accounts, let's move down to 2210 Gas & Oil \$6,500; 2300 Uniforms \$2,500. Page 124, 2730 Sanitary Supplies \$10,000; 2740...excuse me, I'm sorry. Skip down to the 3000 accounts, line 3520 Equipment Repair \$15,000; 3580 Vehicle...excuse me, that is as listed. Skip down to the 4000 accounts, 4080 Pool Improvements zero; 4110 Land & Improvements zero; and I'll...let me give a little explanation before everybody gets too excited here.

2210	Gas & Oil	6,500.00
2300	Uniforms	2,500.00
2730	Sanitary Supplies	10,000.00
3520	Equipment Repair	15,000.00
4080	Pool Improvements	-0-
4110	Land & Improvements	-0-

I spoke with Steve and it is his intent to come back for an appropriation this year. He thinks this is work that they would like to complete this fall. These last two items, the Pool Improvements and Land & Improvements. They need a new chemical storage building and a new surge facility and they've got some repairs and whatnot to do, the tennis courts, so this is all work he would like to complete yet this fall so we'll be seeing him next month for an appropriation...oh, in October, I'm sorry. Not in September in October. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: President Lloyd.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I just asked the Auditor, but I wanted this on the record again concerning the new building and the money for that, that will come up in our December meeting, is that correct? We have a guest here today who wanted to know that piece of information and have some input.

Councilmember Raben: You're speaking in terms of the CCD monies?

Councilmember Hoy: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that will have to come before us as an appropriation.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on Burdette budget? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)** Thank you, Mr. Craig.

Steve Craig: Thank you.

President Lloyd: We need to change the tape, hold on a second.

**(Tape Change)**

**COUNTY HIGHWAY**

President Lloyd: Okay, let's proceed.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Highway, page 133. There are some cuts that Councilman Wortman and Commissioner Jerrell has worked with the County Highway that they needed to make for the state. Page 136 is the first cut:

1850	Union Overtime	34,000.00
1930	Unemployment	1,600.00
1990	Extra Help	4,000.00

Page 137:

2550	Sand & Gravel	55,000.00
2560	Concrete	10,000.00
2780	Office Material	1,000.00

Page 138:

3160	Radio/Pagers	5,000.00
3201	Traffic Lights	3,500.00
3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	70,000.00

All other lines as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah.

President Lloyd: Okay, discussion, Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: In reference to discussion, line item 2210 and 2220, Jim, is there any changes there?

Councilmember Raben: I have no changes on those two items.

Councilmember Smith: What number did you say, Curt?

Councilmember Wortman: Line item 2210 and 2220, no changes.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion, questions on County Highway budget? Seeing none, all those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven, zero. Thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### ***CUMULATIVE BRIDGE***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 140, Cum Bridge. I move that this budget be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion to approve the budget as submitted, Mr. Raben, second, Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Right hand, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: As a point of information, someone just noted that I was raising my left hand, so I guess all my votes don't actually count. I'm left handed, so my left hand is my right hand.

Councilmember Hoy: In that case I'm ambidextrous, can I use either?

President Lloyd: Well, we'll check the legal ruling on that. We'll assume that you meant the right hand.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Lloyd: Seven, zero. That budget passes. Thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### ***LOCAL ROADS & STREETS***

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Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 159, Local Roads and Streets. I move that this budget be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben, budget approved as submitted, second, Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven, zero. Raise your hand. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**COUNTY CLERK**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, go to the front of the book, page one, County Clerk:

1130-1010	Small Claims Court Clerk	20,484.00
1200-1010	Small Claims Clerk	23,849.00

Page two:

1270-1010	Counter Clerk	22,519.00
1330-1010	Criminal Court Clerk	22,492.00
1340-1010	Judgement Clerk/Superior Ct	18,636.00
1360-1010	Posting Clerk	19,618.00

Page three:

1440-1010	Bookkeeping Clerk	17,853.00
1480-1010	Commitment Clerk	27,057.00
1490-1010	Child Support Clerk	20,484.00

I will make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: How far down does that motion go?

Councilmember Raben: Page three.

President Lloyd: Oh, okay. Motion, Mr. Raben, second, Mr. Wortman, Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? If not, all those in favor please raise a hand. Seven, zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page four, line 1650-1010 Deputy Clerk, \$23,174.00, 1680-1010 Deputy Clerk, \$0, 1690-1010 Deputy Clerk, \$0, 1990 Extra Help, \$15,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, second, Mrs. Smith, motion, Mr. Raben. Any discussion? Okay, all those in favor please raise your right hand. Three? Do you want to do a roll call vote? Let's do that.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: No. The budget page passes five, two.

Jeff Ahlers: I think there were a couple of salaries that increased, right? Those you may have to peel off because they're going to be six votes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll reopen that--

Jeff Ahlers: So what I would do... you're going to have to, I guess, redo it, the first time through revoting with everything except for the two or three salaries that increased and then doing those in a separate motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the first motion that I made was page one through three. That much of the budget approved. Page four, there's one line that increased. I'll move to reopen account 1650-1010.

Councilmember Hoy: Second his motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion is to reopen discussion on 1650-1010 Deputy Clerk. That motion was to increase to \$23,174.00, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, \$23,174.00.

President Lloyd: And Mr. Hoy seconded. Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: I thought there was one that increased on page three as well, wasn't there?

Councilmember Raben: But one, two, and three were on a prior motion.

Jeff Ahlers: That's on page three. How could it?

President Lloyd: His motion went from page one to three, and that passed seven to zero. He stopped at the bottom of page three.

Jeff Ahlers: I know, but there's an increase on page three, 1480-1010.

President Lloyd: We had seven votes. Now the motion--

Councilmember Raben: The motion is to reopen. Have we had a vote?

President Lloyd: No. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No, you have to vote to reopen it. Five votes.

President Lloyd: Okay, we're voting to reopen just on this one line. Alright, all those in favor of reopening discussion on just this one line raise your right hand.

Councilmember Smith: Isn't that increase a step increase though? It's not anything but a step increase, is it? Isn't that all it is, Sandie?

Sandie Deig: Yes, it is a step increase.

Councilmember Smith: But that's just an automatic thing.

Jeff Ahlers: You're still going to have to vote to set that in.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I make a motion to approve:

1650-1010	Deputy Clerk	23,174.00
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President Lloyd: Did we have to vote to reopen that? We voted that seven, zero. Did we? Okay. Alright then the motion is to increase Deputy Clerk to \$23,174.00. Discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Is that three? Let's have a roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith? Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Sorry, what are we voting on? I was listening to...

Teri Lukeman: The step increase for line 1650-1010.

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Lloyd: Yes?

Councilmember Hoy: I'd like to say something before we vote.

President Lloyd: Please?

Councilmember Hoy: This is a step increase, and I believe that's mandated, is it not Mrs. Deig, by our salary?

Sandie Deig: Yes, but the Clerk erred in not adding it to their budget. So, it is increasing the overall budget.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, but I'm saying that if we don't get six votes we could be in violation of our salary ordinance. Is that correct?

Sandie Deig: That's correct.

President Lloyd: Any other questions, discussion on this one budget item? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: My vote's going to be yes, but I think there's one item that we got a little turned around on. I think that's why there's so much discussion. We might need to revisit something else, but yes.

President Lloyd: Okay, well let's vote on this one and if someone wants to reopen another line item they can make a motion. So let's do a roll call on this so we can get that cleared up.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. That line item passes. Seven, zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now do we need to readdress page four?

Jeff Ahlers: I would clarify it. I would put it in another motion just to make sure it's clear.

President Lloyd: Is there any Councilmember that wants to make a motion about page four before we move on?

Councilmember Sutton: There was one item on page four. On line item 1630-1010 I think we got a little tied in with some other things, but we're wanting to reopen that particular line item, 1630-1010 Assistant Chief Deputy / Election Clerk. I believe that's what it is.

Councilmember Wortman: And I second it.



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President Lloyd: Okay, well, right now it was approved at the salary as budgeted, \$24,197.00. So, is there a motion to change that?

Councilmember Raben: They're moving to reopen right now.

President Lloyd: Oh, reopen discussion. So, we need five votes on that.

Councilmember Raben: There's a motion on the floor. Let's vote on this first.

President Lloyd: Okay, this is to reopen on that one item.

Councilmember Hoy: Actually, point of order. I think that our first vote... I don't know that we need to vote to reopen. Of course, our first vote was not a legal vote because we voted on a raise. So we can reopen without a vote.

Councilmember Sutton: Let's stick on this one line item here.

Councilmember Hoy: I mean if you feel better reopening it we can vote on it, but since that was not a valid vote because we didn't have six votes...

Jeff Ahlers: That's what I was understanding was that it was all reopened and it was just going to be broken down into two separate motions rather than one. We've done part A, now we're going to do part B, which I assume Mr. Raben will just make a motion. You can set the line item that Mr. Sutton is talking about at whatever you want in your motion, and all of that page except for the one item that we've already voted on would be taken care of in this motion. That would be what I would suggest.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but he already has a motion on the floor and a second.

President Lloyd: I don't think the motion had any... the motion was just to reopen discussion on the one line item.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so as it stands now just for clarification, the only item on this page four that has been approved is the 1650-1010, correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let me start again then, 1680-1010 Deputy Clerk, \$0, 1690-1010 Deputy Clerk, \$0, Extra Help 1990, \$15,000.00. And I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second? No second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Oh, Mr. Bassemier second. Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion on those three line items?

Councilmember Sutton: Are you covering just those three line items or the whole page besides the one we've already voted on?

President Lloyd: Just those three line items is what the motion was.

Councilmember Raben: No, all others --

Jeff Ahlers: It's the entire... yeah, all others as set in.

Councilmember Raben: All others set in as listed.

Councilmember Hoy: So the discussion is reopened on everything on the page, except the Deputy Clerk 1650-1010. We voted on that one, the rest of it is open for discussion.

Councilmember Raben: Exactly, correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, my motion earlier was on line item 1630-1010, to reopen that. So, we should have revisited that line item. We voted to reopen that prior to even this motion being taken. We voted to revisit that particular... at least that's what my motion was. In his motion, Jim's motion following mine, we didn't touch on that line item or even take any action or whatever.

Councilmember Hoy: We didn't vote on reopening because we had not really voted on those other lines, Councilman Sutton. So, we're open to whatever you want to say on that line.

President Lloyd: Mr. Ahlers has a suggestion.

Jeff Ahlers: What I would suggest is, when we opened it we divided it into two parts. Mr. Raben now has a motion covering everything else. What I would suggest is, and I don't know what you have in mind, Mr. Sutton, but on that one item you could offer an amendment, or during discussion ask him to amend if that's what you're wanting to do to that particular line item, and he can either accept it or not.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make an amendment to my motion. Okay, this motion excludes 1650-1010 which has already been adopted by this Council:

1680-1010	Deputy Clerk	-0-
1690-1010	Deputy Clerk	-0-
1990	Extra Help	15,000.00

All other lines as submitted with the exception of line 1630-1010. I'll save that for a later motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Raben as he described, second, Mr. Hoy. Discussion?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President?

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I would like to make an amendment on 1990.

President Lloyd: Please?

Councilmember Wortman: Will you accept that, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: What is it?

Councilmember Sutton: What is it?

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Councilmember Wortman: Set in at zero.

Councilmember Raben: No.

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Councilmember Sutton: What was his amendment?

President Lloyd: His amendment was 1990 Extra Help set it in at zero, and that was not accepted by the motioner.

Councilmember Raben: My seconder has amended his motion correct?

Councilmember Hoy: I seconded your amendment.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, call for questions.

President Lloyd: I guess one question I have, 1630-1010 may be related to 1990. So, I don't know that might be a reason I'm voting against it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but just for clarification, 1630-1010 is excluded from this motion.

Jeff Ahlers: Why are we excluding it?

President Lloyd: Okay, when you originally made it you excluded that line item, but everything else was as you indicated the change?

Councilmember Raben: Exactly.

President Lloyd: Any discussion? Let's go with a roll call vote on this please, Madam Secretary.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: No. Five, two. **(Motion carried 5-2, Councilmembers Wortman and Lloyd opposed)**

Councilmember Raben: Now you need a motion for 1630-1010. I excluded that motion. That's what everybody was trying to get to. So, you need a motion on 1630-1010.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Chairman?

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: On item 1630-1010 I was going to make a motion. I didn't know if we're ready now, if we're clear, but I move that we set that in at zero.

President Lloyd: Okay, is there a second on that?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, a motion on 1630-1010 Assistant Chief Deputy / Election set in at zero, Mr. Sutton, a second, Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Correct me, I thought originally that was a part time job, is it not?

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: It was a part time job, it's always been a part time job. I asked them when I was Clerk to make it a full time position so that person could come over and spend the time in the Clerk's office when they wasn't in the Election office. But it doesn't seem to have worked out that way, so that's... put it back to a part time because they don't do the work in house that they used to do in the Election office.

Councilmember Hoy: My question then is if we zero this out, where does the part time job come in?

Councilmember Smith: 1990.

Councilmember Hoy: Under Extra Help? And that's enough money?

Councilmember Smith: Or in the Election office budget.

President Lloyd: Questions? Does the County Clerk want to address this issue?

Marsha Abell: If I understand it.

President Lloyd: State your name.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell. This isn't the Election budget. You can't put part time help in here for the Election office. This isn't the Election budget, it's a separate budget.

President Lloyd: From what I understand there was concern from Councilmembers about the way this position was ran the last election. So, I don't know if you wanted to address that? Now, this would be effective next year, for next year's elections.

Marsha Abell: I guess if I had known that you wanted that addressed I would have invited the President of the Election Board.

President Lloyd: Mr. Foster?

Marsha Abell: That's correct.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Marsha Abell: I take it from what you said you're eliminating this whole position?

President Lloyd: If this would pass by majority vote, that would zero out that position.

Marsha Abell: Did this go before the Salary Administration Committee?

President Lloyd: Not to my knowledge, doesn't have to.

Marsha Abell: Then when do I get an opportunity to talk about it? There's no committee hearing on it, it's just that's what it is? We have an election next year. I don't know how you expect to get by without someone doing the work.

President Lloyd: I know... I mean I guess some of the people that I talked to, there was concern about the way the election transpired in the primary and whether the person in this position would be able to do a better job going forward in the elections.

Marsha Abell: I don't understand the question if it is one. Be specific, I mean what are your concerns?

President Lloyd: Well, I mean in the primary we had some personnel from other offices come in to assist towards the end of the election preparations --

Marsha Abell: I'm sure Mr. Foster would love to address that. I met with him just last week as a matter of fact. The reason we had extra help is because the people that were assigned to us by the two party chairmen couldn't type. We certainly don't want to go through that again this year. I think as everyone will recall, I actually wanted applications and wanted to give typing tests, and that was turned down by the two party chairmen. You can't perform and prepare forms with people that don't know how to type.

President Lloyd: The people that had been there previously though, I mean I guess they had worked prior elections and had a lot of experience working in elections so that... I mean are you saying that wasn't beneficial, their prior experience?

Marsha Abell: I guess I don't...they weren't there. What are you getting at? I mean, speak plainly, don't hint around at stuff. I don't know what you're getting at. If you're getting at Ms. Bassemier, that was a decision of the Election Commission in Indianapolis that she not be in there. If the Election Board and this county wants to violate the law that's fine. But I am not going to violate the law. Mr. King sent a two page letter saying Ms. Bassemier could not be in there because her brother-in-law was on the ballot and that's a place where people vote. Now that's the law. If you don't like it, Vanetta Becker is one of the Representatives and I'm sure you can get it changed. But I can't change the law.

President Lloyd: Okay, I have no desire to change the law. Okay, the supervisor, or Assistant Chief Deputy of Elections, now the person that was in this position for the primary election is no longer with the county?

Marsha Abell: That's correct.

President Lloyd: And we have a new person in there?

Marsha Abell: That's correct.

President Lloyd: Briefly, what procedures are you going to put in place to allow a smooth election, you know, this November and next year?

Marsha Abell: Well, as of today, as a matter of fact, the person who's doing that is meeting with SCT and all the forms that they typed in a typewriter with carbon paper last year have now been scanned into our computer system. They're going to be using computer instead of typing. We've gone through the Election office this last year cleaning out and throwing away coffee pots that don't work and all kinds of stuff that's gathered over the years in there. We know where everything is. We've got it all categorized. We've got it all in perfect file cabinets. You know, if you want me to stand here and give you the day to day operations, you know, we're going to be here well past 3:30.

President Lloyd: I don't want to get into all the little details. I know I had worked, before I came on the Council, I had worked as an election Inspector and Judge. I know election material was delivered to the third floor and in the primary that was moved to the second floor. I mean, it seemed like the third floor delivery of all the receiving teams worked out pretty well. For whatever reason you decided to change that to the second floor.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'd like to ask our legal counsel a question. First part is not the question, but I have two points to make. The first point is, I've been on this Council six years and I can't remember ever eliminating a position that was on the table at a budget hearing. That bothers me a bit. But what bothers me more is I'm wondering if this is legal or illegal in your opinion, sir? And if it needs to be researched then perhaps we need to table it until we find that out.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I was getting ready to bring up that point. It occurred to me because I think is the first time, as well, since I've been involved with Council that this has occurred. So I was quickly reaching into my bag to pull out a statute. We may well need to do that, table that, because I would refer to Indiana Code 36-2-5-13. It says the compensation of other county officers, deputies, and employees or the number of each may be changed at any time on: one, the application of the affected officer, department, commission, or agency, and number two, a two thirds vote of the county fiscal body. What I'm concerned about here is there has not been an application to eliminate that position. I think that definitely you're looking at having a two thirds vote. The question is, I guess semantically, I suppose if it's set in at zero, I guess, practically you'd be eliminating the position although I know this fiscal body obviously has the right to decide not to fund whatever it wants. So I also think we need to look into that issue.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Do we have a motion on the floor? We do have a motion on the floor. I can't make a motion. Yes, I can. I can move to table. That's allowable under Robert's Rules. I move to table until we get a legal opinion from Mr. Ahlers. My motion needs a second, and probably needs two thirds.

President Lloyd: Okay, so before we vote on zeroing out the salary... let's see. It indicates according to this code, as referenced by Mr. Ahlers, we need a two thirds vote. Also, Mr. Hoy has asked that we table this motion. So, we need someone to second that to make that effective, and then we would need to vote on the table. Is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm going to second that.

President Lloyd: Seconded by Mr. Bassemier. Discussion, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Why don't I just withdraw my motion on this matter. We can reconsider this and we won't have to go through all the tabling motions and all this other stuff, if the seconder would agree to withdraw their second?

Councilmember Hoy: Who seconded your motion, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you want to withdraw?

Councilmember Wortman: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Hoy: We're going to wire the chair. I'll withdraw my motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion to set in Assistant Chief Deputy for zero has been withdrawn, the second has been withdrawn. And you are withdrawing your table?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

President Lloyd: So then it would go through as... or no, it's got to be voted on still, doesn't it?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, then I'll move, put my motion back on, I'll move to table until we get a legal opinion from Mr. Ahlers.

President Lloyd: Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: No, that's fine. I think we should wait until tomorrow. We can take that line item up tomorrow if Council would like. But I do think that we need to make sure that we're right on whatever it is in terms of the number of votes, which I'm sure is likely going to be two thirds. The question is whether or not we can do this without application of the County Clerk to eliminate the position?

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think we need to get some parties together and discuss this matter, what the issues are and what the possible options are on this. Obviously it's not very fair to Ms. Abell to be able to try to respond to something that she's not, you know, fully informed or well prepared for. And make the appropriate adjustments then with the Election Board President as well being involved with this. So, I think maybe the appropriate action is no action, really.

President Lloyd: So, it sounds like what Council wants to do is approve this budget as submitted, we still have page five to go, and then approve this, other than that one position, and maybe get some more information on that and take that up tomorrow if we can. Is that right?

Jeff Ahlers: That's what I would suggest, Mr. President.

Councilmember Hoy: Did I get a second in my move to table this line?

Councilmember Raben: I think he's withdrawn it, it's been withdrawn.

President Lloyd: Your motion has been withdrawn.

Councilmember Hoy: No, but I moved to table because I think legally we have to move to table.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier seconded that.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, so that's still on the floor.

President Lloyd: Okay, we need to vote on the table. Roll call vote, please.

Councilmember Smith: Vote to table?

President Lloyd: Correct.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The table passes. Six, one. **(Motion carries 6-1, Councilmember Wortman opposed)**

President Lloyd: Ms. Abell, what time would be convenient for you to look at this tomorrow? Do you want to go before all the other budgets?

Marsha Abell: I could look at my calendar. I've got some meetings scheduled. I didn't know I was going to be in here.

President Lloyd: Can you just get back with us before we convene?

Marsha Abell: I'm going to get back with you right now, Mr. Lloyd.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Marsha Abell: What time are your hearings tomorrow?



President Lloyd: Twelve to four.

Marsha Abell: I can do it at 4:00.

President Lloyd: I'm sorry, 3:30. Well, we've been running early, we probably won't... why don't we say, would 1:30 work?

Marsha Abell: Can't do 1:30.

President Lloyd: What's the earliest you can do it?

Marsha Abell: Probably 2:30.

President Lloyd: Is that agreeable to Council? Okay.

Marsha Abell: I don't know that Mr. Foster can. I haven't talked to him.

President Lloyd: Okay. Thank you. We still have the rest of the Clerk's budget to go here. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Just to follow up and make sure we've got everything nailed down real nicely here, Mr. Ahlers, you are going to bring us an opinion on this, is that correct?

Jeff Ahlers: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, I guess, Mr. Raben, you get to take over.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page five:

2600	Office Supplies	30,000.00
2611	Child Support Supplies	-0-

Skip down to the 3000 accounts as listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben, second, Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Ms. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: When Ms. Abell was here last week she made the statement that the reason she needed more money was because she had to pay bills that I left in '96. There was a bill for a city directory that was \$88.14 that we presented to the Auditor's office September 10th. Some way the bill got lost, I don't know how it got lost or whatever, but that's the only bill that was left over from '96 that could legally be paid. I got with Suzanne Crouch and here it is. I don't like for people to say things that's not true because we tried to make sure that everything was done when I left that office. That was the only bill that wasn't paid, was \$88.14.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven, zero. Thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**(Tape Change)**

**ELECTION OFFICE**

President Lloyd: Please proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 72, line 1160, Election Inspector should read:

1160	Election Inspector	21,590.00
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(Inaudible)

President Lloyd: Page 72, Election Office.

Councilmember Raben: And we are on line 1160 and should read \$21,590,

1170	Election Judge	30,480.00
1180	Election Clerk	27,940.00

page 73, line 2600--

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, you missed one, line item 2280, Precinct Meals should be 19,050.

Councilmember Raben: You are exactly right. I had my thumb over it actually,

2280	Precinct Meals	19,050.00
2600	Office Supplies	300.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	600.00
3600	Rent	6,500.00

and all other items as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second Mrs. Smith, motion Mr. Raben. Discussion? Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: That line item Printing, 3410, I think that was the printing of the ballots that was always done in house. I was wondering if that was already sent out or are we going to do it in house again? I guess that can be addressed to Mrs. Abell.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Abell?

Marsha Abell: It's not sent out yet, this is the 1999 budget.

Councilmember Wortman: Next year, for the City Election.

Marsha Abell: Well, we wouldn't send it out yet for an election next year.

President Lloyd: That is the anticipated cost of that item for next year. Any other questions on that?

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Councilmember Sutton: Are we through with that one? Because I had another line item that I had a question on.

President Lloyd: Any other questions on that line item? Okay, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 3610, Legal Services. I mean is that necessary I thought that it was pretty much, that we had come to the conclusion I thought last week that it would play itself out and that we really didn't have to worry about too much legal expense in this particular budget, because this case is pretty much settled itself out.

President Lloyd: There was some reason that had to stay in. Do you have that, Mrs. Abell?

Marsha Abell: There are attorneys that sit in the Election Office all day on Election Day.

President Lloyd: So, that is a fixed cost, basically the same every year?

Marsha Abell: Uh, uh.

President Lloyd: That is the same rate to pay the attorneys on Election Day.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Hoy: Is that enough then, the \$1,000.00?

Marsha Abell: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: Is \$1,000.00 enough for those two attorneys?

Marsha Abell: You can put in zero for all I care.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I don't know how much it is.

Marsha Abell: \$1,000.00 is enough. I mean I don't know what they are paying them, I just went by what they paid them last year. I think that is a political thing on how many Republicans and how many Democrats are in there.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Usually in the spring they have less than in the fall, they have six and six because if there is a problem in the polls that's the one who goes out to the polls to check problems and they were always paid \$ 50.00 that day. Because we always laughed at the attorney that got \$ 50.00 pay so that was big pay for that day. So, that is what they basically were paid.

President Lloyd: I mean that has been the same amount--

Councilmember Hoy: It looks like Mr. Ahlers has an opinion on that.

President Lloyd: --that has been the same amount and is up to Council. I would just leave it. Any other questions? Okay, there was a motion and a second. All those in favor, raise your right hand. Motion passes five to two. Did you vote for or not?

Councilmember Smith: I'm sorry, I was going to vote for it.

President Lloyd: Royce, did you vote for it?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Lloyd: Okay, six to one with Mr. Wortman opposed. **(Motion passes 6-1. Councilmember Wortman opposed)**

President Lloyd: The next budget, please.

### **CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mr. President, I believe that you were going to allow a brief presentation.

President Lloyd: Please state your name for the record. We have had conversations and I want Mrs. Kight to explain some of the compensation in her budget to Council.

Dolli Kight: My name is Dolli Kight. You guys are running way ahead of what I anticipated. I just wanted to make a couple of comments and I have passed a lot of information out to the Councilmembers and wanted to hit on a couple of things about the Overtime and the Comp Time and I asked my staff to go back and figure up the hours that they have put in since January 1, over and above. We are talking about, if I were to pay that out in cash, not even including my time, about \$7,100.00 in time and one-half pay that I would have to issue or 70 comp days that I would have to give out to staff over and above their regular time off. I did break that down by each individual's stats. So, what we are proposing with this performance based pay is those employees that are going above and beyond and putting in the extra effort, we can acknowledge that through a pay increase and I think it ultimately would be cheaper than giving them overtime or giving them a day off. I did do some salary comparisons with some of the other bureaus and I can provide that information if anyone is interested. I did check with South Bend, Indianapolis, Bloomington, Lafayette, Columbus and Fort Wayne. All of those counties do give performance based increases including Dubois, Kokomo, Putnam, Marion, Grant County and Hamilton. The first ones I mentioned were the ones that I do have salary comparisons to.

President Lloyd: Did you say everyone of those give performance based incentives?

Dolli Kight: Yes. I do have, I e-mailed them and do have their e-mail responses with me, too.

Councilmember Sutton: Do those counties have a Salary Ordinance?

Dolli Kight: They didn't really tell me how they set up their Salary Ordinances. I requested, do they give performance based pay increases?

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that if we begin to do that, making exceptions to our Salary Ordinance, you know, how do we decide where it begins and where does it end? Do we then in turn defeat the whole purpose of the Salary Ordinance? And that is grades and pay based upon the work and also rewarding for time and longevity and all. What does that do? Because that really concerns me about how we can keep a level of equity among our other areas in the budget. We have an exception here. Can you clear that up for me?

Dolli Kight: Uh, quite honestly, I think that we are a little different. Not to say that I don't respect what other county employees do and the jobs that they perform. But, I think that we are a sales and marketing or promotional agency our job is out there to solicit and sell the county and persuade visitors to come and spend money in our county. I think that is a little bit different

approach to what many of the county offices and the jobs that they perform. It is a requirement of my staff to work days and evenings and weekends and they are judged as to whether they go out and land a piece of business for the city. If they are generating any economic impact on the community. They, we look at the dollar value of the piece of business that they bring in and their overall performance.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I would hope that every county employee is a sales person in this building. They are selling the benefits of doing business with Vanderburgh County and that when people do business with these different offices that they have a pleasant experience and that they are doing well and we are doing the utmost to, whether it is the Treasurer's office, or the Recorder's office or whatever it's a sales job somewhere. Then we've got County Highway folks that when it snows at 2:00 in the afternoon or 2:00 in the morning they have to be out there. So, it's, when you take a position, I guess I am of the opinion, when you are salaried you have a certain set of expectations. Hourly is a different set so I don't know if we begin to create a situation where you have attorneys in the Legal Aid area, I mean if they get a call on something like that if they begin to chart each and every, it just really, I think it just muddies the water here a little bit. I just think that this really creates a really difficult situation for us to really to conceptually stay on top of by doing this, I understand maybe which direction you are going, but I just think that it just, maybe it is just me. Maybe it is just me.

Dolli Kight: Well, I think that though our office is often treated differently than the county. I mentioned that we don't share in a lot of the benefits that the other county employees share in so we are already being treated differently. So, that I think that has kind of sent a message to us that well we are really not part of the county. To me, that is my personal interpretation.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I think that it has to be one way or another. If they pay PERF, you get county insurance. Either we have to go all the way or the other way. I mean you can't have it half way and I know that there is a lot of people in this building that have to sell their office.

Dolli Kight: Sure.

Councilmember Smith: So, that is not the only selling point. But, I feel like the Board should pass on their raises not you and you said that you evaluated them

Dolli Kight: And I think that is an issue that we can discuss with our Commission.

Councilmember Smith: But, I think that we need to say that either it's going, they are going by the city or county policy or either they make their own policy. We just can't divide it up.

President Lloyd: One question, though. Are you, do you contribute to PERF or not?

Dolli Kight: No.

President Lloyd: I think that you have to your own retirement.

Dolli Kight: No, we have to put up our own retirement.

President Lloyd: So, that is one area--

Councilmember Smith: Well, you have the line item.

Dolli Kight: It is listed as PERF but it's our own retirement. It comes out of our budget. It doesn't come out of the County--

Councilmember Smith: But, it is still paid into PERF?

President Lloyd: No.

Dolli Kight: No, it's not.

Councilmember Raben: No, it's basically like a 401K.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay.

President Lloyd: So, really the name is a little misleading. Mr. Raben next, and then Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Raben: Well, don't get me wrong, I have probably spoken out in opposition of the Bureau more than I have spoken on behalf of it. There is a little bit of difference here, we in this building are providing a service, where they're actually selling a product. In sales it's foreign to county government to provide incentives for individuals making sales, in the private sector it is not. I mean, it may not be a bad idea, again, it is so unique to the way that we have been doing business. You are exactly right, Royce, I don't, it's really not fair to the other employees but it's something that we can look at. I don't think that we have to make this decision today. We can spend between now and September to do a little research on it. It may be worthwhile it may not. I have my reservations on how they actually keep track of conventions or one individual's performance because they are not actually invoicing for a product even though they are selling a product. You know, they're--

Dolli Kight: And that is an issue that we have struggled with. How do we hold our employees accountable and we have been researching that.

Councilmember Raben: --rather than kick this around all day let's give it some thought between now and September.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Ahlers, this is a legal question. They, since they are not really contributing to PERF, my question is, are they under the Salary Ordinance in your estimation or not? Because if they were totally under it they would be contributing to PERF it would seem to me. I will stop there and then I have a comment.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, first of all, I guess that I could pull out and read the opening language of the Salary Ordinance. If the Salary Ordinance just refers to county employees, technically they're not county employees. They would be similar to the Airport Authority or something like that.

(Inaudible)

Jeff Ahlers: Levee Authority, I mean they don't come out of the General Fund. So, the question becomes is when you make your Salary Ordinance, is it just governing county employees and if it is then you know, they are not subject to it. I mean, clearly I think that they have the line item in there for PERF but that's just, they should probably retitle the line item next year--

Dolli Kight: I think that--

Jeff Ahlers: --because it really is not PERF and they have their own fund as I understand it. Do you guys take county insurance?

Dolli Kight: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: There are some issues on that, I suppose, as to whether they are getting some county benefits, which I guess the County can do whatever it wants. The Convention Bureau what, reimburses that County then for insurance? How does that work?

Dolli Kight: Uh, I believe so.

Jeff Ahlers: That's okay, the Auditor says that is correct.

Dolli Kight: Thank you.

Jeff Ahlers: The bottom line is, the long and the short of it is that this body can set those salaries in at whatever it wants. Whether you call it Salary Ordinance or not Salary Ordinance, you oversee that body and you can set them in at whatever you want. Technically, I don't know if it is correct, if your Salary Ordinance does not cover the Airport Authority, is that right?

Sandie Deig: It covers the Highway, Garage and Cum Bridge.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, my point is that maybe we need to look at that at whether the Salary Ordinance is meant to cover more than county employees. If it is not meant to cover more than county employees then technically they are not a part of it. You see what I am saying? I mean we don't treat Airport Authority that way for example. But all of that, what I am saying is the bottom line is that you can still set salaries in at what you want. That is the bottom line whether you call it Salary Ordinance or something else.

Councilmember Hoy: If they were under the Salary Ordinance then every one of these jobs would have to have been evaluated and classified and put at a certain level. I don't know if that's been done. You know, I am not sure, I mean I think what you said earlier may be in fact the truth that they are not under the ordinance but at this point I don't think we can do this today. I agree with Mr. Raben. But, one of the things that I would like your Board to do, and we have discussed this before, I think we need to have your Board and bring it to the County Council to make a very, very clear determination as to whether or not these jobs are under the Salary Ordinance or not. If they are not then we know that we are dealing with a different thing. My understanding from Mr Ahlers, is that we can change these figures because they would not be subject to job classifications. But, we need to make it one or the other. My question, excuse me, is and I believe that I know the answer to this. If your Board would be willing to discuss this and bring it back to us so that we can make a clear cut decision. I think that is really important to do.

Dolli Kight: Yes, we would.

President Lloyd: Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: It seems to me that probably at some point, long before my time, it seems that probably at some point or consent or acquiescence obviously that they were evaluated by job study and put in there. Maybe something has changed along the way or maybe that is not the way, I mean it goes back before my time. What I am saying is that if organizations are going to be included in the Salary Ordinance I think we might need to slightly amend the language because you know when you read the first page of the Salary Ordinance it sets the salaries of employees of Vanderburgh County. You know, I don't know that there are employees of Vanderburgh that's technically by statute a separate entity. But, I mean at some point you probably need to decide as to which way you are going to go, either opt in or opt out or somehow we are to somehow clarify this. Bottom line is that you can set these in at whatever you want. This body, the fiscal body, even though it is a separate entity has to approve the budget and so you can amend that if you would like or set them in as they requested.

President Lloyd: Questions?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, they are, Mr. Deisher just handed me the book and I saw Mrs. Deig shaking her head, they are in the adopted ordinance for 1999. I don't know where that leaves us legally, Mr. Ahlers, but I happen to feel that some of these are too low for what they are asked to do and that does bother me. I travel for the Tri-State Food Bank and am salaried, when I send an hourly employee, I know what the Department of Labor tells me I can do and can't do and what I can and can't pay on that trip and it you know, it takes more out of you. It takes you away from your family and you are away from your home, it always costs me more to travel out of my own pocket, even though I can get reimbursement, you never cover everything, you know. So, it kind of leaves me in a quandary and that is why I would like to, I would like for this to not wait a year but to be taken to your Board and brought back to us very quickly. We can make a clear determination and not have this discussion because otherwise it looks like we are bound to this and if we are not bound to this then we are in a bind, too, in giving raises more than we are giving to anybody else. It's..

Councilmember Smith: We don't really have to make a decision on this until September and maybe, I don't know when your Board meets--

Dolli Kight: Next week.

Councilmember Smith: Next week, so we have until September then, wouldn't we?

Councilmember Hoy: That's correct.

Councilmember Smith: Couldn't we discuss that at that time?

Councilmember Raben: Right and this body can do whatever it wants on these salaries. We actually have county employees that are not part of our Salary Ordinance. You know, we have it where it goes both ways.

Councilmember Hoy: We can vote higher wages if we wish but...

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: That is why they are listed in their budget book, if you think about it. Why if they wasn't, why would they be in here?

President Lloyd: Other questions? Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: The other reason that, I won't name the position at my place, but you know I am a charity and we usually run lower wages and several of these that are in the book are not as high as I pay someone for whom we only demand a high school education. Because we have to pay that much to get a good employee and these folks, more is demanded. I mean I am talking about an hourly employee who gets more than these folks get and gets time and one-half for over 40 hours and we are on the low end of the scale.

Dolli Kight: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: I mean at my place, and we are here too, in both places.

Dolli Kight: Even comparing salaries in the State I know that I gave everyone the international CVB information and just from the research that I did with other counties in the state. They're a couple of thousand to there's one that is about \$30,000 lower than comparable positions within the State.



Councilmember Hoy: Well, we can wait on this then until, is that correct?

President Lloyd: Yes, we can at least wait until September.

Councilmember Hoy: And your Board will--

Dolli Kight: Yes, we will make sure it is on the agenda.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

President Lloyd: Well, we need a Councilman to attend that meeting as well. I think that would be helpful if he can.

Dolli Kight: The meeting is at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday, so anyone is welcome to come.

President Lloyd: Is there anything else that you need to add?

Dolli Kight: Well, Joy just came in, I don't know if she wants to add anything to this point, so, okay.

President Lloyd: I would be interested in seeing the plans and I don't know if you can get the actual plans as to how the other counties, like Allen, South Bend, St. Joseph County and some of the other ones that you said--

Dolli Kight: Their actual review process?

President Lloyd: --how their incentives are done. Yes--

Dolli Kight: Okay.

President Lloyd: --so that would be interesting to me.

Councilmember Sutton: Where is the meeting going to be?

Dolli Kight: It will be in the lower level of the Pagoda.

President Lloyd: Did you want to set the salary in or how do you want to do this budget?

Councilmember Raben: Well, we will, again we can tentatively set it in at three percent until, like we have done the other budgets. Which actually that motion was made yesterday and then again today. I mean, or that statement was made at the opening of today's meeting. So...

President Lloyd: Do you have those figures?

Councilmember Raben: For what, the three percent?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: No, but I can make that in a motion that all salary items on page 191 be adopted at the appropriate rate plus three percent. FICA, PERF...

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, are we not going to wait until we get what we asked her to go to the Board and ask them? Are we going to set it in now?

Councilmember Raben: We need to approve this budget today and we can make salary

corrections--

Councilmember Smith: Changes?

Councilmember Raben: --in September.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, the figures that we see are three percent, but you just said--

Councilmember Raben: Right, and my motion just stated that the figures should reflect a three percent increase.

President Lloyd: One of the Board members is here, Mrs. Payne, did you have something to add?

Joy Payne: Thank you, my name is Joy Payne and I am on the Visitors and Convention Board. I got here kind of late because Dolli called and said that you guys were running ahead of schedule which is great. I have two questions and you can answer the first one after the second one. The first one is that I want to know exactly what it is that you want our Board to do. We are very supportive of Dolli on this issue and I got kind of interested in it after looking at some of the numbers and talking with Dolli and our staff and some of the responsibilities. I have only been on the Commission for about two years and don't have the history, as Jeff was saying on how some of this came about, our employees being considered county employees, but I am gonna find out. So I want to know exactly what it is that you want us to come back with. I am kind of with Betty, I would rather, if we can, not approve our budget today because we have these increases in our budget and you either not approve it, I think that you have to not approve it. Is that correct? Because we...

President Lloyd: Well, the--

Councilmember Hoy: We can still raise it or lower it.

Joy Payne: Pardon?

Councilmember Hoy: We can still change it.

President Lloyd: This is a budget for January 1--

Joy Payne: So, we will table it until September, as Betty was asking?

President Lloyd: Well, what we will do is we will approve this but the final approval is in September. So, this is just, well let's see ...

(Inaudible)

President Lloyd: Mrs. Crouch.

Suzanne Crouch: I would suggest that you go ahead and approve and set in something you can always come back. And it is the salaries that you are talking about? Is that correct? On September 2, and make any adjustments to your salaries.

Joy Payne: Can we, since our budget is line item, can you approve the budget with the exception of the salary line item and table until the next meeting? So that we can, again I'll ask exactly what you want us to do. I think you can do that.

Councilmember Raben: We can, I just, to me it seems like it would be cleaner to do it the other way on September 2, when we just--

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President Lloyd: What about just approving as--

Councilmember Raben: --adopt whatever we decide on that rate.

President Lloyd: What about approve it as submitted and then if we are going to lower them, we can lower them.

Councilmember Raben: That's fine also.

President Lloyd: Just approve it as submitted and we will address that on September 2.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I am going to amend my motion, to approve the Convention and Visitor's budget as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion by Mr. Raben to approve their budget as submitted, second, Mrs. Smith. Any more discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. Mrs. Payne you asked, and this is just my opinion, but what I think that your Board needs to do is to make a clear cut decision as to whether or not you want to approach us to be under the Salary Ordinance or not. And there are pluses and minuses to that because under the Salary Ordinances, people get, Mrs. Deig, help me out, they get step increases for longevity and some other things, is that correct? That would not necessarily be so anymore so you need to look at all of those differences because this is neither fish or fowl it is a little bit of one and a little bit of the other. But, all of the wages are under the Salary Ordinance and of course then we can decide, I assume legally, whether we want to cut that loose or not, but that's the discussion.

Joy Payne: Okay. Sandie, can I get or maybe Dolli has this, the package as such, exactly as to what county employees are entitled to? Then I can take it back to the Board and then say, okay guys in exchange for these incentive raises that we are wanting to give staff, here is what we are giving up. As Phil was talking, longevity.

Sandie Deig: One thing would be insurance.

Councilmember Hoy: Insurance might be one.

President Lloyd: Mr. Ahlers has a question.

Jeff Ahlers: Mrs. Payne, or Dolli, do you know why is it that you are not in PERF? Was that an election or were you not eligible for it because you are not--

Dolli Kight: I have no idea.

Jeff Ahlers: --considered county employees. I mean that may be one place to start. To figure out how we got to that point.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, Mr. Raben--

Jeff Ahlers: Because I don't think you can exempt yourself because I tried that and you, if you are considered a county employee you gotta take it and if you're not, you can't.

Joy Payne: We're not.

Jeff Ahlers: And you might also check with county on the insurance and how you've gotten that.

Joy Payne: Yes, Sandie brings up a good point about the insurance. That's--

Councilmember Smith: They may especially want to get into it if we get that PERF paid for by the county instead of a three percent.

President Lloyd: Do you know if you receive step increases? No, you do?

Dolli Kight: We have been following--

President Lloyd: Have been?

Dolli Kight: --that policy up until this point. We have been following the salary policy.

President Lloyd: Okay. Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, a couple of more things. You have raised a good question, as you research this you need to look at the by-laws of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and see what those by-laws say about where this belongs. There may not be anything there, but there may be. The second, as my next point, I have three now--

Joy Payne: That's okay.

Councilmember Hoy: --one of the downsides that the Board needs to look at is if you go out of the county ordinances, then when you come in with those wages, they are at the discretion of this body, rather than under the Salary Ordinance. So, you could--

Joy Payne: When we bring the budget to you for approval? It is still, it has to be approved by this Council--

Councilmember Hoy: That's right.

Joy Payne: --whether we are under--

Councilmember Hoy: That's right.

Joy Payne: --we don't have a problem with that, actually I am more comfortable having someone else, being this body, review some of that and question it. I don't have a problem with that.

Councilmember Hoy: But, what I am saying the downside is that the body could say we want to slice that one and we could do that and not follow the Salary Ordinance. Okay?

Joy Payne: I understand.

Councilmember Hoy: I have one more point and this is in your favor.

Joy Payne: Good, that helps the one that you just gave me.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I think, you know whatever any of us sitting around this table feel now about what we are building across the street, we are responsible for cutting that loose and giving it to the Building Authority, you know and creating an expensive project - The Centre. I certainly want to have the best staff you can get to sell that facility. Because it is going to be there and it needs to be used. I have a notion that it is going to be used very well. I think it is going to be gorgeous, but I am a supporter. I wasn't a supporter of as much money as we have spent but it's been spent so I am not going to argue about that but, you know this is a time to take a good look at something that is going to be a building of great excellence

and we need a staff, the best staff we can get. So, I think that--

Dolli Kight: I would like to address that point. I sat in on the pre-conference hearings that the Commissioners held for the management firm and actually the management firm is looking at the Convention Bureau being responsible for booking that business 18 months and out and they will be looking at 18 months and in, and that is typically the way a convention center is handled in other cities. So, it is going to put a lot more pressure on my staff.

President Lloyd: I think that we clarified all of that, does anybody want to vote on this budget?

Joy Payne: That's how you got ahead today, Russ.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I call for the question.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Raben, you had presented the budget as submitted and I don't even remember who the seconder was.

Teri Lukeman: Mrs. Smith.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith, okay. All of those in favor of the budget as submitted subject to possible changes, please raise your right hand. We've got six to one, is that correct? Mr. Sutton opposed. **(Motion carries 6 -1. Councilmember Sutton opposed)** Okay, thank you very much and we have some work to do on that.

Joy Payne: Thank you.

Dollie Kight: Thank you.

### ***TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT***

Councilmember Raben: We are almost finished, page 194, Tourism Capital Improvement Fund, I move that it be adopted as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Approval of budget as submitted, Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? All of those in favor, raise your right hand. Looks like, you are opposed? Six to one, Mr. Sutton opposed.

Councilmember Sutton: No, I didn't.

President Lloyd: Oh you didn't. Okay, seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### ***BOND ISSUE***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 200, Bond Issue as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion on budget page 200, Bond Issue, as submitted by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? All of those in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to zero.

**(Motion unanimously approved)**

**AUDITOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page six, County Auditor. Okay line:

1180	Bookkeeper/Accts Payable	29,208.00
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Suzanne Crouch: It takes six votes.

President Lloyd: It takes six votes to raise a line item.

Councilmember Raben: Page seven, no corrections. Page eight, line:

3310	Training	2,000.00
3371	Computer Hardware	-0-

and I have asked that to be purchased out of Reassessment. Next:

3520	Equipment Repair	3,000.00
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and page nine:

4210	Office Furniture	-0-
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and I would like to ask the Auditor to file an appropriation this year for office furniture. All other lines as submitted with the appropriate adjustments to salaries and benefits and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second Mrs. Smith, motion Mr. Raben. Any discussion? All of those in favor, raise your right hand. It looks like six, no Mr. Sutton, seven to zero; that is approved.

**(Motion unanimously approved)** That looks like the last of the budgets for today, I will take a motion to recess.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben was that a motion to recess?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I move that--

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: We are recessed until tomorrow. Meeting recessed at 1:50 p.m.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 20, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 20th day of August, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. This meeting was officially opened by President Russell Lloyd, Jr. at 12:00 p.m.

The Council meeting was reconvened with President Lloyd presiding.

President Lloyd: I'd like to reconvene the 1999 Vanderburgh County Council budget sessions,

the 6th day. First, we'd have Madam Secretary please make the roll call.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	

President Lloyd: Now, I would ask everyone to please stand so we can pledge allegiance to our flag.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Lloyd: Okay, thank you. A couple quick remarks, one thing I wanted to note, the budget requests for Council out of the General Fund that we received this year had included requests for 23 new employees, with the total wages of \$588,886. Out of those new employee requests, and we haven't considered any for today, the Council has allowed two. So to grant that many new employees is obviously...would be difficult for the Council to do that, and also allow us to hold the tax rate at where it is now, and possibly lower it. The reason I wanted to bring this up was the...out of those 23 new employees, 15 are for Community Corrections, and that was with their plan of opening 50 beds in the SAFE House. Now, the Council is going to make their own recommendation on that, but what I wanted to say is that the Council has to consider all the county departments, not just the courts and jail. We respect the Blue Ribbon Committee that's studying this issue, and they carry great weight, in fact, some of the recommendations they've made, Council has granted, which is the two Bail Bondsmen, as well as additional electronic house arrest bracelets that were requested. I mean, so Council has worked with the Blue Ribbon Committee, and we will continue to do that, but on this request the Council had...we had very good comments from Council last week about that, and we're going to take issue with that, and possibly, you know, grant part of that request. The only other thing I wanted to note was that, you know, for us to achieve our goal of cutting \$2,000,000 out of the General Fund budget, and hopefully lowering taxes for next year, there was no way we could grant all these new employees. Now, for a total of where we are now, and what we need to do, I'm going to turn it over to the Finance Chairman, Jim Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Mr. President. As of yesterday, our two day total budget cuts, well, let me give you yesterday's first, including FICA, and PERF is \$496,452, for a two day total of \$1,194,149. So we're not home yet, but we're getting close.

### ***FAMILY & CHILDREN***

With that, I would ask everybody to turn to page 148. This is the Division of Family & Children. I'm going to move that this budget be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, please raise your right hand. Approved seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**



**COUNTY WELFARE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is page 147, County Welfare. I move that this budget be adopted as submitted.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**LEVEE AUTHORITY**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 195, Levee Authority. There are some corrections. We'll start with:

1940	Workmans Compensation	5,350.00
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Page 196, line:

3000	Bond & Insurance	26,880.00
3930	Other Contractual	20,000.00

All other lines as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your right hand. Approved, seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**COUNTY RECORDER**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 13, County Recorder, line 1990, Extra Help, \$3,500. All other items, as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? I just might point out, I did request some information from the County Recorder on the fund that they manage, the Recorder's Fund, and they did give that to me, and I appreciate their cooperation on that, it's very good.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: What did you say the cut was on the Recorder? The Extra Help.

Councilmember Raben: The 1990, Extra Help--

Councilmember Smith: How much did you cut it?

Councilmember Raben: \$3,500.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I was thinking, maybe on that Extra Help, since we talked about adding an additional employee, I didn't know if we could reduce that even further. I don't...you kind of gained from that discussion.

President Lloyd: Please come forward.

Councilmember Raben: That...I'll give you what my thinking was on that. We need...she has some interns that work through the summer--

Betty Hermann: Okay, Betty Hermann, County Recorder. I was asked the other day, and I volunteered \$2,000 to cut. If I don't have that, then I cannot have the people that I use. I use summer interns all summer, and I also use them on Christmas break from colleges, and this helps with the microfilming, and that won't give me enough for them.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, can we make up the difference out of your Perpetuation Fund?

Betty Hermann: We cannot.

Councilmember Raben: On salaries?

Betty Hermann: No, we cannot use it for salaries or we cannot use it for any kind of...I can't even use it for training.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Betty Hermann: That's the only thing...I'm paying for everything else out of the Recorder's Perpetuation.

Councilmember Smith: That's what I was going to say. She's paying for all of her supplies and everything else out of there, and if she needs the other \$500, then I would like to see her get that \$500, because there's not any other thing over here that--

Betty Hermann: I'm paying for everything.

Councilmember Smith: Yeah, you are.

Councilmember Sutton: She's...I think she's wanting \$1,500 extra, because we cut it \$3,500.

Councilmember Smith: No, in the Extra Help, instead of \$7,000, she wants \$4,000.

Councilmember Sutton: It's \$4,000?

Councilmember Smith: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, okay.

Betty Hermann: That way I can carry them through Christmas.

Councilmember Smith: So I'd like to make a motion that we give her the \$4,000, instead of the \$3,500.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, I'll amend my motion.

President Lloyd: Right, you'll need to amend that motion then.

Councilmember Raben: I'll have to amend my motion.

Councilmember Hoy: That has to be reopened, since we voted.

President Lloyd: We haven't voted.

Councilmember Raben: We have not voted.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, okay, sorry.

Councilmember Raben: So I would like to amend my motion to read:

1990	Extra Help	4000.00
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Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: I think that Mr. Hoy has to agree to that.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have an amended motion and a second. Any other discussion? All those in favor, please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### ***VOTERS REGISTRATION***

Councilmember Raben: Page 74, Voters Registration. Skip down to line item:

2700	Other Supplies	2000.00
3620	Copy Machine Lease	-0-

We had earlier discussion on this last week, and had asked that they file an appropriation this year, so that's the reason on that cut. All other items, as submitted, with the appropriate adjustments to salaries, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### ***COUNTY TREASURER***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 10, County Treasurer, line:

1270-1030	Counter & Posting Clerk	18,636.00
2600	Office Supplies	6,000.00
4220	Office Machines	3,000.00

All other items, as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### **COUNTY SURVEYOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 32, County Surveyor, line:

1200-1060	Chain Man	21,261.00
2210	Gas & Oil	750.00
2220	Tires & Tubes	300.00
2230	Garage & Motor	500.00

All other items as submitted, and that will be a \$283 increase over what was submitted.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? I might point out the...I had requested information on the Surveyor's Fund, and they did comply with that and they gave a good report, I appreciate that. All those in favor, please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### **SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION**

Councilmember Raben: Page 185. I move that this budget be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion to approve budget as submitted, Mr. Raben. Second, Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### **SURVEYOR MAPS**

Councilmember Raben: Page 161, this is the map fund. I move that this budget be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion to approve budget as submitted, Mr. Raben. Second, Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**Vanderburgh County Council  
Budget Hearings  
August 20, 1998**

Councilmember Raben: Turn to page 150, County Health Department. The first budget cut is on page 153 line item:

1930	Unemployment	8,000.00
1990	Extra Help	6,500.00

Page 154, line:

3510	Other Operating	50,000.00
3930	Other Contractual	50,395.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	-0-
4290	Vehicle Equipment	-0-

I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Could you...I have a question too, on 3510, Other Operating, what figure did you have?

Councilmember Raben: What's that number again?

President Lloyd: It's 3510, Other Operating.

Councilmember Raben: It was \$50,000.

Councilmember Sutton: On down there, Jim, I kind of got lost right after the Other Operating there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 3930, Other Contractual, \$50,395. Then there is a request on 4230, zero, 4290, zero, and I might, if there's questions on that, the Health Department Director, Sam Elder had asked that those last two be zeroed out since he was receiving an additional employee.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: I made a second to that, and I have a question.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mrs. Smith, and then Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Smith: I'll second it, and you ask your question.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Elder? Since I'm your liaison--

Sam Elder: Sam Elder, from the Health Department.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, are we cutting anything that's going to hurt your grant programs severely?

Sam Elder: Well, you know, our Contractual Services...this is the contracts where all our

equipment, the computers, and then it also is what we pay the physicians that work in, like the Tuberculosis Clinic and when the funds are exhausted for that, you know, Tuberculosis, we've had an increase in it, and especially if we get any of the multi drug resistant, the county is mandated by state law to pay for the treatment of the indigent, and that's about the only ones that we get. We get all the winos with Tuberculosis, and this is one of the reasons we needed this extra position. We have to go to their home or wherever they are at and give them their medications. We've got one that won't take it without us bringing him chocolate pudding, so we bring him a container of chocolate pudding, and these people...it's real easy to say, if they won't come in and take their medications, let them go, but then he'll give it to somebody else.

Councilmember Smith: Well, we gave that...we didn't cut that position out, did we?

Sam Elder: No, no, not that, but the Contractual Services, part of that is the physician that works in the TB Clinic.

Councilmember Hoy: The Other Contractual, line 3930--

Sam Elder: The Other Contractual covers a multitude of--

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Elder, maybe if you could open your book there.

Sam Elder: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: We're on page 154, and then 155. I think you referred to Contractual Services, there wasn't an adjustment there. It was an adjustment under Other Contractual.

Councilmember Hoy: Other Operating.

Sam Elder: This is a hard--

Councilmember Raben: While he's doing that, if I could have just a moment. What's--

Councilmember Sutton: Just kind of pull it to the side there.

Councilmember Raben: I might ask the Council...the line that he's referring to, I'm sure is 1930. Look at the prior three years expenditures out of that account, and look at the year to date.

Councilmember Smith: Line 1330?

Councilmember Raben: It's 3930. Look at the year to date expenditures, which granted are probably through May or June, but then, what you also have to keep in mind on this budget is this fund has an unappropriated balance of, right at \$800,000. So if any of these funds run short, the monies are there to make it up, so keep that in mind, please.

Sam Elder: Well, you know, this is the reason I didn't comment when you first read it, because you just...for the clinician in the TB Clinic, I don't think you have much choice but to fund that if we run out of money, and I know that the balance is there. The balance has to be there because of all the federal grants, we can't run a deficit budget in those. You know, we're sometimes several months getting our money, and you take like in December, if you don't get December money until March, you know, it has to be paid in December.

Councilmember Hoy: You have to keep the balance in those, or else--

Sam Elder: Well, we've got a balance in the Health Fund. As long as we have a balance, as I understand it, Suzanne can correct me, in the overall Health Department budget, isn't that

what--

Suzanne Crouch: Right, the Health Fund has to, as all the funds do, has to maintain an operating balance, above and beyond what the budget is to fund for emergencies or for additional appropriations throughout the year. The Health Department...the Health Fund does have a fairly healthy balance there. So if Mr. Elder, I know he doesn't like to come back to Council, he likes to do it all at budget time, but there would be monies there if something would happen.

Councilmember Sutton: Sam?

Sam Elder: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Sam, over here on this side. So which one are you referring to? I said on 154, where we've got Contractual Services, or on page 155, where we've got Other Contractual, which one are you talking about?

Sam Elder: Contractual Services normally is professional help.

Councilmember Hoy: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: There wasn't an adjustment there--

President Lloyd: Please come forward.

Councilmember Sutton: --Other Contractual.

Councilmember Hoy: No, the adjustment was under Other Operating, from \$72,532 to \$50,000.

Councilmember Sutton: In Other Contractual?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Sam Elder: The 3510, you know, they both, were Other Contractual Services, Other Operating, and the Other Contractual Services. You know, one account just like we pay \$300 or \$400 a month to Browning Ferris for our infectious waste, you know, that's something new, and we added that in there without any increased money.

Councilmember Raben: Could I ask one question, Sam?

Sam Elder: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Just for instance, on 3930--

Sam Elder: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: --what are the year to date expenditures?

Sam Elder: I don't know.

Councilmember Raben: Do you have that?

Unidentified: (Comments made away from the microphone.)

Councilmember Raben: What would you say--

Unidentified: (Comments made away from the microphone.)

Councilmember Hoy: Come on back up if you will.

Sam Elder: I'll tell you, one of the things on that is the money we have left in that account, we have the death records back into the 1800's, the late 1800's. These books are falling apart, and every year we have the book binder bind part of them. Now, I don't know how important it is to you that these records be kept intact. The old ones that have not been laminated are so bad that we can't let anybody see them, because they'll fall apart. But there are a lot of people in the community that it is important that we do this. I don't have any problem with not laminating any books at the end of the year, you know, we'll wait until next year. But no one will have access to them that are rotten, until they are laminated.

Councilmember Hoy: By law, you have to keep those?

Sam Elder: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, but again, nobody is saying to stop doing anything different from the way it's been done in the past, but if you're only spending \$25,000 a year out of an account that we're appropriating \$90,000 into, that doesn't make sense either. At the same time, when we've got an unappropriated balance that high, that's not wise either, because we're really not running...operating a bank, we're collecting a tax, and if we...just for instance, for this...for all the cuts that this body makes in this three day period, outside of your budget, the standard General Fund budgets, if we make all these cuts to reduce the tax by a penny, and your tax goes up a penny, we've not gained anything. I mean, the taxpayers--

Sam Elder: I realize that.

Councilmember Raben: --it's a wash for them.

Sam Elder: It's like the large item in there is the ventilation, you know, when they initially...they told us under the federal standards that our TB Clinic did not comply, we didn't have enough air exchange, and we were recirculating it, and they said we had to quit doing that, and the Board chose to do it the cheap way. It's ventilated out, but they didn't completely redo it, they felt it was too much money. That balance of that...to do that is in that account, you know, I don't know if we'll ever do it, and maybe you're right, as long as we have a substantial balance in the thing, I don't have any problem with coming back and asking for it, if we have to do that.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, Mr. Chairman?

Councilmember Sutton: Which line is he...are you objecting to, Sam?

Sam Elder: Well, initially, until I was asked, I didn't object to anything, because I knew we had that unappropriated balance, and if we had to have it, that we'd just have to ask you for it, and that's when you would decide whether you wanted to say it was the ventilation. The new federal standards, when they are promulgated and put into effect, we don't pass. It's kind of like this non-attainment with the ozone thing. We comply with the one that's there now, but we know right down the road we're not going to. But I don't have any problem if that's the way you want to do it.

Councilmember Hoy: My initial question, being your representative was, I wanted to make sure that you had enough there to meet your federal grant matches.

Sam Elder: Yeah, we've got--

Councilmember Hoy: If you're okay there, I'm okay with the budget. Are you okay or not?



Sam Elder: Peggy, what he's talking about is the match money, and that's not any problem. We're matching everything with salaries.

Peggy Groves: But the 3510 line item, the Other Operating--

Sam Elder: Well, we put the other, and there'll be enough in there, we'll pay that, you know, I really don't anticipate even needing that. You know, because surely one of them will be pregnant, and they all take twelve weeks now, and we don't pay them.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Elder? We're probably going to need to move on to the next budget, if we can call for the question. You know, what we'll do if there's some shortage, I'm pretty sure we'll make up any shortages or whatever if we can, but I think we're just trying to be as prudent as we can going down through here and just kind of looking at where we are, I think as...I don't think it's going...we're not going to see the Health Department shut down if we can go ahead and proceed forward.

President Lloyd: We don't want to see them go in the red. Okay, did you call for the question, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I did.

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion was by Mr. Raben. The second was Mr. Hoy, I believe. All those in favor, raise your right hand. Well, how many is that? Six to one, Mr. Wortman opposed. **(Motion carries 6-1. Councilmember Wortman opposes.)**

**COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 76, Co-op Extension. Move down to:

1200-1230	4-H Assistant	12,524.00
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Councilmember Smith: What page?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I'm sorry, it's page 76, line 12001230, 4-H Assistant.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: The correct figure is \$12,524.

1990	Extra Help	6,000.00
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Councilmember Raben: I meant 1990, excuse me, \$6,000. I was trying to make a cut on FICA there, wasn't I? Page 77 line:

3130	Travel / Mileage	7,000.00
3310	Training	500.00
3530	Contractual Services	53,575.00
3910	Youth Programs	7,000.00

3600 Rent, as submitted. All other items as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**LEGAL AID**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 127, Legal Aid. The first item is line:

2600	Office Supplies	3,000.00
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Page 128:

3120	Postage / Freight	900.00
3130	Travel / Mileage	750.00
3140	Telephone	2,000.00
3250	Law Books	1,500.00
3410	Printing	1,000.00
3520	Equipment Repair	750.00
3600	Rent	20,110.00
3611	Litigation	-0-

All other items as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I was wondering about line item 3700, Dues and Subscriptions, I had that down for \$600, and then 3730, Continuing Education, \$1,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, what was the first one that you are proposing?

Councilmember Wortman: It's 3700, Dues and Subscriptions.

Councilmember Raben: What are you proposing?

Councilmember Wortman: Six hundred dollars, and 3730, Continuing Education, \$1,000.

President Lloyd: Okay, so you're asking for an amendment to the motion, are you asking for an amendment?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Raben made the motion. Mr. Bassemier seconded it.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier seconded the motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Is there anyone from Legal Aid?

President Lloyd: Ms. Hartig, could you come to the microphone please?

Councilmember Smith: Curt, what did you say on 3730?

Councilmember Wortman: On 3730, Continuing Education, \$1,000, and 3700, Dues and Subscriptions, \$600.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I think I'm going to leave the motion as it stands. It looks like history speaks for itself on both of those items, so I'm going to leave the motion as it stands.

President Lloyd: I have a question for Mrs. Hartig. On the Dues and Subscriptions, what is that used for or what does that pay? Line 3700.

Sue Hartig: I have a list here. We subscribe to the Indiana Advance sheets, which are the Indiana cases that come down every week. We subscribe to the Indiana Lawyer, which is a news publication that comes out once a month, I believe. We belong to the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, which is necessary for our malpractice insurance.

Councilmember Smith: How much is that per year?

Sue Hartig: It's a percentage of the budget. For '97 it was \$428. I don't have the '98 figure, but it was probably close to \$500. On the United Way side, we do fund the state, local, and American Bar Association dues, because receiving those publications and belonging to the family law divisions of those are necessary for us to stay up to par. Those are the main things under Dues and Subscriptions.

President Lloyd: You mentioned the Indiana State Bar, and the Evansville Bar, was there another one?

Sue Hartig: American.

President Lloyd: Oh, American Bar Association. Are those memberships for the whole Legal Aid department, or is that by individual?

Sue Hartig: They're by individual.

President Lloyd: By each attorney?

Sue Hartig: Uh-huh.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Sue Hartig: Again, they're paid on the United Way dollars, not city/county dollars.

President Lloyd: Well, that's I guess, one of the questions that was brought up by Mr. Ahlers, the county ordinance about payment of membership dues. So it's your opinion that by paying it out of the United Way side that it would not be against this ordinance?

Sue Hartig: No, because those are not county or city dollars. Those are United Way dollars.

President Lloyd: Okay, other questions? Okay, we had the original motion by Mr. Raben. Second, Mr. Bassemier. All those in favor, please raise your right hand. Five to two, passes, thank you. **(Motion passes 5-2. Councilmembers Wortman and Smith opposed.)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page...oh, excuse me, we're going to change the tape.

**(Tape Change)**

President Lloyd: Make a note the two opposing votes, Mr. Wortman and Mrs. Smith.

**LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 198, Legal Aid/United Way. I move that it be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

Councilmember Raben: Page 83, Veterans Administration. Second line down is 1120-1270, the correct figure should read \$23,075; 1990 Extra Help \$500; 3310 Training \$500; all other items as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

1120-1270	Asst. Service Officer	23,075.00
1990	Extra Help	500.00
3310	Training	500.00

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Alright, page 97, Circuit Court. Second from the bottom, line 1250-1360 Receptionist/Clerk, the corrected figure is \$22,494; 1260-1360 Probation Officer zero; Page 98, 1280-1360 Probation Officer zero; 1300-1360 Public Defender zero. Page 99, line 1990 Extra Help \$30,000. Page 100, line 3130 Travel & Mileage zero; line 3902 Grand Jurors \$4,000; 3903 Petit Jurors \$60,000; 3944 Special Reporter \$35,000; all other lines as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Question Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, would you check that 1250-1360 on Page 97. It's a step three, so I think that figure should be \$22,492 instead of four. I think you said \$22,494 and I think it should be \$22,492.

Councilmember Raben: I have \$22,492.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, but you said four.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Bassemier: No problem.

President Lloyd: It's \$22,492. Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Bassemier. Any other discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved)**

1250-1360	Receptionist/Clerk	22,492.00
1260-1360	Probation Officer	-0-
1280-1360	Probation Officer	-0-
1300-1360	Public Defender	-0-
1990	Extra Help	30,000.00
3130	Travel & Mileage	-0-
3902	Grand Jurors	4,000.00
3903	Petit Jurors	60,000.00
3944	Special Reporter	35,000.00

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 102. Okay, let me discuss these cuts before we get into it. It was requested that in this budget an increase of a 50 bed facility, then there was an alternative plan submitted for a 25 bed facility. This budget was prepared with it in mind that we would accept the 25 bed proposal. A lot of the figures may appear as if they're off the wall, but a lot of the miscellaneous accounts that are in there are last year's figures with the appropriate adjustments based off of what they stated they needed to maintain this facility. Let's go down to page 103, the bottom line, 1410-1361 Work Release Officer as submitted. Page 104 at the top, 1420-1361, 1430...excuse me. The first line is 1420-1361, line 1430-1361, line 1440-1361 and line 1450-1361 as submitted; line 1460-1361 through 1540-1361 zero. I'll repeat that 1460-1361 through 1530...excuse me, through 1540-1361 zero.

President Lloyd: Those are Work Release Officers.

Councilmember Raben: Line 1550-1361 Cook as submitted; 1560-1361 Verification Officer as submitted. Move to page 105, 1750 Clothing Allowance \$18,408; 1850 Union Overtime \$40,000; 1980 Other Pay \$5,000; line 2210 Gas & Oil \$18,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Are you going to do them separately, 100's?

Councilmember Raben: Uh, if you would prefer I'll back up and take the 100 accounts if that sounds cleaner.

President Lloyd: It's an excellent suggestion.

1410-1361	Work Release Officer	22,193.00
1420-1361	Work Release Officer	22,193.00
1430-1361	Work Release Officer	22,193.00
1440-1361	Work Release Officer	22,193.00
1450-1361	Work Release Officer	22,193.00
1460-1361	Work Release Officer	-0-

1410-1361	Work Release Officer	22,193.00
1420-1361	Work Release Officer	22,193.00
1430-1361	Work Release Officer	22,193.00
1440-1361	Work Release Officer	22,193.00
1450-1361	Work Release Officer	22,193.00
1470-1361	Work Release Officer	-0-
1480-1361	Work Release Officer	-0-
1490-1361	Work Release Officer	-0-
1500-1361	Work Release Officer	-0-
1510-1361	Work Release Officer	-0-
1520-1361	Work Release Officer	-0-
1530-1361	Work Release Officer	-0-
1540-1361	Work Release Officer	-0-
1550-1361	Cook	22,289.00
1560-1361	Verification Officer	24,083.00
1750	Clothing Allowance	18,408.00
1850	Union Overtime	40,000.00
1980	Other Pay	5,000.00

Councilmember Raben: Alright, I move that we adopt these lines as read with the appropriate corrections to FICA, PERF and Insurance and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second Mrs. Smith, motion Mr. Raben. Any discussion? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I think we all are in agreement that we do have a problem with the jail, with the overcrowding. I think that has been probably said too many times and we've got a commission working on it with the Blue Ribbon Committee and I really believe that we must allow that committee to do its work. We should allow them to do their work. They have been meeting, but I think now is the time we need a report from that committee that tells us exactly what their findings are. At this point in time they have been gathering a lot of information, a lot of facts. They've been meeting, but we haven't seen any report, at least nothing has come across my desk that gives their conclusions. We need to draw some clear conclusions about what needs to be done. Adding additional space out to the SAFE House doesn't necessarily relieve this problem in relation to the whole scope of what we're looking at on this issue. As we look at it the jail is really a facility where people are waiting to go through the court system. The people who are at the SAFE House those are individuals who have been determined to be guilty of some crime or another, so we really have two different facilities and two different missions in terms of what they're trying to do. Overall, you're dealing with the criminal justice system, but if we are to get people out to the SAFE House, if we're adding more beds, we've got to get them out of the jail a lot faster, so adding more beds, you know, that's the end of the process but it doesn't really help up here, upstairs, where

we've got this jail overcrowding process. My point is I think we need to allow this Blue Ribbon Committee to work out all of the areas that they are trying to coming up with to alleviate this very serious and critical problem. If it means adding more space, adding more beds out there, that may be what their conclusion is, but let's see what the whole price tag is, what the bill is going to be on this and what the plan is overall before we begin to...really begin to piecemeal the whole process together. It may come up we may need all of these work release officers. It may come to that conclusion, but I'm really not ready, as I've stated even before, to begin to endorse, you know, piecemeal solutions to what is a very large problem that includes several different aspects and facets of our criminal justice system. No offense to you, Harris, in terms of what you're trying to do. You're just trying to run the best facility you possibly can and want to do as much as you can to help and I think you guys have had some good discourse in your meetings, but we need a decision from that Blue Ribbon Committee. We need a decision now about what it's going to do, so I don't know where that process is or how many meetings they're going to have, but we need a study. We need that study to tell us. You know, we had that Burdette Park study, we pitched that away. We don't want to do the same with this. We want to use this and really guide our direction on this rather than to begin to just throw money at a very big problem.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: They can't take them out of jail until the judge has ruled on it, right?

Harris Howerton: Right.

Councilmember Smith: They put them in jail, they have to go to court first.

Harris Howerton: Right.

Councilmember Smith: And then they're transferred. I think that is what Royce is talking about. That is not going to clear the problem. Twenty-five beds sounds good and I agree that it's needed, but until the judges move on it you're not going to get them out of jail. I think that's what is misleading.

President Lloyd: Please state your name.

Harris Howerton: Harris Howerton. I'm not up here to argue or make a comment, I don't know if it was an omission, but we didn't address the two caseworkers that we were asking for. You didn't either zero them out or show them included in the budget.

Councilmember Raben: They're not requested in this budget. There is not a line for those individuals.

Harris Howerton: 1570-1360 and 1580. And on the plan for the 25 beds we asked for at least one caseworker.

Councilmember Hoy: What are those lines again, Mr. Howerton?

Harris Howerton: 1570 and 1580. On the plan for 25 we just asked for one and I think that you all understood that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, alright, I'll address that caseworker issue here in just a moment. I think I understand where Royce and Betty are coming from. I believe I do. If I understand you right the point that I'm trying to make with this budget is it would be irresponsible for this Council to adopt this entire request not knowing if this is just a band-aid or any kind of fix at all. What this budget means to me is an honest effort based on their recommendations and it is a gesture by this Council that we recognize what they're doing and what they're

recommending, although we're not buying it 100%. As far as the caseworker issue, I would amend my motion to set in 1570-1361 as listed and 1580-1361 at zero.

1570-1361	Caseworker	22,289.00
1580-1361	Caseworker	-0-

Harris Howerton: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: We've got some people in line here. Mr. Hoy and then Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Hoy: I do not wish to repeat Mr. Sutton's speech. I agree with it totally and nothing has crossed my desk showing me that there is a plan yet. That's what we have asked for and then now we're saying, well, I guess we'll do half of it. Half of what is asked for and I think that's not a sound way to approach this. As the plan comes out, you know, and it says this is what we absolutely need, then we'll have a lot of carry over money and then we can address it in a sensible way. I will tell you right now my vote is no on this because I don't think this is a fiscally sound approach nor do I think it is an approach that is sound in terms of criminal justice.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I would just like to...there is a couple of questions or comments I would like to make. The person talking about the Blue Ribbon Committee, I think it's an excellent committee. I've been to every meeting and they're doing a wonderful job. There is a lot of facts that are coming out into the open. It's not finished yet because next month they're going to bring in some people from the outside, from the Health Department, some architects and stuff. It's not completed yet, but they are making and my hat is...I would like to commend Russell and Harris. It's really a good committee. We talked about last week about, you know, one Councilmember mentioned to, you know, would like to get this over with and do away with it, but as I mentioned last week I would like to see this committee to stay...this group to stay together. You've got some brilliant minds on this committee and after this is solved I would like to see this committee stay together kind of like a task force of crime prevention because everybody needs to know what everybody is doing. Everybody is talking now. Why are they being put in jail, who is in jail, who is staying there, why they're staying so long and there are some good answers coming out here and Eric, with the Sheriff's Department, he is getting facts together and it is wonderful. The second thing I would like to ask Harris, the 25...you know, if this is voted on the 25 out there you and I talked that staying in that same wing there that there might be a possibility that is up to the Courts, of course, and other people's approval that there might be a possibility of letting 25 out in that same wing if they meet the criteria to put under house arrest. Is that a possibility?

Harris Howerton: Yes, sir, that's right. We haven't asked you to fund anything with the electronic monitoring. I heard something early on, I guess, about some--

President Lloyd: It was me.

Harris Howerton: It was you? Okay, well, we haven't asked for anything. We anticipate that program standing alone.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Bassemier, they have to go through court first.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's what I said with approval from the courts.

Harris Howerton: Part of the bail bond deal is we're going to show a profile to the judge and they can make some decisions as to whether those people can be put out to one of these



components in lieu of bond before their trial or before they make a plea.

Councilmember Sutton: I know the courts have been trying to take some real effort and really look at the cases to move things along by not holding people up there that maybe don't necessarily need to be up there, who are non violent offenders and all. They've been trying to work on it, there is probably more work to be done. We just really need to have--

Harris Howerton: It's going to take a little help from everybody including the Prosecutor's Office. They move kind of slow themselves. We need to get them moving along.

Councilmember Sutton: For what it's worth, my little nickel suggestion, you know, it probably wouldn't hit very well. If you move the Police Department out of there you would have...out of the two floors in this building and move them across the street to the Old National City building and use those floors for jail space you've freed up a lot of space right there, for whatever that is worth.

President Lloyd: We've got to go in order here, Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: I was trying to put this together and all of you have good ideas, but the 25 beds out there could they be utilized from a standpoint when they are remodeling the jail or doing processing in there, put 25 people out to alleviate the problem up there of overcrowding?

Harris Howerton: Yeah, you want to be able to move some people out of a cell in the jail, what we can use that back dormitory...if the Sheriff wants to put some guards out there overnight for a couple of days or something like that, yeah, we can work something out. We won't ask for anything out of the budget.

Councilmember Wortman: That's what I wanted, kind of a commitment like is what I would be looking for, something of that order, and Mr. Sutton over there, to back up what he said that the judge would process them to go out there, see. They need the Blue Ribbon Committee and maybe at that time they'll have some action on that. I don't know, maybe not, see. That's what I was thinking. This would be just a temporary thing.

Harris Howerton: Yeah, we can do that. Sure, sure.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy, then Mrs. Smith, and then Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I guess I need to repeat some things I've said before and that is I think since we've been getting people around the table we've had more cooperation and you have agreed and a lot of us agree that the criminal justice system, frankly, is not a system. A system is something that moves in an integrated fashion and this system doesn't. We desperately need to do what we're doing now and that is get everybody around the table, stop throwing rocks at each other and say how can we make this system move better. We live in a nation that has proportionately more people in prison and jail, ten times more than any other developed nation. Something is wrong with that and part of what is wrong is if you have money you will not be in jail, you will not be causing this problem, and if you don't have money that's where you'll be. We have people sitting there who need \$50 for bond. I don't know if Reverend Lovelace's program would work, but I would sure be willing to make a contribution to a fund just to bail some people out because I think we have a lot of people waiting there that don't need to be there. I don't think our society in our own local system has looked at that closely enough. I see this as moving...it may be the direction that we move in. I just don't want to move now until I see an integrated plan, that's all. We've been asked...I don't like to approach the budget as well, how can we cut everything because it takes money to run a society and run the government and our citizens need to know that. But on the other hand, we do have to stay under a certain levy, but beyond that we have to approach things in a way

that's sensible and also has concern for the persons in our society who are not benefitting from the economic good times we're having. My final point is this, I've been doing food banking for...this is point three on the sermon, Royce, I know what you're thinking. I won't give an altar call, but point three is I have been doing food banking for 11 folks and when I went to the Food Bank in 1987 people living at or below the poverty level in this county was 14% and guess what? There is still 14% even with good economic times. Not everybody is in on that and those are the people who will sit in jail longer and that is morally wrong. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: On this Blue Ribbon Committee, I've heard so much about it. I really don't know who is on it. I wasn't asked to serve and I didn't, but I would like to know if there is a judge on there?

Harris Howerton: There are two. Doug Knight and--

Councilmember Smith: Well, I didn't know because they have to go--

Harris Howerton: --Carl Heldt.

Councilmember Smith: --back to the judges and move the court system like it is supposed to be moved.

Harris Howerton: Yep.

Councilmember Smith: Like I said before, you can go over there and the courtrooms are empty. I think they need to move those people so they can get them out of the jail, but first of all they can't go to the SAFE House until they have gone through that procedure, but I didn't know which job was on it but Judge Knight needs to take it back to the other judges and get them all involved.

President Lloyd: Right, there is one judge from Circuit and one from Superior. Judge Heldt is new on the committee since Judge Young moved to federal. Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah,--

Councilmember Smith: I've never seen a report on the Blue Ribbon Committee and we've asked for one, but we've never seen a report to this day, so I don't know who is on it.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was going to say, that's a good question. I'm going to let Harris name the members on it because it's everybody that is involved in the judicial system here, so the Prosecutor and everybody. Harris, right now there are a few people that I understand that are up in the jail right now that are ready to be moved to the SAFE House if we get the okay, is that correct?

Harris Howerton: Right. That's right. We have a waiting list.

Councilmember Bassemier: Harris, why don't you name some of the members...I'm sorry, go ahead and answer that.

Harris Howerton: There are a number of people on the waiting list to get into the SAFE House. There are a number of people waiting to go on electronic monitoring and I am just about a day or so away from getting the approval from the Department of Corrections on that \$40,000 to spend towards the three year lease contract for the equipment and we'll be able to move people out of the SAFE House on electronic monitoring and out of the jail into the SAFE House. It will be a big shift.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, when--

Councilmember Hoy: When you say many people, what is many people? Two, five, three?

Harris Howerton: There is probably 52 people.

Councilmember Bassemier: I named some brilliant minds including Russ here. Russ is on the Council.

Harris Howerton: Right.

Councilmember Bassemier: Would you name some of the people that is on it?

Harris Howerton: Bobby Ogburn is on there. Let's see, Utley, from the Building Authority; Jeff Lantz, an attorney.

President Lloyd: The Sheriff.

Harris Howerton: The Sheriff, Prosecutor Levco--

President Lloyd: Police Chief.

Harris Howerton: Well, yeah, I guess the new Chief of Police will be on there. The Chief of Police by virtue of his office. Who else?

President Lloyd: Commissioner Mourdock who has chaired the committee.

Harris Howerton: Right, and yourself and me.

President Lloyd: As County Council representative.

Councilmember Bassemier: The news media is writing excellent reports.

Councilmember Raben: That brings up a good question though. When the committee wrote this recommendation was it unanimous?

Harris Howerton: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: It was unanimous?

Harris Howerton: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: For this recommendation?

Harris Howerton: Yeah, there was no...we did this as a group. We had a facilitator help us do this.

Councilmember Bassemier: I got one more. I tell you I would like to take one suggestion back to the Blue Ribbon Committee or task force, I think we do need to have one female on that because we do have...it does involve females too. At the present time I don't feel like we have any females on...I don't see any. I mean, you might...they might have been there.

Harris Howerton: Yeah, because we all know females, they're offenders just like the guys are.

President Lloyd: The facilitator is a female. Based on the Council's comments one thing I'll

do is I'll talk to Commissioner Mourdock and get you a list of the members and see if he can do some kind of summary report of where we are. The next meeting is 5:30 September 3rd, which is a Thursday night, and they meet in the room next door so anybody that wants to come to that meeting one of the things that committee is working on now is a mission statement on exactly what the role of the committee is going forward.

Councilmember Sutton: I've found that things tend to move along a lot swifter if you have a date, a cutoff date, an end date, where you say we will have this report October 31st. We'll have it, you know, November 3rd. Something where you've got some finality there. Right now I don't know if the committee has thought about that, but--

Harris Howerton: Yeah, we're going to bring that to the next meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: If you could do that I'm going to appreciate that.

Harris Howerton: In fact...I'm sorry, I don't mean to talk over you. One of the things I'm going to recommend at the very next meeting is that we more or less resolve that we have addressed...for now we have addressed the overcrowding problem and then we're going to move on as a committee, stay as a committee and move on with future plans. That's about where we are with everything. We need to start talking about future plans. I'm going to make one more comment and I'm going to get out of your way. One of these days, folks, we're going to have to start talking about prevention.

President Lloyd: For me sitting on the committee sometimes it is difficult because being the Council member they'll all say something and turn to me and say, well, you guys pay for it. You know, I'm only one vote out of seven so I can't guarantee anything, so that makes it kind of hard for me. There are a number of law enforcement people on there, but there is also some lay people which is good because we try to give it some balance. Anyway like I said, the next meeting is coming up September 3rd.

Councilmember Hoy: The people who pay for it...you know, I live in Pigeon Township where we have a fairly high tax rate and a fairly low income level and I would remind you per square foot we pay as many taxes as anybody else, we just have smaller lots, usually 25 feet wide. We're putting in our share and I don't think our folks are always getting a fair shake in the system. I'm going to beat that horse until it dies.

President Lloyd: Any other comments?

Councilmember Raben: I just wanted to add one comment because I know everybody is a little bit on the edge about doing anything with this. The nice thing is that we all have the opportunity to see what becomes of next year and if it doesn't look like the recommendation that we buy into works, I mean, we can adjust that this same time next year, so, you know, that should make everybody feel a little easier about it anyway. You know, the continuation of this program is upon us. I mean, we can end it as quick as we started it. That's all I've got to say.

Councilmember Hoy: I've not seen us have a whole lot of willingness, Mr. Raben, to end things. I don't feel comfortable with any increase. I would feel more comfortable with a fourth at the most and I think I'm going to lose this vote anyway.

President Lloyd: I said I will get some information to the Council. I mean, it is the Council's decision if the committee says something and the Council disagrees. I mean, the Council are the elected taxpayer's representative so we're the ones that have to approve the spending. There are people on the committee that are not elected that are appointed, so I think there is a big difference there. Are there any other comments or are we ready to vote? Okay, the motion was by Mr. Raben, the second was by Mrs. Smith. All those in favor please raise your right hand. Oh, you have a comment?

Councilmember Smith: I have a question. How far down are we or the whole thing?

President Lloyd: Just the 100's. Okay, all those in favor please raise your right hand. We've got four and three opposed. The three would be Mr. Sutton opposes, Mr. Wortman opposes and Mr. Hoy opposes. Thank you. **(Motion carried 4-3, Councilmember Sutton, Wortman and Hoy opposed)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's turn to page 106, 2210 Gas & Oil \$18,000; 2260 Food \$190,000; 2300 Uniforms \$14,250; 2600 Office Supplies \$4,500; 2750 Work Release Supplies \$17,000; 3140 Telephone \$2,500; 3520 Equipment Repair \$1,000. Page 107, 4210 Office Furniture \$2,000; 4230 Vehicles zero; 4290 Equipment Repair zero and I would ask that they file an appropriation this year for that to be purchased out of the General Fund this year.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Raben, you said Equipment Repair, did you mean Vehicle Equipment?

Councilmember Raben: Vehicle Equipment, I'm sorry, 4290 Vehicle Equipment zero; 4352 Maintenance & Repair \$20,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

2210	Gas & Oil	18,000.00
2260	Food	190,000.00
2300	Uniforms	14,250.00
2600	Office Supplies	4,500.00
2750	Work Release Supplies	17,000.00
3140	Telephone	2,500.00
3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00
4210	Office Furniture	2,000.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	-0-
4290	Vehicle Equipment	-0-
4352	Maintenance & Repair	20,000.00

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second Mrs. Smith, motion Mr. Raben. Could you repeat 2260 Food and 2300 Uniform, I missed those.

Councilmember Raben: No.

President Lloyd: Are you leaving us?

Councilmember Raben: I'm not going to do it.

President Lloyd: You're not going to repeat them?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, 2260 Food is \$190,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Add beds and cut the food?

Councilmember Raben: 2300 was \$14,250.

Councilmember Smith: That's silly.

Councilmember Bassemier: 2600?

Councilmember Raben: 2600 Office Supplies \$4,500.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, let me ask you about Motor Vehicles again. What did you say on 4230?

President Lloyd: Please turn on your microphone.

Councilmember Bassemier: 4230, what was Motor Vehicles again?

Councilmember Raben: Motor Vehicles is zero. Just below that Vehicle Equipment zero.

Councilmember Bassemier: Did you ask him...are they going to file it this year? That's what I wanted to hear. I just wanted to make sure they get one.

Harris Howerton: For the vehicle?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: On 2260 Food we're backing down to \$190,000. They requested \$236,000 on that. Now we're going to add more beds, but we're going to cut the food?

Councilmember Raben: That \$236,000 is based on fifty beds, so we're adding \$40,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Tell the boys to get ready for bologna.

Councilmember Wortman: Are we ready for discussion?

President Lloyd: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Wortman: On page 105, line item 1950-1361 Safety Education Charitable. What's wrong with putting that back in at \$1,705 instead of \$4,205?

Councilmember Bassemier: Which one?

Councilmember Wortman: Line item 1950-1361 Safety Education Charitable.

Councilmember Hoy: To \$2,205 isn't it.

Councilmember Wortman: To me that's too much money.

Harris Howerton: That's too much.

President Lloyd: One thing, that's in the 100 budgets and we already approved that so you would have to reopen that line.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I did not...I understand what he saying. I didn't read in that change, so let's vote on the motion as it reads and I'll go in and reopen that line.

Councilmember Wortman: Which one, that 1950?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Lloyd: Okay, right now we're still considering the 2000 accounts, 3000 accounts and 4000 accounts. Any other discussion? Okay, all those in favor as submitted with the changes by Mr. Raben please raise your hand. Five to two, opposed Mr. Sutton...no, yeah, you're opposed and Mr. Hoy. **(Motion carried 5-2. Councilmembers Sutton and Hoy opposed.)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I would move that we reopen account 1950-1361.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Page 105.

Chuck Whobrey: Just for your information, you might not understand this. That is a thing that is just per the contract. It's whatever the amount is based on the number of employees and it is a set amount and I don't know if what they put in there is accurate or not, but it is just per the contract.

President Lloyd: Please state your name.

Chuck Whobrey: I'm sorry, Chuck Whobrey.

President Lloyd: Thank you. A motion and a second to reopen that line.

Harris Howerton: That was based on the 50 bunk deal, so Karen tells me a good figure for that would be about \$2,200 instead of the \$4,250.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have to vote on reopening that item. All those in favor of reopening that item raise your right hand. Okay, seven to zero we are reopening that item. Is there a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I move that we set in 1950-1361 Safety Education for the amount of \$2,205.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

1950-1361	Safety Ed. Charitable	2,205.00
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President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's it for that one. Let's go to page 186. We're going to change the tape, just a moment.

**(Tape Change)**

**CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER**

President Lloyd: I'd like to reconvene the 1999 Vanderburgh County Council budget session. I'm going to turn it over to Mr. Jim Raben, Finance Chairman.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 179. Excuse me, I'm sorry. Oh, let's go to 186, I'm sorry. This is Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender. I move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben. Budget approved as submitted. Second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. It's seven to zero. Thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 179.

President Lloyd: This is Supplemental Adult Probation.

Councilmember Raben: On page 180, line:

2720	Lab Supplies	15,000.00
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All other items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Could you repeat that 2720?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, 2720, Lab Supplies, \$15,000.00.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Okay, seven to zero. Thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***911 EMERGENCY SERVICE***

Councilmember Raben: Page 199 or 190, excuse me. Emergency Service, 190. I move that be approved as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Emergency Service. Motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mr. Sutton. Approved as submitted. Any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION***

Councilmember Raben: Page 188, Emergency Planning Commission. I move this budget be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben. Quick second, Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero. Thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY***



Councilmember Raben: Page 189, Local Drug Free Community, as submitted.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mr. Sutton. Approve the budget as submitted. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor please raise your right hand. Seven to zero. Thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### **COUNTY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 130. The one and only, Vanderburgh County Council. Turn to 131, 3460, \$18,000.00. No, it's \$18,500.00, excuse me. All other items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: I'll second the motion, but I have a question.

President Lloyd: Okay, 3460, Consultant is set in at \$18,500.00 is what he proposed. Motion, Mr. Raben. Second, Mrs. Smith. It's \$18,500.00. Any discussion? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes. Sandie said that's by contract and it was a contract with Mr. Deisher and that's the cost and that's what they've okayed. Why are we cutting it out? I mean, if it's got to be paid and it's by contract then why---she's not going to spend it unless they have to.

Councilmember Raben: I was under the assumption the contract was \$18,500.00. What is the exact figure?

Councilmember Smith: Ask Sandie.

Sandie Deig: I had my mouth full of candy. The contract is \$600.00 a month. Then we have an additional cost of the Job Study meetings and \$800.00 a day for the budget hearings and it just depends on how many Job Study meetings we have. That was projected with the way the balance is going this year. And there is a new contract signed.  
(Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Is this an acceptable figure or does it need to be corrected?

Sandie Deig: Well, that's up to the Council. If I come back and need more money, I'll have to just have it to pay.

President Lloyd: I might comment on that. I talked to Mrs. Deig about that and that was my recommendation. So, I mean it looked like we were not going to hit that figure. So, I mean, the Council can do as they wish on that.

Councilmember Smith: You mean to take it away or give it to her?

President Lloyd: I recommend that we lower it \$500.00.

Councilmember Smith: I can't see any reason why we should be having them keep coming back when that's the contract.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: And I'd like to amend your motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll amend my motion to approve this budget as listed.

Councilmember Smith: Thank you. And I'll second that. The amendment.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other discussion on the County Council budget? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No, I'll wait until after.

President Lloyd: Alright. All those in favor please raise your right hand. Okay, it's six to one. Lloyd is opposed. **(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Lloyd opposed.)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that just about does it outside of the meeting we've got in an hour. I don't know if anybody would like to call over and see if we can speed that up. Move that.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Deig called the Clerk's office and we asked if she could possibly get here earlier because it looked like we were going to finish ahead of schedule. I don't know, Mrs. Deig do you have any comment on that?

Sandie Deig: She couldn't be disturbed and she would call back.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Everybody else comes at the time, why should this Council sit here and wait? Now I think we should discuss it now. If she's not here, that's her problem.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, I just want the record to reflect that I'll do whatever you all want to do, but I'll wait until 2:30. I don't mind, but if you guys want to go along with it, that's fine with me too. And Betty's got a good point there, but I will stay just so she can tell her views.

Councilmember Sutton: Isn't the budget process the most important part of the year for a department? I was always under the impression that your budget was---

Councilmember Hoy: If my Board Chairman told me that we were discussing a budget, or it affected my budget, I'd be there, I'll tell you that.

Councilmember Raben: Well, the unfortunate thing is that we stay until 2:30, but everybody here just assumes that we don't have anything to do for the next 45 minutes. I was going to do a little tap dance.

Councilmember Smith: Well I feel like it should be discussed now. We've got the County Chairman back there. I'm ready. I feel that that position should be cut out or either the person do the job.

Councilmember Bassemier: One question.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: You know we advertised the meeting would go on between 12 to 3:30. So is there any problem there? Or 3:00, whatever it was.

Jeff Ahlers: That's just to reserve the room.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, well yes. I just want to make sure.

Suzanne Crouch: We just advertised noon. So it ends when it ends.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, fine, that's all I wanted to know. I just wanted to make sure.

President Lloyd: Well, we were all here yesterday. I asked her. I was hoping to get her in before any of the other budgets, but she had scheduling conflicts and the earliest I could get her here was 2:30. I mean, I just feel that she should be present. I mean, we could talk about it and maybe not take a vote, but I feel she should be present. My plan was to simply recess until---we could recess until 2:15. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: There's another item that I think we might discuss. I think Mr. Deisher has some material for us on the PERF versus three percent, if we want to hear that at this time. We don't have to, but I think you said you were ready to---

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on.)

Councilmember Hoy: I was talking with Mr. Deisher and if you want to use some of this time, am I correct, Mr. Deisher, he's got a letter to distribute on the question about the three percent raise versus putting the three percent into PERF. He can distribute that at this time and give us a chance to look at it. It won't fill 48 minutes, but...

President Lloyd: One thing on that, I know, I mean that's fine if that's what Council wants to do. Do you have copies for everybody? Okay.

(Inaudible)

President Lloyd: This is kind of incomplete information because, I mean Mr. Deisher can explain it. He talked to the Public Employees Retirement Fund, one of the administrators, and had questions and I think he still has follow up questions for that, but we could distribute that and let people read it and go from there. I was a little hesitant to get into too much discussion because we don't have all the facts, but we could distribute what we have.

Councilmember Hoy: Well I don't want to rush it if we don't have everything we need.

President Lloyd: Why don't we go ahead and distribute what we have on that.

Councilmember Sutton: I think it would be fair if we went ahead and maybe talked about that, but I still think we're here to discuss the budgets of all the departments and we can't say exactly what time we're going to handle each budget. We don't know how long it's going to take. So that's why you see a ton of people sitting out there waiting for their turn to come up. Whether we're talking about one budget for 40 minutes or taking two minutes as we did on Local Emergency Planning Commission. So I think we need to move forward and put this, you know we can have this little discussion on this other matter, this PERF thing, but I think we need to go ahead and move forward. Open up that budget and go forward to some motions.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, you might ask for a show of hands. To see if anybody wants to---

President Lloyd: I tell you what, why don't---let me call the Clerk's office and see if I can get a hold of her. Would that be fair to everybody? I mean, why don't we have Mr. Deisher pass out the letter and I'll go into the Council office and see if I can get a hold of her.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, to be---

President Lloyd: We'll recess for five minutes while I make the call. Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: (Inaudible.)

President Lloyd: Well, it's a grave situation that we're voting on so I would hate to not have her here, but I can understand what Mr. Sutton's saying too.

Councilmember Sutton: I'll be truthful with you, I've got some other obligations in terms of time commitment wise and if we did start at 2:30 I would not be able to vote on this matter and I really do want to vote on it. I obviously put the motion on the floor yesterday, but I wouldn't be able to vote on it.

Councilmember Smith: Why don't we wait then and vote on it September 2 or when we have our next hearing if we can't--if they all can't be here today. And I think this is a stall tactic. We've got our County Chairman back here. Why shouldn't we discuss it? I think it was yesterday and I think that we need to go ahead and do it right now while we've got full Council or either delay it until September.

President Lloyd: Well if you want---

Councilmember Smith: If you want to play politics, that's what you're doing.

President Lloyd: Okay, do we have time for me to make a phone call?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

President Lloyd: Okay. Can we recess five minutes and I'll call the Clerk's office and see if I can get them up here?

#### RECONVENE

President Lloyd: I'd like to reconvene the 1999 Vanderburgh County budget session's final day. The County Clerk is coming in for the consideration of the one line item. I'd like to mention, before she comes in, while they are out in the hall, we got a letter from Mr. Deisher, Gaither Rutherford and Company, the Job Study consultants, and I'd like everybody to read that over. We're going to have a lot of questions on that and I believe Mr. Deisher had a comment or two to make. We'll go ahead and take that now.

Tim Deisher: The letter you have before you will have some changes to it. I did speak with a gentleman with PERF in Indianapolis and there's some differences that will affect the numbers that you have before you. I'll issue a letter to update you as to what those changes are and we'll get that out within a day or two, but I did want to let you know the numbers as they are presented aren't a total picture of the effect to the County.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: This doesn't---the estimated savings is to the County General Fund, but there's a lot of other funds that aren't on the General Fund that there would be other savings to that other than the \$62,790.00. That's the funds that are not under the General Fund.

President Lloyd: Well, like the Health Department is in the Salary Ordinance, but they're in a different fund.

Councilmember Smith: They're not under the General Fund, so there would be a lot more savings than that.

President Lloyd: Right. What I'd like to do on this is that we need to get this information to officeholders also, I believe. From what I understand there will be employees coming to the August 26 Personnel and Finance meeting about this matter.

Councilmember Smith: Could we ask them to poll their office and see what they want?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I had recommended earlier to the Chairman, maybe we could make it known that there's a sign-up sheet. Maybe there's one office that would want to spearhead that and allow them to---it wouldn't work as a vote, but let them sign up for which way they want to go.

Councilmember Smith: There is some people that doesn't pay into PERF anyway. Bettye Lou Jerrel and I was talking, I don't pay into it now and neither does she, but that doesn't make any difference. Of course there's some other people that would, but as far as I'm concerned they wouldn't have to give us the three percent. But there is some other people that are not paying into PERF. Do you have any idea?

Sandie Deig: I'd have to go through it.

President Lloyd: Yes, all that needs to be thought out and reconsidered. We'll let Mr. Whobrey make brief comments.

Chuck Whobrey: Chuck Whobrey, President of the Teamsters Local 215. I just want to point out a couple of things. This is, as everyone on Council is aware, the third year that we've presented this and I'm not here saying that I represent all 700 county employees because I don't. We represent approximately 200 county employees. If you want to have a vote of the employees that's your business, but I'm asking, please don't include our members on that group. They're represented and I'm here as their representative and we have educated them on the ramifications. The only other thing that I would point out is that we have presented a way for the county to save money, the employees to get more money in the take home pay. In the past, what I have heard from various Council members is, well they thought there was some confusion, there might be additional costs to the county in the second, third and fourth year. So I've gone and costed out every single thing, as best as I could. So we're not dealing in rumors on what the impact would be on the PERF, their pension or on their Social Security. I just ask for people to deal with hard dollars and get some examples from PERF. If you retired and your last three years were this gross, here's what your pension would be and if it's this gross it would be another figure. I would just say that in the role that you folks sit in, as the guardians of the taxpayers' dollars, we've presented you with an option that can save you, according to your accountant, \$62,500.00 of the General Fund tax money, not counting Motor Vehicle Highway. And whenever you're presented with an option as we as representatives of at least 200 employees want that money in the take home pay, and you folks can save money by doing that, it is beyond me why there would be a whole lot more discussion on that. And that's really all that I have to say.

President Lloyd: Okay, thank you very much, Mr. Whobrey.

Chuck Whobrey: Thank you very much.

### **CLERK**

President Lloyd: Let's table that discussion. I'm sure we'll have a lot of questions on this so Mr. Deisher is willing to take questions from any of the Council members. His phone number is on the letter and anyone can ask any questions of me. But anyway, we'd like to distribute some of this information to the office holders. Okay, let's move on to the County Clerk budget

and I'll turn the session over to Mr. Raben, Finance Chairman.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. We need to turn to page four. Yesterday when we worked with this budget we tabled line 1630-1010. There was a move by Councilman Hoy to table this line item. That's what we're dealing with right now so I'll turn the mike over the other members and they have questions and give them their opportunities.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Raben, I think I had made the motion on the floor before it was tabled and my motion was that we will set 1630-1010 in at zero. I think that was the last motion and we didn't act on that and we want to go ahead and move with that same motion. I don't know---that's not really necessary, but that's where we last left it before we recessed on this particular budget.

President Lloyd: Okay, so Mr. Sutton you're re-emphasizing your motion to set in 1630-1010 Assistant Chief Deputy of Election at zero. Who was the second on that? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, I believe I was.

President Lloyd: Okay. Now we're ready for discussion. Any discussion? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I feel that if the Clerk of Elections, or the Deputy of Elections isn't going to do the job and they are going to contract that work out, it's always been done in house and now they're contracting it out and they're asking for \$30,000.00 to contract what every other person has always done over there. We either have to do it one way or the other. They have to do the work or eliminate the job. That's always been done in house. When Sandie was there, when Susie Kirk was there, Alberta was there, Rhonda was there. Every one of those girls done that work and I just think it's terrible to spend---we're spending money both ways for one job.

President Lloyd: Discussion? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I know there was a whole lot of discussion yesterday on this issue. I still question our role in making this decision. I still think that this is maybe stepping out of our boundaries. I still contend that our disapproval rating on how we think that office should operate and how it does operate, you know, I think when you're dealing with an elected official I think that better be answered by the general public and not us.

Councilmember Smith: How does the general public vote when you are appropriating \$30,000 to contract out? How does the general public get to vote on that?

Councilmember Raben: Well, that's not the line we're addressing right now though.

Councilmember Smith: No, but it's all hand in hand.

Councilmember Raben: I understand and I'm not going to make a determination between what is right or wrong I just, again, I question this body's role in what they're trying to do here.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we've had a number of people that have asked for additional positions during this budget process. Some we've granted and others we haven't so essentially we're making the same type of decision based upon our judgement and based upon some other factors of what we feel would be in the best interest of the county. That's essentially what this motion is here. You know, I think we've had a lot of discussion about this in a lot of different respects and, you know, I don't know if we can really tackle this issue probably any further. You know, it seemed to me appropriate, you know, if we aren't presenting anything new we just need to move forward with the question on this issue.

Councilmember Hoy: The--

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: --question was yesterday about precedent. There is a precedent. There is a previous Council who removed three employees a number of years ago from the Clerk's Office in a budget hearing, so there is a precedent for it and it is not illegal and I checked that out. I called the former officeholder.

President Lloyd: I guess I would like to call the Clerk and Election Attorney forward. If they have any presentation to make and then we'll get Mr. Wortman. Please state your name.

Marsha Abell: My name is Marsha Abell and Mr. Foster is going to address it first. I would just like to make one clarification. The \$15,000 Temporary is not for the Election Office. That is for Bond & Fine and will probably not be used because Harris Howerton is expected to take that over in September, so that's not a part of that. It had nothing to do with that.

Mark Foster: Good afternoon. I'm Mark Foster. My address is 525 Sycamore. I am the President of the County Election Board. Ms. Abell contacted me yesterday whenever this issue came up. The only thing that I would like to say is we need an employee in that office whether that employee is under Ms. Abell's budget or under the County Election Board budget we need an employee. We need somebody in there who is full-time who knows what is going on. This election code is 550 pages long. I'm an attorney, I'm used to reading statutes. I don't know everything in here. I'll be the first to admit that, but there are a lot of deadlines, there are a lot of statutes that we have to comply with and we need a full-time employee dedicated to running fair and honest elections in this county. Now my understanding what Ms. Smith has talked about and sending out...contracting out, that is only the punch and crimp compilation of the ballots. We addressed that at our Election Board meeting prior to that decision being made. It's an insurance policy. If anything goes wrong then the company that is doing it has to replace it. They're the ones that print our ballots and by them compiling the ballot if things don't line up they have to correct it at their expense. We would do the punch and crimp and if things didn't line up we were out the money and we would have to redo it. It's nothing more than an insurance policy. I think that's a wise decision to have them do that. As far as this employee, we need somebody in that office, again, who knows what is going on, who is dedicated to learning what the election laws are. We, obviously, cannot do it...I mean, I cannot take eight months out of my schedule every year and run the elections. I don't think Ms. Abell...she has got enough other things to do that she can't personally do it, so we do need an employee in there and whether it be through her budget or the County Election Board budget we do need that person. Thank you. Any questions?

President Lloyd: Questions from Council? Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: What do you do on the off year?

Mark Foster: Last year...I mean, we have one off year every four.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right.

Mark Foster: And that was last year, of course, so the next three years and my understanding is this is the budget for 1999 so obviously next year is not going to be an off year. That person...we need an employee in that office approximately eight months out of the year, between the primary and general elections. As it stands right now when that employee is not working full-time in the Election Office they're reassigned in Ms. Abell's office to do other work over there. If we would have an employee under the Election Board budget I don't know what that person would be doing in those other months.

Councilmember Bassemier: The reason why I am asking this I am getting some mixed

feelings. Marsha, do you have anybody...it's been done in the past in-house right? I mean,--

Mark Foster: The crimp and punch?

Councilmember Bassemier: Right, so--

Mark Foster: But that employee never did the crimp and punch. It's always the men in the back who have done that.

Councilmember Smith: Pardon me, the lady sitting right back there, Susie Kirk, Sandie Deig, all of them done that. Alberta, I would like for you to come to the mike, please.

President Lloyd: Please state your name.

Alberta Matlock: Alberta Matlock, City Clerk.

Councilmember Smith: When you were the election...Chief Deputy of Elections who did the crimping, who did the stamping, who did it all?

Alberta Matlock: I had two gentlemen back there with me to handle the heavy stuff, but I stood at the machine and I punched every ballot. I sat at the machine and I crimped. I stood with two gentlemen and then we had SAFE House gentlemen come in and help us because we saved a lot money doing that. When we put the mask cards together and put the ballots together we did it as a team, but I was there and done 80% of it.

Councilmember Smith: It was never contracted out?

Alberta Matlock: We did contract them laying out the ballot one time and it was messed up very badly and of course there was a lot of newspaper articles over it and showed it and we never done it again.

President Lloyd: Okay, other questions or statements? Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I want to ask Marsha, is there enough people in-house or do you have a person in-house or is everybody in your office too busy that you can't do it in-house?

Marsha Abell: Are you talking about the crimp and punch assembly?

Councilmember Bassemier: Somebody that, what we're voting on now, do we zero it out or don't we? Can't you get--

Marsha Abell: I can't possibly. The statute says that I have to have a representative in that office and I'm in another building. There is no way I can be in two places at one time. I would think if you would zero it out you would definitely have to move the Election Office over into the Courts Building. There is no way I can be over there and be over here. I'm only one person and the statute requires that I or one of my deputies who represents me be in that office. I cleared that with the Election Commission on the phone. There is no way I can be in two places. It's just an impossibility.

Councilmember Bassemier: I guess my next question, don't you have anybody you can put over there?

Marsha Abell: Everybody I've got...if you would look at our overtime hours we're already worked and the courts had like 30,000 cases two years ago, 47,000 last year and we've already hit as many in misdemeanor this year as we had all of last year. My staff is loaded.



There is no way they can get over there and do that work. Absolutely not possible.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm just trying to--

Councilmember Smith: That's true. That's not the point. The point is that before we got the full-time person, election person, that was all under part-time. They were hired by the Election Board. Sandie served over there and you worked part-time. What did you work, four months a year?

Sandie Deig: I started the first week of February and worked until the week after the primary. I started again Labor Day week in September and worked until the week after the general election.

Councilmember Smith: That position was always a part-time.

Councilmember Bassemier: What it seems like to me is you're getting an employee, Mr. Foster said eight months out of the year for three years and then one year it's an off year, is that right?

Marsha Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: So why can't we use a part-time employee when we need them and not hire this full-time employee and have to burden the county with benefits and everything else?

Marsha Abell: This person is already on...I mean, this is a position that I inherited. It was already a position there when I came in, so it's not a matter of putting a new one on the books, it's already there.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Marsha Abell: I asked for two additional employees which I didn't get and I understand that, but if don't have Sue to help out when she is not working the Election Office and I already am not getting the two more that I need, we can not get by. We just simply cannot get by. There is too many. You know, the judges are right now asking for two additional magistrates in one court, one additional magistrate in another and we do all the paperwork for the courts. You know, if they need judges to hear the cases I need people to do the paperwork. Sue has always worked in our office. As a matter of fact, I have some prepared things I wanted to say about that and I'll just skip over to them. I don't know where anyone thinks she has been in there full-time. She has been in there a total of six days since she came back from Cancun and you can check with the County Auditor and check her time sheet, she has been on vacation. She couldn't have been in there, but let me tell you what she has done in six days.

(Councilmember Sutton left meeting.)

President Lloyd: I'll talk to you later, Royce.

Marsha Abell: She has moved some of the Clerk's records in the excess space in the Election Office because we still do not have any storage space for our documents. She spent two days supervising work release personnel who are cleaning out the ballot boxes and putting the proper transfer case in the ballot boxes in preparation for the fall election. You should be happy about that. That's always been done by somebody that they paid to come in a couple of weeks before the election. These are people that we are not having to pay to do this work. She has come to work in blue jeans. She has thrown out over three boxes of expired forms, junk and food that we've found under desks. She has moved all the furniture around so the

Building Authority can clean the room and wash the walls that they say have not been done since...they haven't ever washed the walls and they haven't done the front room floor in over five years. She has been doing manual labor in an effort to get that office in a businesslike atmosphere for this fall. All of this is stuff that needed to be done and you should be proud of her as I am that she would be willing to come in in blue jeans and do that type work which she is certainly not required nor paid to do. As soon as the election is over and the proper forms have been filed that have to be filed after an election she will be moving back into our office to help us do the work that we've got to get done. Because Ms. Hall is so interested in her job she has read the county...the state code book of 550 pages and in reading it she wrote a letter to the State Election Commission pointing out irregularities that she has seen in the elections. One being that last year during the primary an employee, not one of mine, brought in an application for a ballot, handed it to another employee and said send them an absentee ballot. The person looked at the form and said it's not marked democrat or republican and since we were in a primary it needed to be marked and that person said, well, send them a republican ballot. She said I'm not going to do that because they didn't say what they wanted. The woman took it away from her, marked it herself, handed it back and said send them a republican ballot. Absolutely not allowed under the election code. Last year on the night that we counted ballots the democrats took about a 20 minute break to go out and smoke a cigarette while we were trying to count ballots and, in fact, one of the democrat sheriffs sat down and said he would be happy to help if he was allowed to which he wasn't. Absolutely not allowed by the Election Commission. In fact, they put in bold print that it must continue once it is started without interruption and no one is to leave the room. We have for many, many years in this county allowed people to vote by absentee ballot and on the election day if they could get to the polls before the ballots got there they could have their ballot torn up and they could revote. I would like to read verbatim exactly what the Commission says:

"Once a person votes whether it is by traveling board, by mail in absentee ballot or in person at the polls that vote cannot be canceled. Even if a person thinks they voted for the wrong person they should never be allowed to revote and ballots should never be canceled for any reason. A voter may ask for a new ballot if they have made a mistake and are still in the process of voting. However, once they have completed their vote they cannot vote again."

I would think that with the problems that we have had with voter irregularities, with an FBI investigation and with someone sitting back here who is willing to read this very, very, boring and hard to digest book to come up with these things you should be thrilled to death to have someone in that office who cares that we abide by the law. I happen to intend to run whatever office in a legal and moral way regardless of what your vote is today, but I would think that you could send a message that's the kind of employees you want in this county is someone as dedicated as she intends to be. She has been extremely good over there and in six days she has gotten more accomplished than was accomplished in years in that office.

President Lloyd: Excuse me, we need to change the tape.

**(Tape change)**

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman, I believe you were next.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I just wanted to, Mr. Hoy mentioned and I think it was in the '80's and I was on the Council, that there were three members removed, personnel from the Clerk's office on a vote and I know she -- it was kind of hard on her, but nevertheless, it didn't seem that they were needed, see. So I just wanted to verify what Mr. Hoy said there.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Phil, you're never at a loss for words of wisdom, do you have

anything to say? Do you -- I'll tell you -- I'm still getting mixed feelings. We have a person that ran the Clerk's office in the past very well and we've got a new one here, and could things have changed from in the past? Is it busier now than it was in the past? I'm getting some mixed feelings here. This is probably one of the hardest decisions I am going to vote on here. A preacher is at a loss for words. I can't believe it. Help me out, Phil.

Councilmember Raben: While he thinks about that, can I raise one point that I am still a little bit confused with? Yesterday there was some discussion and people expressed that they were not pleased with the manner in which the last election was held. I am still a little bit confused as to how eliminating a position, and that position is Assistant Chief Deputy/Elections, how eliminating a position will smooth that --

Councilmember Smith: My point was, Jim, is that Assistant Chief Deputy of Elections should do the job, it shouldn't be contracted out. One way or the other, that's the point. You're paying double.

Mark Foster: All we are contracting out is the crimping and punching of the ballots. It takes -- and again, it's busy work and it is something that a mistake can be made in. And by contracting it -- and yes, it may cost a little more than doing it in-house, but what you've got to understand is, doing it in-house, there are still expenses. We still have to provide the materials and even though, and I am not real sure exactly what we paid BRC to do the crimping and punching last year, but I think my calculation was, it cost us about \$6,000 for the entire thing. Now yes, we may have paid them more than that, but we saved money by not doing it ourselves. Now, what I am telling you is, regardless of whether we farm out the crimping and punching or whatever, we need an office manager or a deputy of elections in that office. Without it, our elections are going to be a fiasco in the county and I personally would not want to be a part of it.

President Lloyd: One last --

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll tell you what, in all fairness to Royce, now you know, he stuck around as long as he could and he had to leave because we had to wait so long on this decision, I am not going to vote today until I get Royce back here and that's how I feel about it. Whatever happens, this is a very -- this is one of the most important votes we're going to make because the election is coming up and I want everybody's input, everybody's vote, and I don't want any fingers pointed at anybody, so I just -- I am not going to vote today on this.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I don't know. I think there is already a motion on the floor to --

President Lloyd: There is a motion and a second to zero out this line item.

Councilmember Bassemier: It's just not fair, it's just not fair, so I am not going to vote on it today.

Councilmember Raben: That does present a problem because the maker of the motion is no longer present.

Councilmember Smith: But couldn't we delay it until September when he's here? He waited as long as he could wait.

Councilmember Raben: As a matter of -- I think Councilman Hoy brought this up yesterday, does in fact a table overrule a motion? Remember, we discussed this yesterday?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, you can do that. I'm disappointed that we're not all here because -- and I don't want to talk about a Councilman while he's gone, but we all did arrange for the time frame.

President Lloyd: I'd like to see us vote and clear this up.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Bassemier, you asked me, and I've tried to gather as much information as I can, and from that information, I do not feel this position is warranted. I may be incorrect on that, but that's the information I've uncovered.

Marsha Abell: Mr. Lloyd, could I address something about this crimp, punch and assemble thing?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Marsha Abell: Mr. Bassemier, the machine that we use to do that is 23 years old. It is not made any longer. BRC, who actually sold it to the county, is now E S & S, they don't make it any longer. They don't have any part for it, they refuse to service it. They do not know what would happen if it breaks. If we're in the middle of preparing for an election and that machine breaks, there is no way to make the mask for our ballots. We're the only county left in Indiana using that machine. Everyone else has discarded it because there are no parts and there's no way to use it. If it breaks, and it's not something you can wait to see break because there is a deadline to get those things to E S & S before we would be punching them. If it was something like a washing machine and you could go buy another one, or you could wait until next week to have your wash done, that would be different. But the election has to be on Tuesday. And if we don't have those things punched, there's no way to do that. Our concern is the age of the machine and the fact that E S & S has prepared a computer program that now will track every election of ours. And if one board or precinct is ever put in the wrong district in some other kind of election, it will immediately know because it's in a computer program. It would cost us a fortune to buy that computer program. And we have no tracking system now except by looking at years previous hard copies. We have nothing in a computer to run that election at all. And this helps make sure that you don't end up with some person's name who is in the wrong area on a ballot. It's the insurance policy that Mr. Foster was talking about.

Councilmember Bassemier: Uh, I need a legal opinion. Thank you, Marsha.

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Sutton made the motion to set that in at zero and I want to ask him to rescind it, so how do I do that with him not sitting beside me?

Jeff Ahlers: Uh, I don't know. I mean, the only thing you could do is you can either hold the vote on the motion, or I guess if somebody wants to move to delay again, but otherwise, you just have to take a vote on it or make a motion to defer or delay it would be the only thing you could do.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Since the full Council is not here and neither is my full voice, I will make a motion to table this until September 2nd so the full Council is here for the vote.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, now we are going to vote on the table and if you vote against the table, then we're still dealing with that motion. And we will have a roll call vote, please, --

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: How long are you going to table it?

Councilmember Bassemier: September 2nd --

President Lloyd: So let's be clear on this. So if you vote yes on this you want to table this vote until September 2nd. If you vote no, then you don't want to table it and you want to consider the matter now.

Councilmember Raben: Just a -- I am sympathetic to the fact that Mr. Sutton had to leave, but again, Mr. Hoy said it earlier, yesterday this body made the decision that we would deal with this issue at 2:30 today. There is a lot of other people here in the audience. It's unfortunate that the democratic chairman, Jack Waldroup had to leave, but we did make it known that we were going to handle this at 2:30 today. I don't think it's fair to this officeholder, those people in the audience, to delay it again. I think it needs to be addressed right here and now.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President? I disagree. If Royce was here, I think he would say, hey, I've waited. And I want to vote on this but we delayed is so long for the vote that he had to leave. He made other appointments. If I would have made an appointment and it's important, I'd walk out myself. So --

Councilmember Raben: We actually started this discussion almost ten minutes early.

Councilmember Smith: Russell said we would delay five minutes and then we would go ahead, and instead we waited 35 minutes and I don't think that's fair to Royce when he knew that Royce had to leave. And he still waited 35 minutes when he made the statement on record that we would only wait five.

Mark Foster: Wait a minute, I was told to be here at 2:30.

President Lloyd: That's right.

Mark Foster: And I was here at a quarter after two. That's when I was told to be here.

President Lloyd: Right, and that's what we arranged yesterday and the Council was finished with the budget session early, so Councilmembers requested me to try to get you and Mrs. Abell over here earlier.

Councilmember Raben: Did we take a --

President Lloyd: We have not taken a roll call vote on this table measure yes. Are we ready to do that?

Councilmember Raben: No, but did we take a vote on the time for today?

President Lloyd: No.

Councilmember Bassemier: I call for the question.

President Lloyd: Okay, let's vote on the table. Madam Secretary, roll call, please. So if you vote yes, you do want to table it.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: No. So it's tabled by a four to two vote. **(Motion carried 4-2. Councilmembers Raben and Lloyd opposed.)**

President Lloyd: And is there anything else that any Councilmember wants to bring up?

Councilmember Raben: Before we adjourn or about this issue? Well, yeah, I wanted to make a few closing remarks to the Council, but not about this issue. It would have been nice to have done it on a happier note. But I wanted to thank everybody. The last two weeks has been a bit of a challenge. We've worked well together as a team and it's truly been a team effort. We've put together a budget that most offices are fully funded. We've funded some line items that are usually bigger items that normally are cut, that were not cut. For instance, like Part-time Help in Burdette. Autopsies in the Coroner's Office. We added three new employees outside the eight that we set in today for Community Corrections. We've given the Sheriff's department the okay to purchase four new Sheriff's cars. We've done a lot in the last two weeks and with that we've also, this is kind of a rough estimate, but with that we've also managed to cut 2.2 million dollars from this budget. And with that I would certainly hope that -- there's no guarantees with this, but the tax rate will remain the same or go down and this isn't a one-sided victory, this is truly a team effort and I thank everybody here.

President Lloyd: Any other closing comments? If not, I'd like to echo what Mr. Raben said, that all the Councilmembers put in a lot of time on this budget and it looks like we did get our two million dollars in cuts and I would like to see that tax rate go down next year. We'll see what happens. I will take a motion to recess until September 2nd.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith motioned. Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman. We are recessed until September 2nd.

**Meeting recessed at 2:59 p.m.**

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Vice President Curt Wortman

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 2, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of September, 1998 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

President Lloyd: I'd like to call to order the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council regular meeting, September 2nd, 1998. I don't see anybody from the Sheriff's Department to open the meeting, so we will just go forward. Madam Secretary, could we have the attendance, please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy		X*
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Lloyd	X	

Councilmember Hoy absent at time of attendance, but later joined the meeting in progress.

President Lloyd: Now I would ask everybody to please stand so we can pledge allegiance to the flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 1998 MINUTES**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda would be approval of August 5th, 1998 minutes.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Six to zero.

**(Motion unanimously approved.)**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**A) TREASURER**

President Lloyd: Okay, we move to the regular part of the meeting, Appropriation Ordinance. The first one on there is the Treasurer.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move we approve 1030-3610 in the amount of \$1,200.



Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	1,200.00	1,200.00
TOTAL		1,200.00	1,200.00

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

**B) RECORDER**

President Lloyd: Next would be the County Recorder.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve 1040-1200, 1040-1900, 1040-1910 as requested.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, \$5,564, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

**RECORDER  
APPROVED**

**REQUESTED**

1040-1200	ENTRY BOOKKEEP CLERK	4,895.00	4,895.00
1040-1900	FICA	375.00	375.00
1040-1910	PERF	294.00	294.00
TOTAL		5,564.00	5,564.00

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

**C) SHERIFF (TWO REQUESTS)**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda is the Sheriff. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move we approve 1050-1210-1050 in the amount of \$520 and I'm going to include the next one in the same motion: 1050-4230 Vehicles \$90,000, 1050-4290 Vehicle Equipment \$20,000, for a total of \$110,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben for both parts of the Sheriff, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Both Sheriffs' pass six to nothing.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1210-1050	PAYMENT OFFICER	520.00	520.00
TOTAL		520.00	520.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-4230	VEHICLES	230,000.00	90,000.00
1050-4290	VEHICLE EQUIPMENT	50,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL		280,000.00	110,000.00

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

#### **D) JAIL**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda is Sheriff/Jail. I'll take a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve 1051-1130-0327 Correction Officer in the amount of \$390.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0327	CORRECTIONS OFF.	390.00	390.00
TOTAL		390.00	390.00

Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**E) PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda, Pigeon Township Assessor. I will entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of 1150-1990 and 1150-1900 as submitted for a total of \$5,867.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: That was close. I'll give that one to Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I was louder.

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-1990	EXTRA HELP	5,450.00	5,450.00
1150-1900	FICA	417.00	417.00
TOTAL		5,867.00	5,867.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**F) VOTERS REGISTRATION**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda, Voters Registration.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of 1220-4220 in the amount of \$5,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

<b>VOTERS REGISTRATION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1220-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		5,000.00	5,000.00

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

**G) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Lloyd: The next item would be County Commissioners, Patient/Inmate.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of 1300-3050 in the amount of \$500,000, 1300-1930 Unemployment in the amount of \$7,500, for a total of \$507,500.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman, for \$507,500. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I don't like, necessarily, the bill but I guess we've got to pay it. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1300-3050	PATIENT/INMATE	500,000.00	500,000.00
1300-1930	UNEMPLOYMENT	7,500.00	7,500.00
TOTAL		507,500.00	507,500.00

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

**H) SUPERIOR COURT**

The next item on the agenda is Superior Court. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that we approve 1370-2270, 1370-3250, 1370-3410 for a total of \$13,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, Motion by Mr. Raben and second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-2270	JUROR MEALS/LODGE.	5,000.00	5,000.00
1370-3250	LAW BOOKS	5,000.00	5,000.00
1370-3410	PRINTING	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL		13,000.00	13,000.00

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

#### **I) COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda, County Council. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of 1480-1900, 1480-1910, 1480-1911 for a total of \$12,390.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1900	FICA	4,590.00	4,590.00
1480-1910	PERF	3,600.00	3,600.00
1480-1911	SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT	4,200.00	4,200.00
TOTAL		12,390.00	12,390.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**J) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE - THREE REQUESTS**

President Lloyd: We'll move out of General Fund requests to Cumulative Bridge and I will entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 2030-3930, 2030-4374, 2030-4389 for a grand total of \$1,575,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Paying for all of that bridge work. No discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero, all three Cumulative Bridge.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	175,000.00	175,000.00
TOTAL		175,000.00	175,000.00



CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4374	HECKEL RD. BRIDGE	400,000.00	400,000.00
TOTAL		400,000.00	400,000.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4389	FULTON AVE. BRIDGE	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
TOTAL		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00

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

- K) GERMAN ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**
- L) KNIGHT ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**
- M) PERRY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**
- N) PIGEON ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**
- O) UNION ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be Reassessment Fund/German Twp.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of German Township/ Reassessment Fund as submitted for a total of \$4,760; and I will also move approval of the Knight Township Assessor's request in the amount of \$12,000; Perry Township Assessor's request in the amount of \$8,900; Pigeon Township Assessor's request in the amount of \$18,900; and Union Township Assessor's request in the amount of \$4,220.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion is for all the Reassessment Fund requests as submitted: \$48,780 total. Is there any discussion? Okay, seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The Reassessment Fund is approved six to zero on each one.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1120-3371	COMP. HARDWARE	3,000.00	3,000.00
2492-1120-3372	COMP. SOFTWARE	1,760.00	1,760.00
TOTAL		4,760.00	4,760.00

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1130-3370	COMPUTERS	10,000.00	10,000.00
2492-1130-3310	TRAINING	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL		12,000.00	12,000.00

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1140-3371	COMP. HARDWARE	6,400.00	6,400.00
2492-1140-3372	COMP. SOFTWARE	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL		8,900.00	8,900.00

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1150-3370	COMPUTER	18,900.00	18,900.00
TOTAL		18,900.00	18,900.00

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1170-3370	COMPUTER	4,220.00	4,220.00
TOTAL		4,220.00	4,220.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**P) CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll move on to -- the next item on the agenda would be Convention & Visitors Bureau. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that we approve 3570-3994 in the amount of \$8,000; the 3570-3994 has been withdrawn, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, I've got a motion and a second. Any discussion? On the second request, if it's withdrawn, is that just set in at zero? Is that right, or...

Suzanne Crouch: Yes.

President Lloyd: Any discussion? Okay, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes, motion passes six to zero.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-3994	MATCHING GRANTS	8,000.00	8,000.00
TOTAL		8,000.00	8,000.00

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-3994	MATCHING GRANTS	18,000.00	-0-
TOTAL		18,000.00	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**A) COUNTY CLERK**

President Lloyd: Now we move on to -- out of the Appropriation Ordinance to Transfer Requests and item A, County Clerk has been withdrawn so that would all be zero.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1010-1190-1010	SUBPOENA/SUMMONS CLERK	6,916.00	-0-
1010-1420-1010	MINUTE CALENDAR CLERK	2,227.00	-0-
1010-1230-1010	GARNISHEE CLERK	3,221.00	-0-
1010-1530-1010	CHILD SUPPORT CLERK	641.00	-0-
1010-1130-1010	SM. CLAIMS COURT CLERK	525.00	-0-
1010-1350-1010	COUNTER CLERK	3,235.00	-0-
1010-1380-1010	DEPUTY CLERK	3,100.00	-0-
1010-1390-1010	JUVENILE CLERK	1,900.00	-0-
TO: 1010-1150-1010	ASST. CHIEF DEPUTY	4,545.00	-0-

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1010-1270-1010	COUNTER CLERK	1,976.00	-0-
1010-1610-1010	ADMIN. SECRETARY	395.00	-0-
1010-1450-1010	ASST. CHIEF DEPUTY/CASH	2,160.00	-0-
1010-1500-1010	FEE COLLECTION CLERK	67.00	-0-
1010-1280-1010	COUNTER CLERK	1,794.00	-0-
1010-1550-1010	COUNTER CLERK	876.00	-0-
1010-1520-1010	ORDER BOOK CLERK	551.00	-0-
1010-1310-1010	COUNTER CLERK	641.00	-0-
1010-1360-1010	POSTING CLERK	525.00	-0-
1010-1440-1010	BOOKKEEPING CLERK	341.00	-0-
1010-1650-1010	DEPUTY CLERK	2,894.00	-0-
1010-1990	EXTRA HELP	5,000.00	-0-

- B) COUNTY ASSESSOR**
- C) BOARD OF REVIEW**
- D) CENTER ASSESSOR**
- E) PERRY ASSESSOR**
- F) COUNTY COUNCIL**
- G) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval for County Assessor, has a transfer from Network Supervisor in the amount of \$3,670 to Temporary Replacement in the amount of \$3,670. Does anyone object if we take the transfers in one lump?

President Lloyd: Any objections?

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I'll also move approval of Board of Review, Office Furniture \$800 to Computers \$800; Center Township, Copy Machine Supplies in the amount of \$1,700 to Computer Software \$1,700; Perry Township Assessor, from Printing in the amount of \$75.77, Equipment Repair \$670, Rent \$399.75 to Utilities \$1,145.52; County Council from Dues & Subscriptions \$50 to Maintenance Repair \$50; Cum Bridge, from Stringtown Road Bridge \$2,500 to Engineering Equipment \$2,500, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion is to approve all other transfers as submitted and read by Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. All the remaining transfers are approved six to zero.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1090-1180-1090	NETWORK SUPERVISOR	3,670.00	3,670.00
TO: 1090-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	3,670.00	3,670.00

BOARD OF REVIEW		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1091-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	800.00	800.00
TO: 1091-3370	COMPUTERS	800.00	800.00

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1110-2610	COPY MACHINE SPLY	1,700.00	1,700.00
TO: 1110-3372	COMP. SOFTWARE	1,700.00	1,700.00

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1140-3410	PRINTING	75.77	75.77
1140-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	670.00	670.00
1140-3600	RENT	399.75	399.75
TO: 1140-3200	UTILITIES	1,145.52	1,145.52

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1480-3700	SUBSCRIPTION & DUES	50.00	50.00
TO: 1480-3520	MAINTENANCE REPAIR	50.00	50.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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FROM: 2030-4348	STRINGTOWN RD. BRIDGE	2,500.00	2,500.00
TO: 2030-4429	ENGINEER EQUIPMENT	2,500.00	2,500.00

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

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Lloyd: We move on to amendments to the Salary Ordinance and I would turn that over to Mr. Raben, Finance Chairman.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. Chairman, I am going to take items A through G, first the Recorder: salary be set in as approved; Sheriff's Department: salary set in as previously approved; Pigeon Assessor: salary set in as previously approved; County Council: FICA, PERF and Sheriff's Retirement as previously approved; County Assessor: set in as previously approved, and that is it for now.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: We have a motion to approve amendments to Salary Ordinance, item A through item G. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes, six/zero, Salary Ordinance passes for A through G.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, on item G, this is the Prosecutor's Office and they are requesting --

President Lloyd: You mean item H?

Councilmember Raben: Item H, excuse me, I'm sorry. This position was approved at a rate of \$41,855 which is an Executive II, Step II position last month. They are requesting that this

salary be approved retroactive to June the first. So I am going to make a motion that it not be retroactive and stand as adopted last month.

President Lloyd: Okay, so your motion is to pay him as of when?

Councilmember Raben: This Council adopted it last month.

President Lloyd: Oh, okay. Is there a second to that?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Second Mrs. Smith, motion Mr. Raben. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. Now, the motion is to not grant the retroactive or it is to?

Councilmember Raben: Not.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, their request was for retroactive...if I'm...is that right, or...okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do you want to say something?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah...maybe we can hear something on this.

Doug Brown: My name is Doug Brown, I'm with the Prosecutor's Office. It was approved by the Job Study for the step increase, we just didn't get it in in time for his start date. We missed it by a day to get it on to the Job Study that time. It is not going to cost the Council any additional money, it's already been approved. He was put into a slot that was higher than this anyway. We're just asking that his pay be retroactive to his starting date of June 1st.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, Jim, can you change that and put it in the way that Doug asked? Can you change that? It was approved in Job Study and...

Councilmember Raben: Well, it's been, and correct me if I am wrong, but it has been the practice of this Council in the past that we have always kind of handled setting things in retroactive delicately and we've not really -- we've kind of taken a stance in the past that we're not doing things like that.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible - microphone not on) -- it won't cost us anymore.

President Lloyd: Is your mike on?

Councilmember Sutton: If you can explain that to us, Mr. Brown, in terms of you saying that it won't cost, how is it that it won't cost if we're going back?

Doug Brown: The position he was put in, I believe, was Kelli Ulrich's position --she moved on to another job -- that was put in, it was budgeted at a higher salary than he's going to get as it is right now, so the money was already appropriated and I believe he was put into that spot, so the money is already there. Does that make sense?

Councilmember Raben: Again, it's been this --

Councilmember Bassemier: It's going to --

Councilmember Raben: It's been the Council's stance in the past that we not go retroactive. I mean, you know, we've taken that stance. It's whether we want to live by it or not, so if no one objects, my motion stands.

President Lloyd: Okay, on this, this is a salary item, so the motion is in the negative. Now if it was to be approved, it would still need five votes, is that correct?

Unidentified: (Inaudible)

President Lloyd: Right, I guess the way you phrased the motion --

Councilmember Raben: You're not really increasing the salary line, you...

Jeff Ahlers: Let me ask you this: Is this guy going just right into a salary item that already exists for the same amount of money?

Councilmember Sutton: No, less.

Jeff Ahlers: We're not increasing the amount of money or increasing the position, is that right?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Jeff Ahlers: So then it's just four votes.

Councilmember Raben: Increasing his pay -- well, we're really not. No, we're not.

Jeff Ahlers: And that's my question. If you're increasing the number of employees or the compensation, it's going to take five votes. If we're not changing the number of employees, and if we're not increasing the salary of that line item, then it would just take four votes. Now, I don't know the particulars. Is that what we're doing here? We're not increasing? Okay, so then it just takes four votes --

Councilmember Raben: Let me ask this, okay? This individual started work June the first, correct?

Doug Brown: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: He then went to Job Study in July?

Doug Brown: Yes, that's correct.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so he was hired under the assumption to be paid until the Job Study set in a higher figure. He was hired to work at that rate in June, correct?

Doug Brown: There were no guarantees made to him, we just said we would make the request.

Councilmember Raben: So what, I mean, it's not a question of whether or not funds are in place, it's again, do we set a precedent here, do we go back on what this body's policy has been in the past? He was hired in at the lower figure, a month later went to Job Study and was approved at a higher rate. Now they are asking that he be taken back to his hire date at that higher figure. Is everybody clear on that?

Councilmember Sutton: Is this something that, from the Job Study's standpoint, would they act on this?

Councilmember Raben: They did act on this and they approved it an Executive II --

Councilmember Bassemier: Can I ask a question?



Councilmember Sutton: Retroactive -- let me -- can I finish?

Councilmember Raben: No, they approved it in July, and again, the Job Study doesn't approve things retroactively anyway, that's a Council call. But they approved it in July, we approved it in August, we approved the rate that the Job Study adopted in August. We, in turn, adopted it in August, now they're asking that we go back to June the first and make it retroactive.

Councilmember Sutton: Based upon this individual's skills and background, I am assuming the Job Study felt that the position that this person was taking, he merited additional compensation that wasn't maybe identified when he first came on, correct?

Doug Brown: That's -- well, when he first came on he would have been set in as a Step I anyway, so we took it to the Job Study, they approved it because he did have some experience. The issue of retroactivity was never brought up in front of the Job Study. It was taken to Council and they approved the increase, but when it was in front of Council last time, the issue of retroactivity didn't come up.

President Lloyd: I might point out on Job Study, they have no authority on retroactivity. I mean, that has to be Council.

Councilmember Bassemier: Question?

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Brown, how much is that salary talking about? How much is it?

Doug Brown: Is it a \$2,000 increase?

Unidentified: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Bassemier: It didn't seem like very much for an attorney, anyway, that's why I'd like to see it go back.

Doug Brown: The increase, it's \$1,300 that would be made up.

Councilmember Bassemier: And what's the total salary?

Doug Brown: \$41,850.

Councilmember Sutton: And the other person was making how much?

Doug Brown: \$45 something. I think she was a Step III.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, can you find it in your heart?

Councilmember Raben: Well, again, and I don't know this individual, this person could be the most deserving of it of anybody in this building, but we live by our own rules so we've made it clear that we're not interested as a Council going retroactive. If you want to back off on our stance, that's fine.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, I can understand your point there. If the person was given the assumption that we would then go in and make some adjustments when they first came in and we didn't or something like that, it's a different case. But they knew what they were maybe coming in to...I guess from a retroactive standpoint, I guess we aren't necessarily obligated. I mean, if the Job Study wouldn't have reconfigured this position, he would still be at the pay

that he was at when he was hired in, so I don't know if we necessarily set a precedent if we were to give the retroactive pay, but if -- there weren't any assumptions here, let's put it that way. I guess that's what I am trying to say. What this person when they came in in terms of what their pay -- that their pay would be higher -- that it would be at the rate that it is now. So, I guess, they've actually made out pretty good.

Councilmember Raben: So what are you saying?

Councilmember Sutton: What I am saying is that I agree with you in so many words.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Okay, the motion stands.

President Lloyd: I know the Council, we sent a letter to the Commissioners asking them not to entertain retroactive pay situations, but --

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd just like to say that I do appreciate the Council going along with what we've approved in Job Study and I'll go along with --

Councilmember Raben: And we are approving what was approved in Job Study. Matter of fact, that's already been adopted by this body last month. So, we're not even talking about that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm not against it, I just wanted to say I appreciate everybody in the past has gone along with Job Study and I appreciate it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, call for the question.

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion is to not pay the retroactive pay so that just needs a simple majority to be in effect?

Jeff Ahlers: No, it just takes a simple majority to defeat his motion, but if his -- I mean, yeah, but if his motion -- no, if his motion passes...

Councilmember Raben: Then there is no retroactive pay.

Jeff Ahlers: Right.

Unidentified: (Inaudible)

Jeff Ahlers: I was just confused because it was phrased in the negative and so it got me confused, so it only takes -- right.

President Lloyd: Okay, so now we've had the question called so let's go ahead, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: My motion is --

Unidentified: No retroactive pay.

President Lloyd: So if you vote yes, you agree with Mr. Raben to not pay retroactive -- if you vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, I think that we're going to have to stick to it some way because everybody is going to come back and ask for the same thing and I don't have any disregards for the gentleman there, but I think if we don't stick with it, we've got trouble coming up later on.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I think the person came in fully understanding what their pay level would be and they've actually made out better, so yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I was trying to help, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The retroactive pay proposal is defeated six to one, Councilman Wortman opposed.

**(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Wortman opposed)**

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**A) CONFIRMING RESOLUTION/E. H. SEAMAN III  
9845 HEDDON ROAD**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda, we go to Section 8, Old Business, Confirming Resolution/E. H. Seaman III tax abatement. On this one we've already approved this at a prior meeting so this is just to confirm the tax abatement on the addition at 9845 Heddon Road. Is there any other discussion on that?

Councilmember Sutton: This is the second hearing or reading on this?

President Lloyd: Right, second reading, it's already been approved once. If there is no discussion, we'll have a roll call vote, Madam Secretary, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The roll call is approved seven to zero.

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

**B) ANIMAL SHELTER ORDINANCE**

President Lloyd: Item B, the Animal Shelter Ordinance...

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know what that is. Could somebody read that proposal or --

Councilmember Smith: We don't have it.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, well maybe you can't read it then.

Councilmember Bassemier: The Health Department is (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

President Lloyd: Okay, I've got the ordinance and what I'd like to do is get copies made for the rest of the Council.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, can we defer this item until...

Councilmember Sutton: I don't have a copy of it, I haven't read it. I can't vote on it.

President Lloyd: The Commissioners approved it Monday, so now they're asking for our approval and signature on it. I haven't seen it either.

Councilmember Smith: I haven't seen it so I don't think we can approve something we haven't even looked at.

Councilmember Hoy: What does it concern?

Suzanne Crouch: It's the amendment to the inter-local agreement on the joint departments for the animal shelter. It previously was under the jurisdiction of the County Health Department and it has been moved to -- they're amending the agreement to move that to the Board of Public Works under their jurisdiction and the City Council. I believe the City Council did approve it and the County Commissioners approved it, then it comes to the County Council and then from there the joint agreement is amended.

Councilmember Smith: When we have problems, if there was dogs in the county in the city's jurisdiction, I think you've had questions about it, we are city, we're not county. I think when you

do that, where the county covers all of it, but we've had questions about that before. Well, we don't go out in the county because it's city, where the Health Department is Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Wortman: What about the physical makeup? Will that stay the same?

Suzanne Crouch: I am not privy to that. Currently, there is a line item in the Commissioners budget, I believe that amount is for about \$89,000, is that correct? \$89,0000, and that is the county's portion of the funding of that joint department. I would presume that would stay the same, I don't know that for sure. I can try to find it out.

Councilmember Hoy: Does anybody know the percentages? Are we -- is it a 50/50? What are the..

Suzanne Crouch: I don't believe that's a 50/50, but --

Councilmember Hoy: It's more city than county?

Suzanne Crouch: I believe it is more city than county, correct.

President Lloyd: I mean, I think we need to get more information on it. I believe it's one of those things where the city has 75% of the say on it based on their acreage. Yeah, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I just know that on that hearing, the Health Department was very upset over that change, but I don't -- I don't remember why they were upset. They said it shouldn't be changed and they were going to get somebody to speak on it next time to find out why they were upset over it.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, the reason the Health Department -- I'm their liaison-- is upset as I understand it, it's because they view this as being a health issue rather than a Works Board issue, and I happen to agree with them. I am wondering how much our vote counts, you know, if the percentages are the way they are, but I think we need to look at it first.

President Lloyd: It may be one of those things where it doesn't matter what we do, that it's a done deal.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that we defer this issue.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion to defer and a second, Mr. Raben and Mr. Hoy. Any other discussion on it? So we, at least we can get a copy of the thing and look at it and maybe -- yeah, the motion is to defer. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: And I don't know if anybody -- if we could get someone maybe from the shelter or something or whoever to speak to it a little bit in terms of if there is going to be a change, what effect will that have from a service standpoint, in terms of budget standpoint, you know, if there's going to be any changes there. If we have someone out in the county that needs to make the call to the shelter, do they have any different policies or anything like that?

President Lloyd: I mean, to the animals, I doubt if it makes a difference.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, we just send them 25,000 and then they can pick up the rest. That's all the dogs we've got out there in the county.

President Lloyd: I do recall that the Health Department wasn't happy about it but it was like the

city wanted to do it and that's it. Okay, there's a motion and a second to defer this until our next meeting. Is there any other discussion on it? Okay, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion to defer passes seven to zero.

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

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY PAID PERF CONTRIBUTION**

President Lloyd: The last item on the agenda, we had plenty of discussion and we don't need to discuss it any more. Any other business to come before Council? If not --

**B) PIGEON CREEK GREENWAY**

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, did you -- I'm sorry, I was late and didn't -- I got tied up with some business. Did you show them the certificate we got from -- that's not anything we have to vote on but we have a nice certificate from the Greenway.

President Lloyd: Certificate to Vanderburgh County for achievement for Pigeon Creek Greenway. So I'll pass it around for Councilmembers to review. I appreciate that. Any other business? If not, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we are adjourned, thank you.

**(Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.)**

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President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Vice President Curt Wortman

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
FINAL BUDGET HEARING  
SEPTEMBER 2, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of September, 1998 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. This meeting was officially opened by President Russell Lloyd, Jr., at 12:00 noon.

President Lloyd: I would like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council final budget hearing for 1999. First off, I would like to have Madam Secretary please take attendance roll call.

Councilmember	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	

President Lloyd: Okay, I would ask everybody to please stand so we can pledge allegiance to our flag.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Lloyd: Okay, we're about to approve the final 1999 budgets, so we're setting the spinning road map for county government for the next year. I would like to commend all my Council colleagues on their work on this. We're responsible for over 700 employees and 70 million dollars in their various budgets. I know all members have had input into this process and I would just like to say it's made my job as President easier and I appreciate your help. We've had officeholders, you know, discuss their budgets over the two weeks in August. We've had a lot of discussion on various items, so for today I would like to limit that as much as possible and, you know, stick to the agenda and just allow Councilmembers to debate this and then if a Councilmember needs to call someone we can do that for brief statements. Okay, before we get into the regular part of the meeting I had an officeholder request to make a statement, so I would like to call up County Coroner, Mr. Buickel.

Dennis Buickel: Thank you. For the record my name is Dennis Buickel. Equally, for the record, it is no big secret that we have frequently butted heads in the past, sometimes very seriously. I've always had a luxury that the Council hasn't had. I can worry about my own little small corner of the world, the Coroner's Office. I don't have to worry about the whole county. I've been critical of the Council in the past. On the flip side of the coin, if I could wait...I could have waited until the end of the hearings and I would have said this, but I've got a case going on that I've got to get over to the office. Since I've been so willing to be critical when I think it's called for, on the flip side of the coin I want to thank each and every member of the Council for this year with our office being objective, open-minded, honest with me. I thank you. I appreciate the spirit of cooperation and the courtesy that has been extended by each and every member of this Council towards me and my office. Thank you all very much for sitting and, I think, really trying to gain insight into what our office does. I want to thank each and every one of you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Dennis. Thank you.

**Approval of minutes**

President Lloyd: Okay, the next item on our agenda, we have in front of us the 1999 budget minutes from the two weeks of budget hearings. Is there anyone that wants to make a motion to approve those?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I think that most people haven't really had time to go over them and I would like to wait until October to approve the minutes because we got them last week, but there was an awful lot of studying to do on those, so I would like to make a motion we delay the approval until October.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, that motion is to defer the approval to October? Okay, any other discussion? Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, I think that says it all because we need time to study this because there might be some problems there and give everybody a chance. Time, time heals things, so let's go that route and give everybody a chance. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? Alright, all those in favor of the motion to defer approval of the budget minutes to October, please raise your right hand? Six to one, President opposed. **(Motion approved 6-1, Councilmember Lloyd opposed)**

**Approval of 1999 Salary Ordinance**

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll move on to the next item would be approval of the 1999 Salary Ordinance and I am going to turn that over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time I would like to move that all non-union full-time employees receive a three percent raise in '99 and all union employees' salaries be set in at the '98 wage rate and their three percent employee PERF paid by Vanderburgh County. I would also like to at this time set aside the Convention & Visitors Bureau and we'll take that in a separate motion following all the corrections that I need to read into the 100 account line items and position title changes and whatnot. So first, if you have two newly prepared Salary Ordinances on your desk, we need to look on page one--

Councilmember Smith: Jim, was that in the form of a motion that you made to set those in?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: You didn't get a second, so I will second that before we go on any further.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I was going to include this other in my motion, but that's fine. We can vote on that first.

Councilmember Smith: I second the motion, but I also want to make a comment on it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Lloyd: Okay, is--

Councilmember Smith: I think every one of us have sit here and we've tried to figure out what is best for Vanderburgh County and the employees. Mr. Whobrey asked that we pay the

PERF and for the union employees and I think we've agreed to that, but we made a motion that we set it in at five percent, we got voted down. So I would like to vote on yours and then I would like to come back and make a motion that we set it in at four percent for the employees.

President Lloyd: Okay--

Councilmember Smith: We can pay the union people's PERF and give them a one percent and we can also give...we have the money, we can give all the other employees four percent.

President Lloyd: Okay, we need--

Councilmember Smith: Before we go on further down I think we need to get this...this is what these employees back here are talking about. I mean, they're all here today. They're worried about their salaries and you know and we know that we have the money to give them a four percent which they haven't had but a three percent raise since 1992.

Councilmember Raben: I might make some comments about the fact of my motion--

President Lloyd: Right, first of all we've got to vote on Jim's motion and you still have to finish reading that motion, right?

Councilmember Raben: Well, we can...yeah, I would like to have read in the line item corrections and whatnot as part of this motion. I mean, it makes it a lot cleaner and if it has to be we'll do it a second time, but it would make my motion much cleaner if I read in the corrections and whatnot as well. On page one, line 1130 correct figure \$20,484; on 1200 the correct...testing. Okay, 1200 the correct figure is \$23,849; 1270 is \$22,519; 1330 is \$22,492; 1340 is \$18,636; 1360 is \$19,618; 1400 should read Minute Clerk, no salary change just the title; 1440 \$17,853; 1480 \$27,057; 1490 \$20,484. Next page, 1660 \$19,539; 1990 Extra Help zero.

**COUNTY CLERK**

1130	Sm. Claims Clerk	\$20,484
1200	Sm. Claims Clerk	\$23,849
1270	Counter Clerk	\$22,519
1330	Criminal Court Clerk	\$22,492
1340	Judgement Clk./Sup Ct.	\$18,636
1360	Posting Clerk	\$19,618
1400	Minute Clerk	No change
1440	Bookkeeping Clerk	\$17,853
1480	Commitment Clerk	\$27,057
1490	Child Support Clerk	\$20,484
1660	Deputy Clerk	\$19,539
1990	Extra Help	-0-

Councilmember Raben: Move on down to County Auditor, line 1180--

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, hang on a second. Did you say 1900? I believe that is what you

said. Did you mean 1990?

Councilmember Raben: 1990, excuse me. Okay, now move on down to County Auditor, line 1180 \$29,208, 1390 we need to delete the last part of it. It should be TIF Settlement and delete the Board of Review Secretary.

**AUDITOR**

1180	Bkkpr II/Acct Pay Rec/Wlfr	\$29,208
1390	TIF Settlement Clerk	No change

Councilmember Raben: The next page, line 1270 \$18,636.

**TREASURER**

1270	Cntr./Posting Clerk	\$18,636
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Councilmember Raben: Move down to County Recorder, 1200, Entry Bookkeeping Clerk II. Well, I think my problem is this little toggle switch.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, you might ask if there is an electrician in the crowd.

President Lloyd: We need to let Mr. Utley know about that mike over there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's start over again with County Recorder, line 1200, Entry Bookkeeping Clerk II at a rate of \$18,636.

**RECORDER**

1200	Entry/Bkpng. Clerk II	\$18,636
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Councilmember Raben: Turn to page five, line 72 should read Patrolman; line 76 should read Patrolman...96, did I say 96; 1300 Overtime at \$125,000. Turn to page six.

Councilmember Smith: Did you miss or were you going to leave that College Reimbursement at the \$12,000? I had that marked \$5,000. It's on page five.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I need to look back in the...page 15.

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I know that. I want to verify in the...

Councilmember Smith: It was \$12,000 and it was cut to \$5,000, am I not correct?

Councilmember Raben: That was the `98. See on the right-hand column it states \$5,000. Let me look at what you're doing. Okay, you are correct. Okay, 1510 College Reimbursement should read \$5,000; 1520 FTO Incentive \$4,800. Turn to page six, at the top 1530 Shift Differential \$65,000; 1750 Clothing Allowance \$103,000; 199 Part-time Clerk \$8,275; 201, 202, 203 and 204 Process Server \$8,936, that's for all four of those. Move down to 213 and 214 Process Server \$8,936; 223, 224, 225 and 226 \$8,936.

**SHERIFF**

72	Patrolman	No change
96	Patrolman	No change

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1300	Overtime	\$125,000
1510	College Reimbursement	\$5,000
1520	FTO Incentive	\$4,800
1530	Shift Differential	\$65,000
1750	Clothing Allowance	\$103,000
199	Part-time Clerk	\$8,275
201	Process Server	\$8,936
202	Process Server	\$8,936
203	Process Server	\$8,936
204	Process Server	\$8,936
213	Process Server	\$8,936
214	Process Server	\$8,936
223	Process Server	\$8,936
224	Process Server	\$8,936
225	Process Server	\$8,936
226	Process Server	\$8,936

Councilmember Raben: Let's move on down to the Jail 105.1, the line would be the '98 set in with the appropriate longevity and three percent PERF paid for the union employees. Turn to page seven, line 1530 Shift Differential \$23,690.

**JAIL**

1530	Shift Differential	\$23,690
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Councilmember Raben: 1200 Chain Man \$21,261

**SURVEYOR**

1200	Chain Man	\$21,261
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Councilmember Raben: Page eight, 1130, 1140 Deputy Coroner; 1160 should read Deputy Coroner/Histotech \$29,029; 1170 Deputy Coroner that is just a clarification on the title; 1180 \$4,180; 1190 Deputy Coroner \$4,180.

**CORONER**

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1130	Deputy Coroner	No change
1140	Deputy Coroner	No change
1160	Deputy Coroner/ Histotech	\$29,029
1170	Deputy Coroner	No change
1180	Deputy Coroner	\$4,180
1190	Deputy Coroner	\$4,180

Councilmember Raben: Now move down to the Prosecutor, line 1050 Deputy \$22,660; line 1270 Director of Administration \$28,453; line 1280, 1290, 1300, and the next page, 1310 should read Legal Secretary; line 1320 should read Legal Secretary - Felony/Filing; 1990 Extra Help \$5,000.

**PROSECUTOR**

1050	Deputy	\$22,660
1270	Director of Administration	\$28,453
1280	Legal Secretary	No change
1290	Legal Secretary	No change
1300	Legal Secretary	No change
1310	Legal Secretary	No change
1320	Legal Secretary - Felony/Filing	No change
1990	Extra Help	\$5,000

Councilmember Raben: Prosecutor IV-D, line 1110 Enforcement Officer; line 1140 Enforcement Officer; line 1170 Enforcement Officer; and line 1190, 1200, 1230, 1250 and 1260 should also read Enforcement Officer.

**PROSECUTOR IV-D**

1110	Enforcement Officer	No change
1140	Enforcement Officer	No change
1170	Enforcement Officer	No change
1190	Enforcement Officer	No change
1200	Enforcement Officer	No change
1230	Enforcement Officer	No change
1250	Enforcement Officer	No change
1260	Enforcement Officer	No change

Councilmember Raben: Move down to County Assessor, line 1140 Inheritance Tax Deputy \$29,208; line 1150 Deputy Hearing Officer should be \$25,866; in line 1990 Extra Help \$8,000.

**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

1140	Inheritance Tax Deputy	\$29,208
1150	Deputy Hearing Officer	\$25,866
1990	Extra Help	\$8,000

Councilmember Raben: Page 10, 1180 Per Diem \$4,800; line 1990 Extra Help \$7,280.

**BOARD OF REVIEW**

1180	Per Diem	\$4,800
1990	Extra Help	\$7,280

Councilmember Raben: Now Armstrong Assessor, line 1990 Extra Help \$3,010.

**ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR**

1990	Extra Help	\$3,010
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Councilmember Raben: Center Assessor, line 1110 Assessor \$34,850; line 1990 Extra Help \$6,500.

**CENTER ASSESSOR**

1110	Assessor	\$34,850
1990	Extra Help	\$6,500

Councilmember Raben: We'll need to turn to page 11 for Knight Assessor, line 1110 \$35,975.

Councilmember Smith: That's on page ten at the top.

Councilmember Raben: Page 11, excuse me. Page 11. Line 1990 Extra Help \$10,000.

**KNIGHT ASSESSOR**

1110	Assessor	\$35,975
1990	Extra Help	\$10,000*

(\*See page 25)

Councilmember Raben: Perry Assessor, line 1110 Assessor \$35,976; line 1130 Real Estate Deputy \$25,798; line 1140 First Deputy \$25,456 and 1990 Extra Help \$8,000

**PERRY ASSESSOR**

1110	Assessor	\$35,976
1130	Real Estate Deputy	\$25,798
1140	First Deputy	\$25,456
1990	Extra Help	\$8,000*

(\*See page 25)

Councilmember Raben: Pigeon Assessor, line 1990 Extra Help \$10,000.

**PIGEON ASSESSOR**

1990	Extra Help	\$10,000*
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(\*See page 25)

Councilmember Raben: Scott Assessor on page 12, 1130 Real Estate Deputy, COMOT III \$18,636; 1990 Extra Help zero.

**SCOTT ASSESSOR**

1130	Real Estate Deputy	\$18,636
1990	Extra Help	-0-

Councilmember Raben: Move on down to Co-op Extension, 1110 Director zero; 1160 Area Extension Agent zero; 1180 Area Extension Agent zero; 1190 Area Extension Agent zero; 1200 4-H Assistants \$12,524; 1220 should read P.T. Paraprofessor.

**CO-OP EXTENSION**

1110	Director	-0-
1160	Area Extension Agent	-0-
1180	Area Extension Agent	-0-
1190	Area Extension Agent	-0-
1200	4-H Assistants	\$12,524
1220	P.T. Paraprofessor	No change

Councilmember Raben: Now page 13, Drainage Board, 1110, 1120 and 1130 \$780.

**DRAINAGE BOARD**

1110	Board Member	\$780
1120	Board Member	\$780
1130	Board Member	\$780

Councilmember Raben: Veterans Service, line 1120 Assistant Service Officer \$23,075.

**VETERANS SERVICE**

1120	Asst. Service Officer	\$23,075
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Councilmember Raben: Now turn to page 14, Weights & Measures line 1110, Director \$41,740.

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

1110	Director	\$41,740
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's move down to Superintendent of County Buildings. Line 1120 Carpenter be set in at the '98 salary rate plus the county picking up the three percent PERF; 1750 Clothing Allowance \$708.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**



1750	Clothing Allowance	\$708
1120	Carpenter	\$27,248

Councilmember Raben: Now page 15, 1250 should read \$22,492; 1360 Bail Bond Interview Specialist, 1370 Bail Bond Interview Specialist; 1990 Extra Help \$30,000.

**CIRCUIT COURT**

1250	Recep./Probation Sec.	\$22,492
1360	Bail Bond Interview Spec.	No change
1370	Bail Bond Interview Spec.	No change
1990	Extra Help	\$30,000

Councilmember Raben: Community Corrections, all union salaries be set in at the `98 rate with applicable longevity increases and the three percent PERF to be paid by the county. Move to page 16, line 1410, 1420, 1430, 1440, 1450 Work Release Officers at the rate of \$21,546; line 1550 Cook \$21,639; line 1560 Verification Officer \$23,381; line 1570 Caseworker zero; line 1750 Clothing Allowance \$18,408; line 1850 Union Overtime \$40,000.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

1410	Work Release Officer	\$21,546
1420	Work Release Officer	\$21,546
1430	Work Release Officer	\$21,546
1440	Work Release Officer	\$21,546
1450	Work Release Officer	\$21,546
1550	Cook	\$21,639
1560	Verification Officer	\$23,381
1570	Caseworker	-0-
1750	Clothing Allowance	\$18,408
1850	Union Overtime	\$40,000

Councilmember Raben: Page 17, middle ways down line 1470 Probation Officer \$35,811; line 1650 Public Defender Misdemeanor \$21,943; line 1660 Public Defender Misdemeanor \$21,943. Page 18, line 1770 Clerical Assistant \$23,370; line 1801 Small Claims Secretary \$23,370; line 1850 Public Defender \$21,943; 1860 Public Defender Juvenile \$21,943; 1990 Extra Help \$1,000.

**SUPERIOR COURT**

1470	Probation Officer	\$35,811
1650	Public Defender Misd.	\$21,943
1660	Public Defender Misd.	\$21,943
1770	Clerical Assistant	\$23,370
1801	Small Claims Secretary	\$23,370
1850	Public Defender	\$21,943
1860	Public Defender Juv.	\$21,943
1990	Extra Help	\$1,000

Councilmember Raben: Drug & Alcohol Deferral Service. Line 1110 Director \$41,740.

***DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE***

1110	Director	\$41,740
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Councilmember Raben: At the bottom of page 18 headed Auditorium, all accounts listed should be deleted. Burdette Park, page 19, all union salaries should be set in at the `98 rate with the county picking up the three percent PERF; line 1180 Other Employees \$360,000; line 1190 Secretary \$45,000.

Councilmember Smith: That's Security, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, Security, excuse me.

Councilmember Hoy: You're going to have a lot of applicants for that.

Councilmember Raben: Well it's the secretary of security, Betty.

***BURDETTE PARK***

1180	Other Employees	\$360,000
1190	Security	\$45,000

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 20--

Councilmember Hoy: What was the amount again?

Councilmember Raben: Of the secretary of security?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: 1190 Security \$45,000. Okay, page 20, County Highway. All union salaries set in at the `98 salary with the county picking up the three percent PERF. Page 21, 1850 Union Overtime \$34,000; 1990 Extra Help \$4,000.

***COUNTY HIGHWAY***

1850	Union Overtime	\$34,000
1990	Extra Help	\$4,000

Councilmember Raben: Cum Bridge, all union salaries set in at the `98 with the county paying

the three percent towards PERF; line 1850, on page 22 at the top, 1850 Union Overtime \$4,500.

**CUM BRIDGE**

1850	Union Overtime	\$4,500
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Councilmember Raben: Now down towards the bottom 1470 Secretary/Bookkeeper COMOT III. Okay, page 23, 1990 Extra Help \$6,500.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

1470	Secretary/Bookkeeper	No change
1990	Extra Help	\$6,500

Councilmember Raben: Now turn to page 25, Supplemental Adult Probation. Again, all union salaries set in at the `98 figure with the county paying the three percent PERF; line 1980 Other Pay \$45,000.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

1980	Other Pay	\$45,000
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Councilmember Raben: Now page 26. Prosecutor Incentive, line 1990 zero.

**PROSECUTOR - INCENTIVE**

1990	Other Pay	-0-
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Councilmember Raben: Misdemeanor Offender, all union salaries should be set in at the `98 rate with appropriate longevity increases and the three percent paid by the county, three percent PERF that is. Line 1990 Extra Help \$13,000.

**MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER**

1990	Extra Help	\$13,000
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Councilmember Raben: Jail Misdemeanor Housing. Again, all union salaries set at the `98 rate with the proper longevity adjustments and the county paying in the three percent PERF. Page 27, line 1530 Shift Differential \$1,658; line 1750 Clothing Allowance \$1,416.

**JAIL - MISDEMEANOR HOUSING**

1530	Shift Differential	\$1,658
1750	Clothing Allowance	\$1,416

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to come back to Convention & Visitors Bureau, okay? Let's go to page 28 which is...excuse me, turn back to page 27. Armstrong Assessor, line 1110...oh, this is Reassessment, zero.

**ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT**

1110	Assessor	-0-
1990	Extra Help	-0-*

(\*See page 13)

Councilmember Raben: Center Assessor, line 1110 zero. I'm moving to page 28, line 1120

Office Coordinator zero; 1130 Land Coordinator \$21,639; line 1140 Field Coordinator zero.

***CENTER ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT***

1110	Assessor	-0-
1120	Office Coordinator	-0-
1130	Land Coordinator	\$21,639
1140	Field Coordinator	-0-
1990	Extra Help	-0-*

(\*See page 13)

Councilmember Raben: German Assessor, line 1110 Assessor zero.

***GERMAN ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT***

1110	Assessor	-0-
1130	Land Coordinator	\$10,000**
1990	Extra Help	-0-*

(\*See page 13)

(\*\*See page 12)

Councilmember Raben: Knight Assessor. Line 1110 Assessor zero; line 1120 Office Coordinator zero; line 1130 Land Coordinator \$21,639; line 1140 Field Coordinator zero.

***KNIGHT ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT***

1110	Assessor	-0-
1120	Office Coordinator	-0-

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1130	Land Coordinator	\$21,639
1140	Field Coordinator	-0-
1990	Extra Help	-0-*

(\*See page 13)

Councilmember Raben: Now Perry Assessor. Line 1110 Assessor zero; line 1120 Office Coordinator zero; line 1130 Land Coordinator \$21,639; line 1140 Field Coordinator zero.

***PERRY ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT***

1110	Assessor	-0-
1120	Office Coordinator	-0-
1130	Land Coordinator	\$21,639
1140	Field Coordinator	-0-
1990	Extra Help	-0-*

(\*See page 13)

Councilmember Raben: Pigeon Assessor, line 1110 zero; 1120 Office Coordinator zero; 1130 Land Coordinator \$21,639; 1140 Field Coordinator zero.

**PIGEON ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT**

1110	Assessor	-0-
1120	Office Coordinator	-0-
1130	Land Coordinator	\$21,639
1140	Field Coordinator	-0-
1990	Extra Help	-0-*

(\*See page 13)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, at this time I would like to make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, is there a second on that?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Raben did you need to set in Land Coordinator for German? Did you miss that one or not?

Councilmember Raben: Did I? There is not one for German, I do not believe. Oh, excuse me, page 28, 1110...oh excuse me, 1130 Land Coordinator \$10,000.

President Lloyd: The other question I had, did you not need to set in extra help?

Councilmember Raben: 1990 Extra Help zero.

President Lloyd: Okay, well you didn't read any extra help for all the Reassessment budgets. Did you want to read that?

Councilmember Raben: I can, yes, let me back up and I will start at the top of page 28 and include in my motion line 1990 Extra Help and that is for Center Assessor...well, no we need to actually back up to page 27.

President Lloyd: Right, Armstrong.

Councilmember Raben: Armstrong Assessor, line 1990 Extra Help zero. Now turn to page 28, Center Assessor 1990 Extra Help zero. German Assessor line 1990 Extra Help zero. Knight Assessor, line 1990 Extra Help zero. Perry Assessor, line 1990 Extra Help zero and Pigeon Assessor, line 1990 Extra Help zero. I move that all other job titles be approved as listed in the Salary Ordinance and all FICA and PERF be adjusted accordingly and I make that in the form of a motion. Again, not included in this motion is Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Councilmember Sutton: And the airport?

Councilmember Smith: And the airport, is that included in there? They already--

Councilmember Raben: We're approving the Salary Ordinance. They're not in the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Smith: They're not in this Salary Ordinance?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman, there was one other question I had. On page...I was

looking in our budget book and then looking on page eight of this Salary Ordinance, I don't know if we...it looks like we split that up between...the line item was...it's on page eight of the Salary Ordinance and then on the budget book I was looking on page 37.

Councilmember Raben: Which budget are you referring to?

Councilmember Sutton: The Prosecutor.

Councilmember Raben: Prosecutor, okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 1010, the very first one.

Councilmember Smith: What is the page in the big book?

Councilmember Sutton: In the big book it is 37. It looks like in the big book it was altogether as one salary request, but then in the Salary Ordinance the way it was read it was split between two different sources there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and which line item are you referring to again, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: Which source are you looking at? The Salary Ordinance or the big book?

Councilmember Raben: I've got them both open.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, if you're looking at the Salary Ordinance it will be the very first one on the Prosecutor, 1010. That position is split in the Salary Ordinance and then on page 26, under the Incentive...are you following me? It's 1010 under the Incentive. If we look in our big budget book on 37, all that was combined together.

Councilmember Raben: I believe, and I appreciate you catching that error, I believe what we need to do is go back to page 26 and zero that out. Is that not what you're thinking there, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Right, zero out page 26...well add the amount from page 26 onto page 8. In our meeting back in March, I think that is what Sandie said, in our Job Study we agreed to pay for part of the Incentive. They paid part of the salary for Incentive, but next year we would pay for the full thing.

Councilmember Raben: So we need to set in as our motion for General Fund, the correct figure.

Councilmember Sutton: Which would be \$52,530, like it's in the budget book.

Councilmember Raben: Right, and that is what is in the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, no, in the Salary Ordinance it split the two, it split it apart.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so we need to turn to page 26, Prosecutor Incentive line 1010 zero that out, is that not correct?

Councilmember Sutton: Zero and move that amount actually to page eight.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but it is already in page eight.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, but no, it is not. It's in there, but only part of it. We've got it at

\$48,690. Are you following me?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I understand what you're saying. Okay, page eight, line 1010 should read \$52,530.

Councilmember Sutton: Correct. And then on page 26 you need to take that out.

Councilmember Raben: Zero that one out, okay. On page 26, Prosecutor Incentive line 1010 Deputy zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

**PROSECUTOR**

1010	Deputy	\$52,530
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**PROSECUTOR - INCENTIVE**

1010	Deputy	-0-
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President Lloyd: Okay, so is that your motion as amended?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, that is my final motion, I hope.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman, do you agree to second that?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, I amend my motion to second it.

President Lloyd: Okay, I might have a brief comment before we get under discussion. I had Mrs. Deig and Mr. Deisher prepare two salary ordinances based on all the discussion we had last week and all the employee concerns about what the Council was proposing to do regarding taking the three percent PERF and pay the employee portion of PERF and keep the wages level, so what we decided to do was to go ahead and do that for the union employees as they requested but for the non-union employees to go ahead and just keep it the way we had it before where they just get the three percent wage increase and they would still pay their own portion of PERF. That was the intent. We had two salary ordinances made up just in case, so that is why some of these are just photocopies. That's what Mr. Raben's motion should be and he should have picked out all the departments that have the unionized employees and made an amendment to the Salary Ordinance. So we have a motion and second on the floor. Discussion? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I would like you to amend your motion to give them four percent. We talked about this earlier. We have the money. Let's give the employees four percent. Next year we may not have it, but they can understand that. Let's give them four percent, give the union...pay their PERF and give them an extra one percent on their payroll. I would like to ask you to amend your motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to do so, but I believe I am going to leave it as stated.

Councilmember Sutton: I think the whole...it has taken us two or three years of working on this thing with PERF and we're hoping that, you know, we might be able to do something with that this year and be able to help out in that way and as it has turned out and I think we need to respond appropriately and that was the employees really resoundingly felt like it was something that they are not in favor of and would not want to move in that direction and I think maybe as Councilmembers that is something we definitely need to take heed to because, obviously, they are going to be the ones most greatly affected by this, but at the same time since we are going to split this out, you know, I have to agree with Betty; really, four percent

is a very doable thing and I really would like to see them--

President Lloyd: We've got to change the tape, hold on a second.

### **Tape change**

Councilmember Sutton: We were fighting trying to get five percent, you know, before and we're really wanting to see employees get that, but really, you know, if we could even...if we could cull out four percent out of this, I think, really across the board all employees would really be...would do a good job in terms of meeting their needs. I think a lot of people want to look at the CPI, the Consumer Price Index, as kind of a determination of what the raise should be and really if you only stay at the Consumer Price Index you really aren't making any progress there. Basically, groceries go up, SIGECO goes up and all that, but if we're just really staying at the same pace I think we need to be able to do a little bit more here. I just really wish we could move in that direction.

Councilmember Bassemier: One question.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, you know, I've always been for employees, but now I've got a question. If Chuck's union employees would of thought they would have been getting a four percent raise maybe they would have felt differently when they talked to Chuck about one way or the other. That's just...I don't think we're going to open this up for questions, but I'm going to call for the question.

Councilmember Smith: My request was to give them an extra one percent.

Councilmember Hoy: If we're going to close debate you've got to have a two-thirds vote to close debate. I think some of...I want to speak and some other people want to speak. You cannot close off debate unless two-thirds of the body closes the debate. You just can't call for the question and do it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, two or three people have only spoken. I mean, this is a big issue here. I mean, if we're talking about closing off discussion, I mean, let's give people a chance. Surely, these people aren't taking...employees aren't taking their lunch period just to hear two people talk. We obviously can't have everybody in the room speak for as long as maybe I spoke, but surely we want to have more discussion than what we've had up to this point.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll be real short. I agree with Mr. Sutton and I agree with Mrs. Smith, we ought to go four percent.

President Lloyd: Mr. Ahlers, is that correct on two-thirds for closing?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, we have never followed that in the past. I mean, the way it is somebody calls for the question we have always voted. I mean, I think everybody is--

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember Hoy: We've had a procedure and I know we haven't voted on this, Mr. Ahlers, but we have had a precedent for years to follow those points of Roberts Rules and I would say by tradition we should follow that. It's not a legal question at all, but it's a procedural question.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, the state statute says that Council makes its own rules and, obviously, during the next meeting we're getting ready to adopt some rules. The only thing that I am saying is



the Council isn't bound by Roberts Rules, by statute it makes its own rules. All I am pointing out is this would be a first to my knowledge. I don't know that we've ever sat here and made a motion...every time we've had a vote at every meeting we've had to have somebody move and we've taken a vote first for two-thirds to close discussion of the issue. As I understand it...I mean, I don't know if there was anything else that anybody wanted to discuss anyway.

Councilmember Hoy: The point of order is if somebody calls for the question and nobody objects, then you can call for the question. The question has been called for, we have objected and therefore by tradition then that takes a two-thirds vote. That's one we have not voted on very often and that was happening before you became our counsel, our lawyer, and that's my only point. I do hope we adopt Roberts Rules of Order so that we, for God's sake, have some method to follow instead of wondering where we are in the wilderness.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Councilman Bassemier, I didn't intend to short the union employees one percent. I said let's pay their PERF and give them a one percent increase on their salary which would make them a total of four percent and I feel like this county right now after...since 1992, they could give the employees a four percent increase.

President Lloyd: Why don't we go ahead and have the vote and then anybody that wants to speak before they vote can do so. So, Madam Secretary, let's have the roll call.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, make it clear on your motion again, please.

Councilmember Raben: To be brief about it, the motion is that all full-time non-union employees receive a three percent increase on their gross and all full-time union employees receive their rate based off of '98 rates and the county picking up their three percent PERF, and that's my motion.

Councilmember Sutton: So we're going to allow people to speak after the vote is taken, Mr. President, or are we going to allow them to speak before? I mean, after is already a done deal. We're getting ready to have a roll call here and we haven't...if we're going to give people a chance to speak I think it would be appropriate for them to speak before.

President Lloyd: Well, how many people do you want to have speak?

Councilmember Sutton: Like I said, we don't need the whole room to speak, but, you know, we need to keep it modest I would think.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Whobrey wants to talk.

Councilmember Bassemier: Don't open it up. We never did that before.

President Lloyd: Okay, let's just have a couple of minutes real quick.

Chuck Whobrey: Chuck Whobrey, President of Teamsters Local 215. I'm not really here other than we're in support of the motion that has been...or the amendment that Councilman Smith...or Councilwoman Smith has put on the floor. The only thing I would like to point out is under Roberts Rules that you have been talking about, Mrs. Smith does not need Councilman Raben to agree to her amendment to her motion. She can make an amendment to the motion and if it is seconded and a majority vote in favor of that amendment, then that vote has been amended, and so she does not need Councilman Raben's approval to amend his motion. She can make the amendment and if it is seconded and a majority of this body votes to

amend that, then that is how Roberts Rules work, and that is the only thing I would like to point out.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Whobrey is correct and I will second the amendment.

President Lloyd: Any comments, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: No, other than, I mean, just to make the point again that there has never been any adoption of Roberts Rules of Order. Now, I don't know why there is an attempt to make this process more complicated than it has ever been. There is a motion on the floor, they're getting ready to call a roll call. It's the way that it has always been done. There has been no adoption of the Roberts Rules of Order, so I don't know that we need to sit here and debate what they are.

Councilmember Hoy: I guess my point, Counsel, is that I don't believe we are dealing with a legal issue here, we're dealing with a procedural issue and we can choose to do it without violating the law. With all due respect to you, sir, we're not violating a law.

President Lloyd: If we vote on this motion then if it fails we're open to other motions.

Councilmember Hoy: If we vote on the second and it fails then you go to Mr. Raben's motion, it's that simple. If we vote on this motion to go to four percent and that passes then we have to go back to his motion--

President Lloyd: Can I assume that if someone votes against Mr. Raben's motion at three percent then they would want some other percent? I mean, wouldn't that be the same thing?

Councilmember Smith: I asked for an amendment, so my motion is to amend it to four percent.

President Lloyd: Right, and Mr. Raben--

Councilmember Smith: Phil Hoy seconded my motion.

Councilmember Raben: Basically,--

Councilmember Hoy: There are some of us who would like to go on record, I would, for the four percent even if I lose the vote.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to make this statement that everybody is exactly right. We have not adopted rules that we follow and we're doing that. This Council is in the process of doing that, but traditionally this Council has operated that if I'm asked or if you're asked to make an amendment to your motion and you do not wish to do so that there was not an amendment, so I mean traditionally this is not the way that it has been handled in this Council. I mean, the traditional way has been that this motion would be voted on. If it passed, it passed. If it did not pass someone else could make another motion or if it passed you could make a motion to reopen it and vote it again, but I mean we're talking about something different than the way we've operated as a Council since I have been on here.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, we did operate under Roberts Rules of Order two years when I was president and frankly if we would go ahead and do this vote now we would probably save a lot of time.

President Lloyd: Okay, we'll let's vote on Mr. Raben's motion as stated and then if someone wants to make a different motion after that we'll go from there, so please call the roll.

Councilmember Hoy: I would prefer to vote on--

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben's motion is three percent. I would like to take the roll call vote on that.

Councilmember Hoy: You're not going to rule then that we vote on this amendment?

President Lloyd: That's a change from what we've done in the past.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I disagree, but you're president.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I'm going to vote no because I feel like we can give them four percent.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No, because I want to give four percent.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. **(Motion carries 4-3, Opposed Councilmembers Smith, Sutton and Hoy.)**

President Lloyd: Okay, let's move on, Mr. Raben, corrections and amendments.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to make a comment, though.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I tell you what, I know this is a political year and this is a political move, but everybody was satisfied with the three percent. The union wanted their PERF, they're happy. I've got tons of letters stating they want three percent and all of a sudden out of a clear blue sky we come up with four percent--

Councilmember Hoy: Point of order, Mr. President, we have closed debate on this. We have voted on it, this is out of order.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Hoy, when you were president you did exactly the way Raben did. When you were president you were asked would somebody rescind that, you said it was okay; if you're not president, it's not okay.

Councilmember Sutton: The thought was with the three percent that they would actually...the end result would be they get four percent.

President Lloyd: Okay, let's move on, Mr. Raben. We've had debate on this and we know where everyone stands on it.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, I would now make a motion to revisit some of the two, three and four thousand accounts. First would be page 51, County Assessor, line 1990-3700-

<p><b>Convention &amp; Visitors Bureau Removal from Salary Ordinance and approval of salaries</b></p>
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Councilmember Smith: Jim. Jim, the Visitors Bureau is sitting here waiting. Couldn't we take them and go ahead and get them out because the rest of the employees are already done.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, I'm sorry, I overlooked those. I'm moving ahead, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Smith: Because the rest of it is just for their--

Councilmember Raben: I meant to. I just, through this discussion I lost track of where I am at. Okay, Convention & Visitors Bureau, page 27 in your Salary Ordinance. I'll move that these salaries be set aside of the Salary Ordinance and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. I wanted to make a point, too, the Salary Ordinance was approved for the three percent increase for county employees and keeping it the way it was last year, so I mean if you want to stay you can, but you don't have to. Now we're on the Convention & Visitors Bureau. Jim, what was your motion?

Councilmember Raben: My motion is that we set salaries for the Convention & Visitors Bureau outside the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Hoy: And I second it.

President Lloyd: Okay, did...I mean, this is a change from what we've had in the past on the Salary Ordinance. Was there anyone that wanted to speak on behalf of the Convention & Visitors?

Councilmember Hoy: I can speak as liaison. There are some people here. Their Board at the last meeting voted that they would like to move out of the Salary Ordinance. Council needs to know that this is an area where we have not been consistent nor clear because those employees have not been involved in PERF, but they have been involved in the county health plan and they would like for us to decide one way or the other. Their Board would like for us to decide to remove them from the ordinance. I would likewise remind Council that whatever they put in their budget, including salaries, is still subject to the approval of this body. That's the law, County Council gets final decision, so that does...if we remove them from the ordinance that does not mean that they can change salaries just by vote of their Board. That would have to come before the County Council, thank you.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I would just like to say I am going to support them. I don't feel like we should tie their hands. As Mr. Hoy said, they do have to come back and ask for

approval. It's no different than kind of what we do out at the airport, so it is a good plan. It gives whoever is doing the marketing whatever, it gives them something to really work hard for because they feel like they can make more money.

Councilmember Smith: You haven't got your mike on.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. Good, maybe I (inaudible). Well, I'm in favor of it.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I think it has been explained well to all the employees at the Convention & Visitors Bureau and that's the key thing. If you're going to make a radical change or shift everyone needs to make sure they're well informed. I think they've done a good job of doing that and communicating in such a way that they're looking to enhance performance. That's really what the key is to this year.

President Lloyd: Any other comments? Mrs. Payne.

Joy Payne: For the record my name is Joy Payne and I'm on the Visitors & Convention Bureau Board. I follow up with what Royce said. When we met with you two weeks ago, the Finance Committee, we did go back to staff and explain to them the plus and minuses of making this move. Dolli, who is our Director, even prepared a quite lengthy sheet detailing it all in writing so there was no misunderstanding. Last Thursday our Board did vote on this. I made the motion and it passed unanimously. We're fully aware of what we're doing. Our staff is aware and Mr. Hoy, who is our liaison, pointed out we still have to come back before this body each year to get our budget passed and that also includes the salary as a line item, so if there are questions about something we've done at that point in time I speak for myself on this, I welcome them. I welcome the checks and balances that we get from this group here with the Bureau and the salary and the other expenses we incur. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: If I understand it right, these positions will be unclassified?

President Lloyd: That's...I don't know if Mrs. Kight can answer that or not, but...I mean, being out of the Salary Ordinance would you still use the county classification system?

Councilmember Hoy: It would remove them from the classification system, yeah, you're correct, Mr. Wortman.

President Lloyd: I mean, I assume they could go contract with Mr. Deisher if they want him to rate those positions. As a separate deal they could go contract with Mr. Deisher or someone else and rate their own positions.

Councilmember Hoy: But we still have to vote on those raises and I think it's important for Council and Convention & Visitors Bureau understands that, that the final decision still rests with this body. It's very important to have that on record.

President Lloyd: By the way the law was set up? Okay. Any other comments or questions on this? Okay, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. I guess one thing though maybe you could give Council a record of your Board meeting where you discussed this or whatever so we could just look that over. Okay, that is approved seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's move or stay on page 26. Well, no, excuse me, page 27.

President Lloyd: Twenty-seven?

Councilmember Raben: I move that the salary lines be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Raben: For Convention & Visitors Bureau, Mr. Lloyd. We have to set in those salaries.

President Lloyd: Okay, approve as submitted by the Salary Ordinance or the budget book?

Councilmember Raben: Uh, by the Salary Ordinance. Well, no, by the budget book. By the budget book.

President Lloyd: Okay, is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on that? So this would be approving their incentive plan and then we would still have final say over all their salaries and they would give us a schedule similar to what the Airport Authority gives us on a list of each job of what the salaries are. Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Passes seven to zero. Mr. Raben. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)**

<b>Per Diem, Part-time, Extra Help and Temporary Pay Schedules</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. Chairman, if you turn to page ten or Exhibit H in the back of your Salary Ordinance this is the Vanderburgh County per diem, part-time, extra help and temporary pay schedules. There are a few corrections, first on page ten under County Clerk-- Four Bond and Fine Clerks should be deleted. Page 11, County Health Department Lead Clerk will be paid at the rate of...that's correct, 8.9621. Moving down to the Sheriff's Department, part-time employees at the rate at 7.9262 per hour. All others as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion for the part-time Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes, motion passes seven to zero.

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

President Lloyd: Next, approval of all budgets.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. Chairman, first I would like to revisit some of the two, three and four thousand accounts. If you go to the County Assessor, page 51, it's account 1190-3700--

Councilmember Smith: It's 51 in the big book?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, 51 in the big book.

Councilmember Smith: Alright, then what number did you say?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, excuse me, that's where it starts, page 51. The actual budget itself is on page...yeah, it's 51 line 3700.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: It's headed Dues & Subscriptions--

**Approval of health insurance**

President Lloyd: Jim, excuse me a second. We need to do the health insurance before we do the final 2000, 3000 and 4000, I believe.

Councilmember Raben: We can adopt the insurance now, that's fine.

President Lloyd: I apologize for that.

Councilmember Raben: That would be fine. Let me withdraw that motion, okay, and I am going to make a new motion that all Councilmembers have been given a final budget insurance packet, okay, and I move that Council approve the final insurance data as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion is to approve the insurance package as listed by Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. That passes seven to zero, thank you. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)**

**Corrections and amendments - 2000, 3000, 4000 Accounts**

President Lloyd: Now we go to the 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts.

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, before you--

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Do we know about the airport in terms of...since they already get their PERF paid, did we note them in our previous motion? They get the three percent, did we make mention of that?

Councilmember Raben: We can.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think we did in our Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Hoy: You're speaking of their union workers, right?

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me?

Councilmember Hoy: Their union workers.

Councilmember Raben: He is speaking in terms of all their employees.

President Lloyd: You're absolutely correct. Their union has already adopted that three percent PERF--

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

President Lloyd: So they should be getting a three percent wage increase.

Councilmember Sutton: Correct.

Councilmember Smith: Right.

President Lloyd: We have to adopt their budget anyway, don't we?

Councilmember Raben: Right. Well, let me--

Councilmember Smith: But we have to vote on the percentage.

Councilmember Raben: Let me finish the motion, making the other corrections--

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: --and then we'll come back to that one, okay?

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Page 51, line 3700 the correct figure is \$3,500. A little explanation for that, I had in the prior meetings moved to cut that back to \$2,000. I've since found out that is for that website, so that's the correct figure.

**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$3,500
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Councilmember Raben: Page 60, line 1130-1990 I would like to set that in at \$12,000.

**KNIGHT ASSESSOR**

1130-1990	Extra Help	\$12,000
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Councilmember Smith: The Extra Help?

Councilmember Raben: Yes. Page 63, Perry Assessor, line 1140-1990 as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Ten thousand?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

**PERRY ASSESSOR**

1140-1990	Extra Help	\$10,000
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Councilmember Raben: Page 65, Pigeon Assessor, 1150-1990 as submitted.

**PIGEON ASSESSOR**

1150-1990	Extra Help	\$12,500
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Councilmember Raben: Let's take...let's go ahead and include the Reassessment budgets in this motion as well. You would need to turn to page 166...no excuse me, 165, line 1100-3370 \$4,300. All other accounts zero and I make that...I'm going to continue on. Page 66--

President Lloyd: Everything zero except for the one line?

Councilmember Raben: Except for the one line, correct.

Councilmember Sutton: I didn't catch that one line.

Councilmember Raben: The one line is the computer...a, line 1100-3370.

Councilmember Sutton: That should be--

Councilmember Raben: As listed--

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: --and all other accounts zero.

**ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT**

1100-2600	Office Supplies	-0-
1100-3120	Postage/Freight	-0-
1100-3130	Travel/Mileage	-0-
1100-3370	Computer (Date Mgmt.)	\$4,300
1100-3380	Photography/Blue Prints	-0-
1100-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	-0-

Councilmember Raben: Okay, line...we already set in the line 1110-1130. Let's move down to 1110-3310 Training \$3,500; 1110-3370 Computer \$16,200; 1110-3372 Computer Software \$2,000; all other accounts zero.

**CENTER ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT**

1110-2600	Office Supplies	-0-
1110-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	-0-
1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	-0-
1110-3310	Training	\$3,500
1110-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt.)	\$16,200
1110-3372	Computer Software	\$2,000
1110-3380	Photography/Blue Prints	-0-
1110-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	-0-
1110-3400	Printing Plat Sheets	-0-
1110-3410	Printing	-0-

Councilmember Raben: Page 168, German Assessor, we've already set in the 1120-1130, so move down to 1120-3310 Training \$1,000. All other accounts zero.

**GERMAN ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT**

1120-2600	Office Supplies	-0-
1120-2830	Plat Books	-0-
1120-3130	Travel/Mileage	-0-
1120-3310	Training	\$1,000
1120-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt.)	-0-
1120-3371	Computer Hardware	-0-
1120-3410	Printing	-0-
1120-3600	Rent	-0-
1120-3630	Equip. Lease & Rental	-0-
1120-3930	Other Contractual	-0-

Councilmember Raben: Knight Assessor, page 170. Again, we've already set in 1130-1130 in the Salary Ordinance, so move down to 1130-3310 Training \$7,000. All other accounts zero.

***KNIGHT ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT***

1130-2600	Office Supplies	-0-
1130-2700	Other Supplies	-0-
1130-3130	Travel/Mileage	-0-
1130-3310	Training	\$7,000
1130-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	-0-
1130-3400	Printing Plat Sheets	-0-
1130-3410	Printing	-0-
1130-3520	Equipment Repair	-0-
1130-3930	Other Contractual	-0-
1130-4210	Office Furniture	-0-
1130-4220	Office Machines	-0-

Councilmember Raben: Page 172 Perry Assessor, 1140-1130 has been set in. Move down to 1140-3310 Training \$2,000. All other accounts zero.

Councilmember Sutton: How much did you say on training?

Councilmember Raben: Ah, \$2,000.

Councilmember Sutton: You increased that?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, she needs more than that. Page 174, again--

***PERRY ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT***

1140-2600	Office Supplies	-0-
1140-3120	Postage/Freight	-0-

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1140-3130	Travel/Mileage	-0-
1140-3310	Training	\$2,000
1140-3371	Computer Hardware	-0-
1140-3372	Computer Software	-0-
1140-3400	Printing Plat Sheets	-0-
1140-3410	Printing	-0-
1140-4220	Office Machines	-0-

Councilmember Smith: Did we skip...I must have missed it. Did we skip page 171, Knight?

Councilmember Raben: I'll read it again, just in case. Page 170, Knight Assessor, we've already addressed 1130-1130--

Councilmember Smith: Okay, I see where I've...okay.

Councilmember Raben: So move down to 1130-3310 Training \$7,000. All other accounts zero.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Perry we've addressed. Set in Training at \$2,000. All other accounts zero. Pigeon Assessor, page 174, 1150-1130 has been addressed in the Salary Ordinance, so 1150-3310 Training \$2,000. All other accounts zero.

**PIGEON ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT**

1150-2600	Office Supplies	-0-
1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	-0-
1150-3160	Radio/Pagers	-0-
1150-3310	Training	\$2,000
1150-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt.)	-0-
1150-3372	Computer Software	-0-
1150-3380	Photography/Blue Prints	-0-
1150-3400	Printing Plat Sheets	-0-
1150-3410	Printing	-0-
1150-3520	Equipment Repair	-0-

Councilmember Raben: Page 176, Scott Assessor, again we've addressed 1160-1130 in the Salary Ordinance, so move down to 1160-3310 Training \$1,500; 1160-3372 Computer Software \$1,000. All other accounts zero.

**SCOTT ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT**

1160-2600	Office Supplies	-0-
1160-3120	Postage/Freight	-0-
1160-3130	Travel/Mileage	-0-

(Table continued next page)

1160-3310	Training	\$1,500
1160-3372	Computer Software	\$1,000
1160-3380	Photography/Blue Prints	-0-
1160-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	-0-
1160-3470	Appraisals	-0-
1160-3520	Equipment Repair	-0-
1160-4210	Office Furniture	-0-
1160-4220	Office Machines	-0-

Councilmember Raben: Union Assessor, page 178, line 1170-3310 Training \$500. All other accounts zero.

**UNION ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT**

1170-2600	Office Supplies	-0-
1170-3130	Travel/Mileage	-0-
1170-3310	Training	\$500
1170-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	-0-

Councilmember Raben: And I make that in the form...no, excuse me. We've got one other budget we need to address, I believe. Let me review something real quick. No, that's it. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Okay, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)**

President Lloyd: Okay, Jim, have you addressed corrections and amendments?

Councilmember Raben: We addressed amendments during the Salary Ordinance, so that takes care of theirs.

<b>Set Tax Rate</b>
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President Lloyd: Okay, so we're down to item number ten?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, item number ten, Mr. Chairman, I would move that the County Council set a tax rate as deemed appropriate by the State Tax Commissioners following their review of our county budget and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Hang on a second. Mrs. Deig, did you have something to add?

Jeff Ahlers: What about the airport?

Councilmember Raben: I've got one other motion that I need to make after that as well. Yeah, I'll do that.

President Lloyd: Can we do this before we read all the names?

Councilmember Raben: What was that, I'm sorry.

President Lloyd: Let's do the names first.

Councilmember Raben: You want to go ahead and include names now?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that would be 911 Emergency Service, Airport Authority, Area Plan Commission, Armstrong Assessor, Armstrong Reassessment, County Assessor, Assessor Reassessment, Auditor, Board of Review, Board of Review Reassessment, Bond Issue, Burdette Park, Center Assessor, Center Reassessment, Circuit Court, Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Clerk, Community Corrections, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Co-op Extension, Coroner, County Commissioners, County Commissioners CCD Fund, County Council, Cum Bridge, Drainage Board, Drug & Alcohol Deferral, Election Office, Family & Children, German Assessor, German Reassessment, Health Department, Highway, Jail, Knight Assessor, Knight Reassessment, Legal Aid, Legal Aid/United Way, Levee Distribution Tax, Local Drug Free Community, Local Emergency Planning Commission, Local Roads & Streets, Perry

Assessor, Perry Assessor Reassessment, Pigeon Assessor, Pigeon Assessor Reassessment, Prosecutor, Prosecutor Adult Protective Services, Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement, Prosecutor Stop Domestic Violence, Prosecutor Victims Witness Assistance Program, Prosecutor Fees Check Recovery, Prosecutor IV-D, Prosecutor Pre-trial Diversion, Recorder, Riverboat, Scott Assessor, Scott Reassessment, Sheriff, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, Superior Court, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Superintendent of County Buildings, Surveyor, Surveyor Maps, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation, Tourism Capital Improvement, Treasurer, Union Assessor, Union Assessor Reassessment, Veterans Administration, Voters Registration, Weights & Measures and Welfare. This includes all 1999 budgets considered on August 11th, 12th and 13th, 18th, 19th and 20th and I will make this in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, Mr. Raben motion on all the budgets and a second. Did we address the airport?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, we read the airport in this, yes.

President Lloyd: Okay, so the airport would be the three percent wage increase for all employees?

Councilmember Raben: Right, correct.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: The Riverboat, now that's part of the General Fund.

President Lloyd: Was that read? Is there any other discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I read Riverboat.

President Lloyd: Any other discussion? If not, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes, motion passes seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)**

President Lloyd: Now we establish county tax rate.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, again Mr. President, I move that the County Council set a tax rate as deemed appropriate by the Indiana State Tax Commissioners following their review of our county budget and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion on adopting county tax rate as set by the state Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)**

**New business**

President Lloyd: Okay, we go down to new business. Does any Councilmember have new business?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, Mr. President.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: In an effort to make things even smoother next year I would like to move that our Executive Assistant send a memo to all departments with regards to employees that receive stipends and submit that to our County Council Office if it is okay with the rest of this body.

President Lloyd: Okay, is there a second on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Second Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Sutton: Memo to what effect?

Councilmember Raben: Requesting that they give us all employees that receive stipends and how much the stipends are.

President Lloyd: Any other comment on that? All those in favor raise your right hand. Okay, seven for/zero against. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Lloyd: Okay, any other new business?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: We've had long discussions about PERF versus giving raises and we've had a lot of different opinions on that. I think the waters are very muddy and we probably...I think we did the right thing today in how we voted except I wanted a higher raise as you know, but I would like to make a motion that we produce or have produced a thorough, clear study of what that change would really do because the estimates have been all over the road and we've got plenty of time before next year's budget to do that and then we wouldn't be...I'm commenting. The motion is to make that study, I'm sorry. I'm inappropriate there.

Councilmember Smith: I second your motion and I think that basically the employees were really upset because what they didn't know is what bothered them and I don't think it was explained to them well and I don't think they had enough information to make an honest opinion of it, so it was...they thought we were trying to shaft them and I don't think anybody sitting on this Council meant to do that. We did what we thought was better for them.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: I would like to make sure and echo the same comments, but I want the employees to have input. I want each individual to understand this, not just a majority. I want every individual so we're not fooling with their retirement and I think that's very important because it is going to affect a lot of people in the long run and I think it's going to have to go around to every department and on a small scale that every individual is going to have to be figured so they know where they're at because we're fooling with their retirement and I insist on that. Thank you.

President Lloyd: I agree with that one hundred percent.

Councilmember Hoy: The intention of the motion is to disseminate that information and the only issue, Mr. Wortman, I would take is that I don't think we as a body can guarantee that every individual will take the time to look at it or even attend a meeting and we can't force that, but I agree with the intention of what Mr. Wortman said and having looked at this and had time and I would like for us to do it early so that we're not sitting at budget time with the kind of

situation we had this year. I think we did well with it, but...and I'm not laying blame anywhere, I just think that's a procedure...that's why I made the motion, I think that's a procedure that will work well.

President Lloyd: I mean, I agree with that. No one wanted to shaft the employees and I agree I don't think we had the time really to present that to them and there wasn't really enough time to explain it to them and answer all the questions. What I am thinking is maybe in our organizational meeting in January of '99 we can look at that and maybe have one or two Councilmen, you know, on a committee to work on that and work with Mr. Deisher.

Councilmember Hoy: In fact, I would accept that as a friendly amendment to my motion that we set that up in January and appoint a committee if my seconder will agree.

President Lloyd: Hang on a second, we've got to change the tape.

### **Tape change**

President Lloyd: I know I did get to talk with Ms. Blenner, the City Controller, and they took about six months prior to their budget and went over it with the employees and I mean, their employees seem to be agreeable to it. It's a different situation than what we have, but they did sit down with each one of them and explain it so, I mean, I think that's what we need to do.

Councilmember Smith: That's a compliment to Mrs. Blenner because she is very, very efficient. I think when she explains it to someone they'll understand it and I think that's where our employees didn't have any idea.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other discussion on this? We've got a motion so we'll go ahead and take a vote on it. All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)**

Councilmember Sutton: Well, are you about to close out here?

President Lloyd: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess as is tradition, you know, speaking on behalf of, I guess, the minority party just wanted to say that I think this budget process, you know, though we had a few bumps in the road here and there, overall has gone rather smoothly, but the thing that we all have, I think, put an effort toward and that is looking out for the best of the county employees and for the county overall in terms of what we can possibly do. I think we've got a lot of challenges that are ahead of us and things that are still some hurdles that we're going to have to get beyond here and issues to address, but I would just like to say though we have all put in a lot time and effort into this budget process it has been worth it. I think we've done a good job and I think for the most part most people will walk away from the budget process feeling that we've done a good job, a reasonably good job, and I think that's all that can be asked from any of us, and in particular I would like to say thanks to Sandie. She never seems to get any recognition or any type of...you know, for all of the budget packets and papers and all this other information that she passes our way it is always in good order, it's correct and it is dependable. So, like I say, I would just like to publicly say thank you to you, Sandie, because you do a good job. In addition, you make some heck of a good cookie, too. But Sandie has been a real help to the Council and I would just like to say that and Suzanne as well. The good information that you provide for us as well in setting the stage for us in terms of what we need to do target-wise in meeting that, and we've met that goal, so I would just like to add those comments.

President Lloyd: I appreciate those comments.

Councilmember Hoy: I echo those. The one thing that we probably can't do in this meeting, Mr. President, but I would love to see us do sometime is to see if we can find more space for Mrs. Deig. I don't know how she works in that office as crowded as it is. If we could get more space for her. The only thing that I would like to have for myself is a key to this drawer so I can use it and a place to hang my raincoat when it rains. It would seem to me that's not too much for members of Council to ask for. We have no place to lay an attache case, but she needs the space first and I would like to see us approach whoever we need to approach in order to do that. That is just very overdue. I'm not making a motion, but I think we can initiate that.

Councilmember Smith: There is a possibility they can move that wall out where she is and give her more room out into that conference room because it is not used that much that it would still leave enough room.

Councilmember Hoy: I mean, if you want a motion I'll make the motion to initiate that.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Deig, are you crowded in there?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll make a motion that we initiate that and then we'll get it officially on the floor--

President Lloyd: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Smith: I'll second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Hoy, second Mrs. Smith. Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Oh, I wanted to comment on Mrs. Deig. I've been up here for 20 years. We went through a lot of secretaries, Executive Assistants, you name, what have you, she has been the most knowledgeable person and fair since I've been up here and I mean every word of it. Thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, I wanted to remind Councilmembers, Ordinance for Appropriation and Tax Rate. You get to vote yea or nay on that, but please don't leave until you sign that, so pass that around. I would like to thank Mr. Sutton and each Councilmember for their work that they put in on this. It's...you know, there are always problems that crop up at budget time and we've had our share this time. We've had some long meetings, but I mean I thank you for the effort and anticipating that the property tax rate will be going down and I think that's a victory for the taxpayers and that's through our hard work, so I appreciate that very much. Is there any other new business?

Councilmember Hoy: May I put that motion on the floor?

President Lloyd: Oh, on the--

Councilmember Hoy: For space.

President Lloyd: For space. You know, we could even get maybe a credenza or something over here. Some kind of shelving type deal where we can hang our coats.

Councilmember Hoy: We've got drawers here, we just need to get keys to those, but I'm speaking to Mrs. Deig's space.

President Lloyd: Well, maybe the Council President should send a letter to Mr. Utley and ask about that. Does everyone else need keys for their drawers?

Councilmember Hoy: Mine is locked.

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President Lloyd: I guess we need to do an inventory of each Council seat. Mrs. Deig indicated the top one was City Council and the bottom is County Council. We can do that and also, I mean, I would have no problem sending a letter to Mr. Utley or have Mrs. Deig do it for a place to hang our coats and then possibly look at the space requirements for her.

Councilmember Hoy: Did anybody second my motion?

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith did.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, okay.

President Lloyd: Alright, all those in favor of the motion raise your right hand. Six, are you in favor, Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Sir?

President Lloyd: Are you in favor of the motion?

Councilmember Hoy: For Sandie to have more room.

Councilmember Wortman: I think so.

President Lloyd: Okay, seven to zero. **(Motion unanimously passed 7-0)**

President Lloyd: Any other new business? Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I know everybody has already spoken, but I would just like to thank everybody. I think it went real well. Everybody worked hard and I certainly appreciate it, thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, no other new business I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the budget hearings.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman. Is there a second? Second on the motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Second, Mr. Hoy. We are adjourned, thank you.

**(Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Vice President Curt Wortman

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 7, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of October, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

President Lloyd: I'd like to call to order the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council for October 7th, 1998. I don't see any member of the Sheriff's department here, so we will go ahead and I will open the meeting. Madam Secretary, could we have the attendance roll call, please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Lloyd	X	

President Lloyd: I would ask everyone to please stand so we can pledge allegiance to our flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Lloyd: Thank you.

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES BUDGET HEARINGS AUGUST 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 &amp; 20, 1998 FINAL BUDGET HEARING SEPTEMBER 2, 1998 SEPTEMBER 2, 1998 COUNCIL MEETING</b></p>
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President Lloyd: Okay, item four on our agenda, approval of minutes. We have minutes from the September 2, 1998 Council meeting and I will entertain a motion for approval.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Hoy made the motion.

President Lloyd: I apologize. Motion Councilman Hoy. All those in favor please raise your right hand. Okay, minutes approved seven to zero.

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

President Lloyd: Item B would be 1999 Budget minutes from August 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

and the final hearing September 2, 1998. Is there a motion to approve those minutes?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Is there any discussion? Did anyone see any corrections? Okay, seeing none, all those in favor please raise your right hand. Okay, seven to zero. The minutes are approved.

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

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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**A) COUNTY CLERK**

President Lloyd: Item five, Appropriation Ordinance. A, County Clerk, Child Support Supplies, Office Supplies and Maintenance. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, the first item 1010-2611 was deleted during budgets, so that needs to be set in at zero; 1010-2600 Office Supplies, if you include the prior line, the correct figure should read \$7,071; and 1010-3540 Maintenance, \$1,165 for a total of \$8,236, and I move approval.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, Mr. Raben, would you give your second line again, please, the amount?

Councilmember Raben: \$7,071.

President Lloyd: Any discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-2611	CHILD SUPPORT SUPPLIES	1,317.00	-0-
1010-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,754.00	7,071.00
1010-3540	MAINTENANCE	1,165.00	1,165.00
TOTAL		8,236.00	8,236.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**B) AUDITOR**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda, County Auditor, Computer Hardware. Is there a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move approval of 1020-3371 Computer Hardware in the amount of \$8,326 and this request was cut at budget time and we asked them to come back and file an appropriation this year, so...I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-3371	COMPUTER HARDWARE	8,326.00	8,326.00
TOTAL		8,326.00	8,326.00

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

### **C) JAIL**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be Jail, Medical and I will entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 1051-2240 in the amount of \$20,000.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

### **JAIL**

**REQUESTED      APPROVED**

1051-2240	MEDICAL	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**D) COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda, Cooperative Extension Service, Rent, and I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of 1230-3600 for the amount of \$8,727.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Last week we talked about some leverage and negotiating this rent. Do we still have that leverage with this vote or not? I thought we discussed that last week because the rent was higher than it should have been, we felt. Do we all remember that? I thought we discussed that last week.

President Lloyd: Yes, we did. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I think it was discussed and I think we almost have to do this. They still haven't come to any sort of agreement, but this is for this year so if they come to an agreement before then, it will just revert back to the county General Fund because this is for November...October, November and December.

Councilmember Hoy: I thought we were going to put in a lesser figure just so that we'd have some leverage with them, covering through maybe a couple of months and then push the negotiations.

President Lloyd: I know Mr. Ahlers is going to check into that and he is out of town this week. Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I spoke with Joe Harrison about it and there has been some give and take and this is one of the things that he said that, if I understood him right, went along with this rent but there were other situations there involved that they were going to reduce.

Councilmember Smith: I think you were talking to him at the same time. I thought we were talking to him the other day.

Councilmember Wortman: Right, like the yearly length of the contract was going to be reduced down from ten to like three years or something like that, see; all those things took place--

Councilmember Hoy: So that's -- has that been negotiated, reduce the length of --

Councilmember Wortman: --just the fine details, Mr. Hoy, the way I understand this.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I know, but I like to know what the fine details are.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I agree with you, but I think rent was a thing that --

Councilmember Hoy: Length of lease was one of those things and that has been reduced?

Councilmember Wortman: He told me to go ahead and approve the rent but the reduced length of the contract--

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other discussion on this? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Reluctant yes because I still object to rents being negotiated before they are approved by the Commissioners or this Council and I will not vote yes again on anything like this. I'll do it because I think we've gotten some leverage on this. Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-3600	RENT	8,727.00	8,727.00
TOTAL		8,727.00	8,727.00

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

President Lloyd: Let me stop for a second, this reminded me. I was remiss, our regular Council Attorney, Mr. Ahlers, is not here. In his place we have Mr. Mark McAnulty sitting in for the Council Attorney, so we appreciate you being here. And then our County Auditor is at the State Board of Accounts Auditing Conference in Indianapolis and in her place we have the Deputy Auditor, Mr. Bill Fluty, so we appreciate you being here.

Councilmember Sutton: Are you guys compensated in the capacity in which you are serving now according to how the others are compensated? No comment, huh?

President Lloyd: I think that would come back to us. Anyway, so now we've got all the players straight.

**E) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Lloyd: Let's move on to the next appropriation ordinance which would be Community Corrections and I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move 1361-2260, 1361-4230 be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion? This was another one that was from budget time, we requested it be submitted. Seeing no discussion, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Total amount \$29,900 approved seven to zero.

<b>COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1361-2260	FOOD	10,000.00	10,000.00
1361-4230	MOTOR VEHICLES	19,900.00	19,900.00
TOTAL		29,900.00	29,900.00

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

**F) DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda, Drug & Alcohol Deferral, Other Contractual, and I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move 1371-3930 be approved in the amount of \$360.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Campbell, how long is this going to last?

Bill Campbell: If you do this, the rest of this year. I'll be back in December hoping for next year.

President Lloyd: Please state your name.

Bill Campbell: Bill Campbell, Director of the Drug & Alcohol Deferral Service.

Councilmember Sutton: So --

Bill Campbell: The remainder of this year, Mr. Sutton. I'll be back in December for next year.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, maybe I am trying to get an idea -- it seems like, I guess, a rather low figure --

Bill Campbell: It's \$25 a week, \$107 a month.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I spoke -- I am liaison to his office and what Mr. Campbell is doing is he is hiring the Jobs Club from the Mental Health Center to do this work. We do that at the Food Bank --

Bill Campbell: It is appreciably lower than what other bids we received were. It was just not in the same ballpark, but they do an accountable, responsible job for other offices in county government.

Councilmember Hoy: They do the County Engineer's office and the Veteran's office, I believe, both of them.

Bill Campbell: That's correct.

President Lloyd: Any other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Okay, seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1371-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	360.00	360.00
TOTAL		360.00	360.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**G) BURDETTE PARK**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be Burdette Park and I will entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, this is another one that came before us during budgets and the park manager had agreed with cutting these from the `99 budget to allow them to complete or at least get a start this fall on these projects. So I'll move approval of 1450-4080 in the amount of \$10,000 and 1450-4110 \$12,000 for a total of \$22,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion is to approve as submitted, Mr. Raben. Second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes, total dollars \$22,000, the motion passes seven to zero.

**BURDETTE PARK  
APPROVED**

**REQUESTED**

1450-4080	POOL IMPROVEMENTS	10,000.00	10,000.00
1450-4110	LAND & IMPROVEMENTS	12,000.00	12,000.00
TOTAL		22,000.00	22,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**H) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

President Lloyd: That moves us out of the General Fund requests into Cumulative Bridge Fund and requests for Fulton Avenue Bridge. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 2030-4389 in the amount of \$750,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Okay, we discussed this last week. Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero, \$750,000 Fulton Avenue Bridge.

**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

2030-4389	FULTON AVE. BRIDGE	750,000.00	750,000.00
TOTAL		750,000.00	750,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)



**I) AUDITOR/REASSESSMENT**

President Lloyd: We'll move to Reassessment Funds. The first request is County Auditor, Computer Hardware, Office Furniture. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move 2492-1020-3371 in the amount of \$6,319 and account 2492-1020-4220 Office Furniture for the amount of \$4,500 be approved, for a total of \$10,819.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Second. I mean, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes on her second.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Fourth, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1020-3371	COMP. HARDWARE	6,319.00	6,319.00
2492-1020-4220	OFFICE FURNITURE	4,500.00	4,500.00
TOTAL		10,819.00	10,819.00

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

**J) ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP/REASSESSMENT**

President Lloyd: The other item under Reassessment Fund, Armstrong Township Assessor, Computer Hardware and Software. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 2492-1100-3371 in the amount of \$2,700 and account 2492-1100-3372 in the amount of \$1,500, for a total of \$4,200.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? Okay, this was another thing that we had requested from budget time. Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1100-3371	COMPUTER HARDWARE	2,700.00	2,700.00
2492-1100-3372	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL		4,200.00	4,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**TRANSFER REQUESTS**

**A) COUNTY CLERK**

President Lloyd: We'll move on to transfer requests and the first request is County Clerk. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I will move approval of the transfer as submitted but I do have a question.

President Lloyd: Okay, so your motion is for the whole thing?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion is to approve the transfer as outlined Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman, and then Mr. Raben had a question.

Marsha Abell: This is Marsha Abell.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, Marsha, on 1010-1990 Extra Help, I know we have two Bond & Fine Clerks that are working under Mr. Howerton. What would this money be for in your office?

Marsha Abell: That was to transfer money for those people. We ran out of money in June for those people and we're just moving money around to make sure there is enough to pay to make sure those items aren't in the red. Those people are now no longer working under my direction.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so that's to cover salary lines for those individuals that are currently working for Harris, is that --

Marsha Abell: Yes. Well, I think one of them he didn't even take, but we had -- you may remember last year you appropriated enough money to keep them on the salary through the first six months. Well, in July when we didn't have any more money in that account we just started moving money out of our regular payroll account because we had some people leave who had a lot of years, so we had some money left. Rather than coming and asking for more we just moved some down and this is just to clear all that up.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Miss Abell, sometimes I can be a little slow at things, so you're going to have to help me out here. We've got a substantial number of positions and things like that and numbers and because we've got such a significant number of positions that we're looking at here, I must admit I am quite confused about how all of this shakes out. Can you help me out?

Marsha Abell: Well, pages six, seven, eight, nine and ten were all places where we had extra money left over. For instance, Shannon Green, who had worked for us for some time, went to work for one of the judges. So when we put someone in that position where she had been, that new person didn't have as much seniority so they didn't get paid as much as Shannon Green did. So there was some money left over like in her account and we moved that money over to cover where we were missing in these Bond & Fine people because we ran out of money in there and I think, Sandie, did we run out in June in the Bond & Fine area? Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: Well see, I guess I've never seen except for maybe earlier this year when you put a request in, I've never seen this many positions affected. Do you have something that shows how all this affects maybe each position or the changes to each position if it's a change in level, you know, or something like that in terms of how this affects -- is anyone who has been there, does this increase their positions in some cases or decrease, like I said, do you have something that shows how that -- how this all affects all the people that you've got listed here?

Marsha Abell: Do you mean increase/decrease as far as COMOT level?

Councilmember Sutton: Pay-wise, level-wise...

Marsha Abell: COMOT level would have changed for someone like, for instance, the Supervisor of Child Support is no longer the Supervisor of Child Support, she was moved down to Misdemeanor and that took her from being a PAT III to either a COMOT III or COMOT IV, and I don't know off the top of my head. But she has since left the employment of the county, so that is a position that's -- these aren't actual -- these don't actually reflect people changes, they reflect balances that had money left in them. Rather than coming in July and saying, okay, I'm out of money in that Bond & Fine area, we found some money in accounts that had excess money left in them and moved it over into those accounts to cover those so that the Auditor's records would all balance out by the end of the year.

Councilmember Sutton: So all the accounts that you are transferring from are vacant? Is that what you are saying?

Marsha Abell: Not necessarily vacant, but may have had someone in them who had been there two or three years and that person left, and then we hired somebody and they are coming in on the six month level, so they don't get the same salary, so budgeted in '98 was more money than what we're going to use, so we just took some of that extra money that would be in there and moved it over into an account that was lacking in money.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, like I say, it's just a little tough to, because you're pulling from so many different areas and so many different directions, it's kind of tough to really see it all and that's really maybe what I am trying to get a --

Marsha Abell: Well, basically, what Sandra Rust did was sit down with a yellow sheet of paper and figured out how much was needed in each account to get through the end of the year without anything being in the red. And on ones where she had overage, she put how much that was going to be and on the ones she was short she put how much that was going to be, and if she needed, for instance, \$3,000 in one account, she just went back until she found \$3,000 in enough accounts to move it over which may have been more than one account because there could have been several people who, since January of last year, would have left and there was some extra money in their accounts.

Councilmember Sutton: So you don't have anything that shows that, what you are referring to there?

Marsha Abell: Well, I have this yellow sheet that she worked up that shows numbers. If you want names, some of those numbers have changed positions more than even one time. For instance, Dan Boerner was in the Election Office, was gone by the primary and we didn't fill it until about three weeks to a month ago, so there was some money in that account that could be used to go over into accounts that were lacking in money.

Councilmember Sutton: Well just maybe for future reference, if we've got this many changes at any one particular time or something like that and I wasn't here last week and I wish I would have been able to kind of share that with you, but just when we've got this many changes -- earlier this year when you, remember when you had several changes you went through and kind of put something together for me that kind of showed who was going where, where it was coming from?

Marsha Abell: This is some of those people that were moved. This is just moving the money with it now.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Well, like I said, maybe if we could have the same type of thing, that would have been real helpful, real helpful.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

President Lloyd: Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: I had one more question. So nobody is actually being demoted or increased, it's just only just getting the money in line with the positions they already hold right now, if that's the clarification -- that's the understanding that I have.

Marsha Abell: Well, the one person I just told you that was taken down from being a supervisor because she just wasn't working out as a supervisor, so we just moved her down and moved someone else up, we do have two people now that I haven't even put a change through for because they may not even be staying where they are, I have two people that do the very same job that are both going off on pregnancy leave at the same time. I am obviously going to have to move some people around to cover it and what my understanding was is that every time I move someone I had to move their number with them. But now I am not doing that because it looks like that's not what you all want me to do, so I am just not doing that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, that was just my concern earlier this year and even now, that if we're going to have significant -- a significant impact upon employees, whether they are going up or going down, I want to know what we're doing there because if we are reducing someone's pay I want to know what is happening there or if we are increasing as well, so I am just trying to get a clarification that, you know, when we're making this many changes that I am not just only doing it from a paper standpoint, like I say, we're actually affecting levels or whatever, if that is the case, which, except for what you indicate here. That doesn't appear to be the case in this situation here.

Marsha Abell: Unless two of the people that are temporary retain those positions and I don't know that they will. So we just haven't done anything with them right now.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, there has been some changes in that, Royce, and there has been 47 changes in personnel since January the 1st. When you look at the thing here you'll find that.

Marsha Abell: Well, I don't think that's true. With only 53 people I can't move 47 people around. It's not true.

President Lloyd: I mean, in some of the materials we have, there is a list of County Clerk employees as of October 1st, so I mean, if anyone is interested in any particular employee or line, I mean, you could take a look at that. Any other questions?

Marsha Abell: I guess that I thought that I was, as the officeholder and the person in charge of making sure that office runs properly, was in charge of making sure people that can do the job are in the place where they are supposed to be regardless of how many changes it might make.

President Lloyd: Right, all the people are already -- it's already been changed, so this is just allowing the money to get caught up to where they are.

Marsha Abell: Yes, I got a memo from Mr. Fluty in June saying that it was time to start moving that money around to make sure it was covered. I have a copy of it with me.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: So this is your fault, Bill?

Bill Fluty: Any time you make any changes, depending on their COMOT if they are a COMOT IV or COMOT III, you have moved them, then you also have to move the money to get in place. You set the budget in in '97, but any changes that are made late in '97 will reflect in '98, and

any changes made in personnel from different jobs, well, then you'll have to move the money.

Councilmember Sutton: So the memo, I guess, that you sent to her -- did you go through all these positions here and specifically indicate that these were the ones that will be affected or need to have the changes made or how did that take place?

Bill Fluty: We often do an available pay which shows in all offices and we'd send a memo to anybody that shows any discrepancies, you're going to get to the end of the year and you're going to be in the red, then somewhere we need to look at that and see what we need to do, and that's what we do with all offices.

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on.)

President Lloyd: Any other questions?

Councilmember Hoy: I think you've clarified this but in doing this you haven't created any more positions at higher levels in terms of the number of positions?

Marsha Abell: No, I haven't created any more positions. I have had -- there isn't a week that goes by that someone doesn't ask if they can be moved to a different job and we're trying to put people with certain talents in certain places. I have a new computer system going in, I have very few people that know how to run it. I've got to have at least one person in every department and we're just moving people, trying them out and seeing if they can work. I don't know any other way to do it. I have no other background on whether they can do the job or not but to put them in there and see how they do and if their supervisor said they don't work out, I move them out of there.

Councilmember Hoy: I am not questioning that, I am just wanting to make sure we weren't putting in --

Marsha Abell: I haven't hired a person.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Transfer passes seven to zero.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1010-1130-1010	SM CLAIMS COURT CLERK	526.00	526.00
1010-1230-1010	GARNISHEE CLERK	3,289.00	3,289.00
1010-1380-1010	DEPUTY CLERK	1,518.00	1,518.00
1010-1190-1010	SUBPOENA/SUM CLK	7,017.00	7,017.00
1010-1420-1010	MIN CALENDAR CLERK	2,622.00	2,622.00
1010-1350-1010	COUNTER CLERK	3,190.00	3,190.00
1010-1590-1010	TICKET CLERK/MISD TRAFFIC	1,976.00	1,976.00
1010-1390-1010	JUVENILE CLERK	1,973.00	1,973.00
1010-1240-1010	AST CH DEP/CHILD SUPP.	30.00	30.00
1010-1380-1010	DEPUTY CLERK	1,599.00	1,599.00
1010-1530-1010	CHILD SUPP CLERK	653.00	653.00
1010-1230-1010	GARNISHEE CLERK	16.00	16.00
1010-1350-1010	COUNTER CLERK	82.00	82.00
1010-1420-1010	MIN CALENDER CLERK	15.00	15.00
1010-1630-1010	ASST CH DEP/ELECT	37.00	37.00
1010-1560-1010	TAX WARRANT CLERK	31.00	31.00
1010-1340-1010	JUDGE CLK/ SUP CRT	43.00	43.00
1010-1250-1010	COUNTER CLERK	31.00	31.00
1010-1190-1010	SUBPOENA/SUM CLK	240.00	240.00

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TO:	1010-1360-1010	POSTING CLERK	526.00	526.00
	1010-1610-1010	ADMIN. SECRETARY	395.00	395.00
	1010-1650-1010	DEPUTY CLERK	2,894.00	2,894.00
	1010-1310-1010	COUNTER CLERK	641.00	641.00
	1010-1430-1010	DOM. & CIVIL CLERK	1.00	1.00
	1010-1550-1010	COUNTER CLERK	876.00	876.00
	1010-1150-1010	ASST CHIEF DEPUTY	4,546.00	4,546.00
	1010-1450-1010	ASST CHIEF DEP/CASH	2,160.00	2,160.00
	1010-1440-1010	BOOKKEEPING CLERK	311.00	311.00
	1010-1540-1010	ABSTRACT CLERK	277.00	277.00
	1010-1280-1010	COUNTER CLERK	1,794.00	1,794.00
	1010-1520-1010	ORDER BOOK CLERK	551.00	551.00
	1010-1160-1010	DEPUTY CLERK/SUP.	1,147.00	1,147.00
	1010-1270-1010	COUNTER CLERK	1,976.00	1,976.00
	1010-1500-1010	FEE COLLECT CLERK	67.00	67.00
	1010-1990	EXTRA HELP	6,726.00	6,726.00

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

- B) AUDITOR**
- C) COUNTY ASSESSOR**
- D) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
- E) BURDETTE PARK**
- F) WELFARE**
- G) DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN**
- H) CENTER ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**
- I) SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS (LATE TRANSFER)**

President Lloyd: The next transfer would be Auditor and I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, if no one from this body objects, I'll move that we accept the remainder of the transfers as submitted.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, a motion to approve the rest of the transfers as submitted, Mr. Raben; second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Okay, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?



Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: That's a lot of numbers to go through, yes. The rest of the transfers pass seven to zero.

<b>AUDITOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1020-2600	SUPPLIES	1,500.00	1,500.00
TO: 1020-3530	CONT. SERVICES	1,000.00	1,000.00
1020-3310	TRAINING	500.00	500.00

<b>COUNTY ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1090-1160-1090	BUS/PP DEPUTY	3,000.00	3,000.00
TO: 1090-1970	TEMP REPLACEMENT	3,000.00	3,000.00

<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1300-3130	TRAVEL	3,000.00	3,000.00
1300-3170	DEPOSITIONS	250.00	250.00
1300-3370	COMPUTERS	131.00	131.00
1300-3410	PRINTING	1,400.00	1,400.00
1300-3470	APPRAISALS	500.00	500.00
1300-3532	GARAGE REMED.	18,000.00	18,000.00
1300-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	5,000.00	5,000.00
TO: 1300-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,250.00	2,250.00
1300-2690	DEMOLITION	6,800.00	6,800.00
1300-3420	LEGAL ADVERTISING	2,000.00	2,000.00
1300-3530	CONT. SERVICES	11,231.00	11,231.00
1300-3620	COPY MACHINE LEASE	6,000.00	6,000.00

**BURDETTE PARK  
APPROVED**

**REQUESTED**

FROM: 1450-1130-1450	POOL MANAGER	1,375.00	1,375.00
1450-1180-1450	OTHER EMPLOYEES	4,025.00	4,025.00
1450-2230	GARAGE & MOTOR	500.00	500.00
1450-2300	UNIFORMS	300.00	300.00
1450-2550	SAND & GRAVEL	500.00	500.00
1450-3140	TELEPHONE	2,000.00	2,000.00
TO: 1450-1140-1450	ASST POOL MGR	650.00	650.00
1450-1160-1450	HEAD GUARD	200.00	200.00
1450-1171-1450	HEAD GUARD	525.00	525.00
1450-1170-1450	HEAD GUARD	200.00	200.00
1450-1900	FICA	3,825.00	3,825.00
1450-2100	FUEL-BUTANE	500.00	500.00
1450-2310	LAUNDRY	2,300.00	2,300.00
1450-3120	POSTAGE	500.00	500.00

**WELFARE**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

FROM: 2041-30011	AFDC	50,000.00	50,000.00
TO: 2041-30090	CHILD WELFARE SERVICES	50,000.00	50,000.00

**FAMILY & CHILDREN**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

FROM: 2042-32500	OUT OF HOME PLACEMENTS- FOSTER HOMES	195,000.00	195,000.00
TO: 2042-32600	ADOPTION SERVICES	195,000.00	195,000.00

**CENTER ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

FROM: 2492-1110-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	800.00	800.00
TO: 2492-1110-3370	COMPUTER	800.00	800.00

**LATE TRANSFER**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

FROM: 1310-1110-1310	SUPT. OF CO. BLDGS.	458.00	458.00
TO: 1310-1750	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	458.00	458.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Lloyd: We will move on down the agenda, item number seven, Amendment to Salary Ordinance, and I will turn that over to Mr. Raben, the Finance Chairman.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, there are three items today. First the County Clerk, I move to set in the salary lines as approved and as transferred today. County Assessor, set Business Personal Property Deputy and Temporary Replacement salary lines in as approved today and Burdette Park, set in Part-Time salary lines as approved in the transfers today, and that's it.

President Lloyd: Okay, amendments to Salary Ordinance by Mr. Raben. Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Wortman, any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Okay, that takes care of item seven.

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

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**A) ANIMAL SHELTER ORDINANCE**

President Lloyd: We'll move on to item number eight, old business. The first item would be item A, Animal Shelter Ordinance and this is waiting Council approval. There should be a copy of that in your packet.

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

President Lloyd: Okay, is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I think we discussed this last time. In truth, the city carries more weight on this vote anyway, 72. something percent and we get 23 and Darmstadt gets --

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on.)

Councilmember Hoy: Is it 78? I didn't think it was that high, but anyway, whatever it is, so I want to go on record, I think it's a mistake. I think it should be in the Health Department, myself, but I don't think we have any control over it.

President Lloyd: Okay, and I guess point of note, I did talk to Mr. Lahanis about it and they are already working out the staffing hours on that, so they're relieving the gentleman from the Health Department that was doing that, which is a good thing because he was working a lot of hours.

Councilmember Hoy: That part of it is fine, because the man has been underpaid for 30 years and overworked. I mean, it's criminal what he's been paid, but I still think it's a health issue. That's my only point.

President Lloyd: Anyway, they are working out the scheduling on that and covering weekends and nights, so I would, you know, hope that Council would approve this and we do need to sign it. So, we'll go ahead and have a roll call on this ordinance, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, but I also agree that it should be in the Health Department.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Ordinance passes seven to zero with the County Council.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

- B) CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE/INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION**
- C) CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE/ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

President Lloyd: We'll move on to item B, Catholic Diocese of Evansville Resolution. Okay, and you should have a copy of that resolution in your packet.

Mike Robling: Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. The resolution was adopted at the September meeting. I think it just didn't get signed. The ordinance is up for action today, the Economic Development Commission conducted a public hearing on September 15 and gave its final approval to the issuance of the first series of bonds in the amount up to three million dollars. There has been one minor change in the ordinance that -- from the ordinance that was distributed in your packets. Section 4C has been added just making reference to the bonds being designated as a qualified tax exempt obligation under the IRS code. That was recommended by Mike Schopmeyer, who is the Economic Development Commission's legal counsel. This bond issue has been authorized in a total amount not to exceed five million dollars. That was what was adopted in the inducement resolution. Currently, there -- this will give them approval to issue bonds up to three million dollars in a first series. Because of the county's own borrowing needs the balance of the year, the likely amount of that bond issue will be \$1,750,000 or slightly less than that. They will have to come back after the first of the year to get the balance of their three million dollars authorized because there may be a different bank and different terms involved for the second part of that series. There are representatives from the Diocese here if you have any questions and Mike Schopmeyer is here as the Commission's attorney.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question. This will be the second time we will have voted our bonding power?

Mike Robling: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: What does this bode for us for the future should we have to engage in an expensive bonding project? What are we down to now?

Mike Robling: Well, that is the reason that they will only be able to issue bonds up to 1.7 million dollars.

Councilmember Hoy: That's what we're down to this year?

Mike Robling: That's what we're down to this year. The Series B bonds for the Vanderburgh County Redevelopment District Tax Increment Financing Series B bond for Burkhardt Road will be an amount slightly over three million dollars. Taking that from the five that we have left, then there is about \$181,000 or so in Barrett Law financings that have been done, so that brings us down to the 1.7 million dollar figure for this year.

Mike Schopmeyer: One point of clarification --

President Lloyd: Please state your name.

Mike Schopmeyer: Mike Schopmeyer with Kahn Dees on behalf of the Economic Development Commission. This does not preclude the county in any way from issuing bonds.

Councilmember Hoy: That's my question.

Mike Schopmeyer: And I thought that was the question. Not in any way does it limit you.

These bonds are no obligation whatsoever. What it will do, if you would decide to limit more, would be limit them in their ability to sell these to banks and make them bank eligible. That would be -- so if any penalty would occur by more debt from the county or the need for that, the penalty wouldn't bear on you, it would bear on --

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I'll use the four letter J word, because I am more and more convinced we may be adding on to the jail which would be a huge bonding issue. How does this impact that bonding capacity? That's where I am going with it.

Mike Schopmeyer: That certainly is probably out of the realm of possibility for 1998. I mean, --

Councilmember Hoy: Well, we won't build it in 1998, I am sure.

Mike Schopmeyer: And I don't foresee that given this is October the 7th that there would be any possibility even with the brightest and swiftest of bond counsel that you could get that issued, so this is an annual --

Councilmember Hoy: Well, you know, Mike, you know me well, I always say the unspeakable things, but there is an F word that is f-e-d-e-r-a-l, and if we get a mandate, then, you know, on this jail, which I fear we may, that's my concern.

Councilmember Raben: I might be able to help. Mr. Fluty, correct me if I am wrong, but currently, I think our total indebtedness is like 8.7 or 8.0 million dollars is all, and if I am not mistaken, you can bond up to two percent of your total assessed valuation, correct, which is somewhere around 27 or 28 million dollars. So we have the capacity to bond up to maybe an additional 19 or 20 million.

Mike Robling: This type of bond does not impact upon the debt ceiling, the two percent debt ceiling. It impacts upon this ten million dollar annual federal tax exempt --

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, that's the question I wanted answered.

Mike Robling: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: But I am concerned that we don't, that we're careful with this.

Councilmember Wortman: It says, Mr. Chairman, it's section 4B, the '98 bonds shall never constitute an indebtedness of, or charge against the general credit or taxing power of the county. It says it right there.

Rick Hall: That's right. These bonds are payable solely from loan payments that will be made by the Diocese.

President Lloyd: Please state your name.

Rick Hall: My name is Rick Hall from Barnes & Thornburg. These bonds will be payable solely from loan payments made by the Diocese to the county and not to beat a dead horse, but the ten million dollar issue comes up because the counties have the ability, if you don't issue over ten million dollars in bonds, to designate them as bank qualified. What this is, is an incentive to banks to purchase the bonds. They're allowed to treat the interest differently on their books. It allows small issuers to place their debt more easily and because the county is right up around the ten million dollar limit, we've scaled our bond issue bank in 1998 to be under that. But it allows the Diocese to get a fantastic interest rate on these bonds. It's only 4.62% and that's for 16 years and it's prepayable any time, so it's a fantastic interest rate and they are only able to take advantage of that because of the county's willingness to issue the bonds through them.

Councilmember Raben: You know, we talked about this when this came up earlier and there were some important facts mentioned and I'd like to state them again, but these two schools have an enrollment of almost 1,500 students and when you calculate that at what the Evansville School Corporation's annual per dollar figure is per student, we're saving the school corporation roughly ten million dollars here. Although we don't govern the tax levy for the school corporation, it does reflect in the property tax, so our job as Councilmen is to protect that through the General Fund, but we also have a chance to protect it from that end also. So I think it's a good thing and I certainly support it.

President Lloyd: Sounds like a Mater Dei grad.

Councilmember Hoy: This is not up for vote again, is it, this week? We've voted on it, have we not?

President Lloyd: This is for vote.

Councilmember Hoy: For vote?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I should make my comment then, Bishop Gettelfinger is a good friend of mine, I hope he's a good friend of mine after today, but I have a real strong streak of having a big wall of separation between church and state --

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy, we need to change the tape.

**(Tape change)**

President Lloyd: Okay, please proceed.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I think it opens -- when the Bishop, when they took the first shovelful of dirt we were told here these were for classrooms, for things other than religion, and the Bishop said, well, these schools are for teaching religion. I have nothing against that, but then you have Lutheran schools, you have Evansville Christian School, you have a lot of small schools and where does it begin and end? I will offend a lot of people, but this is one of those points which I have to stick by my convictions and that is, that wall is real tall for me not only for my current United Church of Christ affiliation but from my staunch Southern Baptist background. I just can't vote yes.

Councilmember Wortman: I'd like to make a motion we approve this ordinance.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Wortman, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I am going to vote yes because I think it's for a good purpose. I do have a problem with bond issues that's not in a distressed area, but this is altogether a different circumstance and I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Raben, I think some people at EVSC probably would disagree with maybe your assessment of how this benefits the School Corporation, but yes, I am going to go ahead and vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: I am going to vote yes. I appreciate the job that the Diocese is doing and the high schools are doing a good job, too. Thank you. So it's six to one, approve the ordinance and, Councilmembers, be sure and sign it as it goes around. Thank you very much.

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)**

#### **D) DRAFT OF PROPOSED COUNCIL RULES AND GUIDELINES**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda, Draft of Proposed Council Rules was discussed at the Personnel & Finance and you should have a copy of those and we're going to get that in a final form for voting at a later date.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A) AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ZONE/INVENTORY TAX CREDIT RESOLUTION**

President Lloyd: We'll move on to number nine, New Business. The first item A, Airport Development Zone Inventory Tax Credit Resolution. Could we have Mr. Robling?

Mike Robling: Yes, I have for you today a resolution to establish standards and procedures for implementing the Airport Development Zone, enterprise zone, inventory tax credit. The memo that I sent you explained the Airport Development Zone and how it came about for Vanderburgh County. Because this is an Economic Development activity I took it upon myself to assume that the Department of Metropolitan Development would be the logical entity to work with these businesses and get this paperwork through both the City and the County Councils. At this time there have been two businesses that have stepped forward to apply for ADZ status and one of those has already been approved by the Airport Authority Board and the other one is scheduled to go before the Airport Board next week. Are there any questions about the Airport Development Zone or the standards and procedures resolution?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion that we approve the ADZ.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion Mr. Wortman, second Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion?



Councilmember Raben: I have a question. Mike, I think you gave a reason for the involvement, but what was your recommendation?

Mike Robling: I recommend that you approve it.

Councilmember Hoy: How does this -- I know I have read this but explain how this -- who this will benefit and how it will benefit.

Mike Robling: It will benefit the overall economy of Vanderburgh County because it requires that...it only applies to businesses that invest at least two million dollars and create new jobs or businesses that invest at least a half a million dollars and are located on airport property. It is an incentive to a lot of businesses who have inventory. Indiana is one of the few states that has an inventory tax and that inventory tax puts us at a disadvantage in competing with other sites. The two businesses that have already applied for ADZ status were both looking at sites in states that did not have inventory taxes and --

Councilmember Hoy: Does this have any kind of negative impact on any other taxes like, such as property tax or anything?

Mike Robling: Well, the inventory tax is a part of the total overall property tax picture. Before this -- before any individual project is approved -- it's a multi-step approval process. The Airport Authority has to do a preliminary approval similar to tax abatement. They have to have a tax impact statement prepared which has to be distributed to all the taxing units that would be affected and then they have to conduct a public hearing concerning the designation before they would take final action on it. The executive of the unit, be it the Commissioners or the Mayor, has to approve the project before it goes to the confirming stage at the Airport Authority. And then after the designation has been done, the fiscal body, being you or the City Council, has to actually approve the tax credits for each specific project. So the information from those tax impact statements will be available for everyone as a part of that a review and approval process.

Councilmember Hoy: What will be the -- there is a limited amount of space, then, that can be used, is that correct?

Mike Robling: Right, the law allows the designation of up to three square miles. The law does not specifically refer to it, but as a part of the negotiation process that got it through the 1997 General Assembly there was an informal agreement that outlined an 11 square mile area within which that three square miles had to be selected. The Airport Authority has adopted a resolution setting the limits of that 11 square mile area.

Councilmember Hoy: Three square miles is what you can designate --

Mike Robling: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: And that has to be within --

Mike Robling: Within the larger area which I believe is about 11 square miles.

Councilmember Sutton: Can that cross over the enterprise zone boundary?

Mike Robling: I believe that it excludes the enterprise zone.

Councilmember Sutton: Because I am looking at this map and how it kind of doesn't exactly take a square mile radius around this, it kind of snakes around --

Mike Robling: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: -- why is that?

Mike Robling: In part, I know it goes up to the northeast so that it would include the Phoenix Commerce Center as a potential area for a business to be attracted into the zone.

Councilmember Hoy: It does have to be contiguous to the airport, correct?

Mike Robling: No, it doesn't.

Councilmember Hoy: It does not?

Mike Robling: No.

Councilmember Hoy: It can be anywhere in the county?

Mike Robling: Theoretically it can be anywhere in the county, but it --

Councilmember Hoy: But it's not.

Mike Robling: -- right now, according to the negotiations that went forth with some local leaders and local Legislatures, that 11 square mile area that you got a map in your packets that identifies that area, has to be within that area.

Councilmember Sutton: How come this didn't go further up 41?

Mike Robling: I have no idea. I was not involved in that part of the process.

Councilmember Sutton: Because it really cuts off pretty short. I mean, it goes and heads out toward -- more toward the east toward the Daylight area, but when you look at in terms of the ability to go in that three mile square radius, it doesn't really stretch very far to really take in maybe some possible benefits that might be accrued along the 41 North corridor.

Mike Robling: I have no idea. I was not involved in those negotiations.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I was always puzzled by the enterprise zone boundaries and how they have those kind of stretched in various configurations.

Mike Robling: The enterprise zone had some very specific population requirements and when the enterprise zone was initially designated, we were like 18 people below the maximum that was allowed and we had to carve that very carefully based on block groups and so forth.

Councilmember Hoy: Is -- tell me, it looks like this bottom boundary is -- butts up against the enterprise zone however --

Mike Robling: It does.

Councilmember Hoy: It does?

Mike Robling: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: We've covered this before, Mr. Robling, and you have told us that when we are promised these jobs, etc., sometimes it's hard for your department to have enough manpower or woman power to check out these things. Is that still the case?

Mike Robling: The responsibility for monitoring this process theoretically belongs to the Airport Authority Board. Because it involves the enterprise zone tax credit, which is currently being administered by the Evansville Urban Enterprise Association, the Airport Authority has

contracted with the enterprise zone to carry out the compliance aspects of the process and there are some specific forms that have to be filed with the State Board of Tax Commissioner, approved forms that have to be filed annually regarding that, and there is the possibility that the tax credit can be disallowed at any given year for failure to comply. The businesses are also required to reinvest a certain amount of funds back into the zone through investment in their businesses and also as a payment to, what in this case would be the enterprise zone, who will then have the resources to administer the compliance phase --

Councilmember Hoy: So they -- someone else is going to administer this rather than your department? Well, that's an unfair question to ask you if you feel they have the manpower to monitor this.

Mike Robling: It's a much more official process than the tax abatement process because it -- those tax credits don't get granted if those forms aren't approved and if -- I know I was at the state enterprise zone meeting last month concerning the renewal of our local zone and they had to act on a number of reinstatements for businesses who had missed the filing deadline by a day, so they take it fairly seriously.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, are these -- one last question I've got. Qualified airport development project, you've kind of laid out what meets that qualification standard, does the business, the entity, in some way or another have to be affiliated with functions or whatever is going on at the airport or does it just simply have to be within this zone totally unrelated to what --

Mike Robling: Really totally unrelated to the airport. The airport was just a methodology for the legislature to create the additional economic development incentive for Vanderburgh County and that has been available in several other counties for a number of years.

Councilmember Sutton: And the body that is responsible for monitoring this particular process will be this body and you say the City Council?

Mike Robling: Well no, you have to actually approve the tax credits after the project has been designated. After that, after the fact, they are required just to submit an annual form from the State Board of Tax Commissioners approved form to actually get the tax credit each year and that form is technically to be submitted to the Airport Authority, who is the official body to administer this in Vanderburgh County but they have contracted with the enterprise zone to carry out that function because they are doing that already for the enterprise zone and it's --

Councilmember Sutton: What do they get out of this? I mean, the airport, for putting up with the trouble of all this? I mean, --

Mike Robling: There is the fee that is required to be paid by business on an annual basis out of the savings that they realize from the tax credit.

Councilmember Sutton: And that fee is how much?

Mike Robling: I don't know specifically. They are required to reinvest like 25% of their savings annually but that can be actually reinvestment in their businesses or their employees, but there is some specific fee structure set out that -- some minimum fee that they do have to pay as a part of that.

Councilmember Sutton: So I guess I am under the assumption -- I did say one more question about three questions ago, so I guess I am under the assumption that they have already put together some preliminary calculations of what they assume, what they expect to take in revenue wise based upon this fee --

Mike Robling: The fee structure is already established.

(Inaudible -- Councilman Sutton and Mike Robling speaking at same time)

Mike Robling: The fee structure is established and I really don't know what that is because that is an enterprise zone fee structure.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm not talking about the airport. They projected how much --

Mike Robling: The airport has no idea how many industries may come forward. At this time there have been two and those are the only two that I am aware of in the immediate future, but I have no idea what that number might be.

President Lloyd: Any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: There's really no way at this point because we don't know who is going to apply to use this zone, correct?

Mike Robling: Right. I mean, I can tell you the first two applicants are Anchor Industries and Scot Lad Foods. One in the city and one in the county.

Councilmember Hoy: Do we have any projection on the tax loss on those?

Mike Robling: That is the function of that tax impact statement that will be prepared and Harding Shymanski has been engaged to prepare the first one of those.

Councilmember Hoy: If we approve this today, we're not approving those two businesses, we'd still have to review those? Is that correct?

Mike Robling: All you are approving today is the procedure outlined in this resolution that allows me to collect the \$100 fee and do the paperwork and get the papers from the airport's board, through the steps for your approval.

Councilmember Raben: Mike, I was thinking Scot Lad was in the enterprise zone.

Mike Robling: No, they're not.

Councilmember Hoy: They're north of Lynch Road.

Mike Robling: The enterprise zone goes north of Lynch Road only to include the Robur property, which was formerly Dometic, which was formerly Zenith.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so they are right on the line then, aren't they?

Mike Robling: Right, they are not in the enterprise zone.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion we approve the inventory tax credit resolution.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion Councilman Wortman, second Mrs. Smith. The only comments I'd have on this, I know Representative Hassler was the one that was instrumental in getting this through. Right now there is no tax revenue on any properties out there because there aren't any, so this is an inducement to try to get business to build in this area and then the economic benefit would be the jobs and hopefully trade and transport through the airport, so they had to take an act to the state legislature to do that. I mean, it looks like a good

resolution to me. Madam Secretary, we'll have a roll call vote on the resolution, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Resolution passes six to one. Hoy opposed.

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)**

**B) ANCHOR INDUSTRIES/PRELIMINARY TAX ABATEMENT RESOLUTION**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be Anchor Industries, Preliminary Tax Abatement Resolution. We have Mr. Robling again.

Mike Robling: Today you have a preliminary tax abatement resolution for Anchor Industries. They are proposing to construct a 60,000 square foot building on their property that abuts Highway 41 and they will be doing some remodeling of their building that faces Burch Drive. They are looking at an investment of two million dollars in real estate improvements and around \$225,000 in new equipment for this facility. They plan to hire 40 people upon completion with an annual salary of \$676,000. They will be retaining from 350 to 450 jobs, full-time jobs and five seasonal jobs, with a current annual payroll of 11.9 million dollars. The Department does recommend your approval of this tax abatement. It is for both real estate and new manufacturing equipment.

President Lloyd: Any questions or comments? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I would say it would be a good thing. It's a local company and I think they deserve this, so I'd like to make a motion that we approve that.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion on approval of the tax abatement Councilman Wortman, second Mr. Raben. Discussion, questions? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Robling, this -- how does this qualify under tax abatement? It's not a distressed area, so how does it qualify?

Mike Robling: It allows the company to expand, continuing to remain competitive, maintaining local jobs that might go elsewhere. The company does have locations in Florida where they could just as easily have carried out this expansion. Florida doesn't have an inventory tax, either.

Councilmember Hoy: They don't have what?

Mike Robling: Florida doesn't have an inventory tax.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Robling, what is the length of this abatement request?

Mike Robling: The length would be ten years for both.

Councilmember Hoy: But the headquarters are here. This is --

Mike Robling: Right, yeah.

President Lloyd: We have some representatives from Anchor Industries here if anyone has any questions for them.

Councilmember Hoy: The benefits are explained in here, right?

Mike Robling: Yes, they are spelled out in the yellow application.

Councilmember Hoy: That's health insurance? Is that correct? I have a question. The health insurance, Mr. Robling, who pays for that? Is that paid for by the company?

Mike Robling: I will have to ask someone from the company. Just a minute.

President Lloyd: Please state your name.

Mike Elliott: I am Mike Elliott, I am the controller. For single coverage only, the company bears the cost of that. For family coverage there is a charge to the employee for family coverage.

Councilmember Hoy: And your average, according to number seven here, hourly wage for the projected new employees is \$8.13 an hour?

Mike Elliott: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: There will be some under that and some over that?

Mike Elliott: That's correct.

Councilmember Sutton: What kind of positions --

Councilmember Hoy: I uh --

Councilmember Sutton: Go ahead.

President Lloyd: Let's let Mr. Hoy finish.

Councilmember Hoy: That's why I have problems. You may or may not know it, I am the Director of the Tri-State Food Bank and I did a study for my board of directors. An eight dollar

an hour job with the normal taxes taken out for two people if it's a couple, with full health insurance on both of them, after rent and everything else leaves them about \$100 bucks a week before food, gas, clothing, and I have problems with granting an abatement at that level, I have to be honest with you.

Mike Elliott: Okay, That is an average of a range and that's the --

Councilmember Hoy: And I know that that's close to what a lot of places pay here, I understand that. Since we are plastic valley, we call it the plastics level.

Mike Elliott: And, of course, the \$8.13, that does not include the cost of fringe benefits. That is just a base pay.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that.

Mike Elliott: But there are fringe benefits on top of that as well.

Councilmember Hoy: And I also have problems with it because I pay more than that at the Food Bank and we pay full health insurance for the whole family.

Mike Elliott: I understand.

Councilmember Sutton: So what type of positions are we talking about here? Are we talking production, professional, administrative assistant type? What kind of positions are you generally referring to here in the new employees that you will take on as a result of this whole new development?

Mike Elliott: The first year jobs that we are projecting are principally production, of course there are some supervisors in there as well, but the bulk of those are production workers, manufacturing positions.

Councilmember Sutton: How do you generally get your workers, your production workers? What do you do to -- how do you guys...

Mike Elliott: We're generally advertising in the paper. I also might add, there are probably other things that we do as well, I am not in charge of HR, and I am sure there are other things we do as well, but I do know one method that we do use is advertise in the papers.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just going to call for the question, but I know a lot of people, they come to me every day wanting a job in my business and in my businesses in the past. And paying \$8.00 plus, plus benefits, is better than nothing. So I appreciate it what you're trying to do.

Councilmember Sutton: One last question, this is kind of more so for Mr. Robling. Based upon what set of factors did we determine that this was an economically distressed area?

Mike Robling: The need to -- for the business to remain competitive, primarily and to retain the existing jobs.

Councilmember Sutton: The area not the business.

Mike Robling: There are several -- there's two different definitions of the law and one of those is the competitiveness factor and a project like this is based upon the economic viability of the

company remaining viable and retaining jobs in the community.

Councilmember Sutton: Who are your competitors? Your local...

Mike Elliott: David? Locally I am not sure who our competitors are.

President Lloyd: Please state your name for the record.

David Macarthur: My name is David Macarthur. In terms of local competitors we have few. We have several local customers, however, in terms of manufacturing we have none that I can think of in Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Sutton: Maybe broaden it out a little bit then, farther than Vanderburgh County, say this tri-state area.

David Macarthur: We do have several competitors in the tri-state. We have competitors in Indianapolis, Illinois, we have several. Mostly they are smaller manufacturers than Anchor.

Councilmember Sutton: So if I were to pick up one of their annual reports and look at where they are, their economy is on a scale, would I find you guys in the middle of the heap or bottom or top? Where would I find you guys?

David Macarthur: In terms of size?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

David Macarthur: Sir, we are probably one of the larger manufacturing firms of canvas products in the United States.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Just one question, when you were proposing this project did you look at other locations besides this one? I am just curious.

David Macarthur: Yes, we did, sir. Florida.

President Lloyd: Do you already have a plant down there?

David Macarthur: Yes, we do.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions? Okay --

Councilmember Sutton: If you --

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: One last question. If you didn't get this tax abatement, where would this put you?

David Macarthur: We are still considering our Florida operation as a possibility.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Okay, Madam Secretary, roll call vote on the tax abatement please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Well, I've always voted no on these, but I feel like Councilman



Bassemier. Eight dollars an hour is not that bad especially if you pay insurance and I'd hate to lose the company since they are here already and have made a good name for themselves. I am going to go ahead and vote for it.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I know this company and they do have a good record. I would like to see more diversity on their staff, I might add, but I think we need to support the local businesses. We talked about the new businesses that are coming in quite often and kind of get lost in the shuffle are the ones that have been providing jobs, houses and homes, and other opportunities for this community. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, and good luck to you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I am going to do my usual because I am still not seeing incentives for doing brown fields inside the city where there is lots of land available that's not being used and I have problems with the wage scale so I am going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: I am going to vote yes and I think Anchor is a good corporate citizen, you guys do a good job for us and we appreciate it, and good luck on your project.

David Macarthur: Thank you all.

President Lloyd: Passes six to one, Hoy opposed.

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)**

**C) APPROVAL OF CORRECTED JOB DESCRIPTION TITLES FOR 1999 BUDGET**

President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda, approval of corrected job description titles for 1999 budget. I believe that is the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: You were given these corrections last week and I had stated to take your time to look over them. It looks like this and I will move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, on the -- and I know this had come up before in budget where we had job titles that didn't match what was in the budget book, so this is supposed to take care of that. We got a motion by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Wortman. Okay, seeing none, all those in favor please raise your hand. Okay, passes seven to zero.

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

- D) AMENDMENT TO 1999 SALARY ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES FOR UNION MEMBERS NOT PARTICIPATING IN PERF AT 3%**
- E) SET DECEMBER 1, 1998 CUTOFF DATE FOR AMENDED 1999 SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Lloyd: Item D is amendment to 1999 Salary Ordinance regarding union personnel PERF. I am going to turn that over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. Chairman, we have items C, D, and E. I move to approve the job description title corrections and additions and deletions as listed on the four pages given to the Councilmembers today, October the 7th, 1998 --

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Raben: -- item D--

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, I thought you were offering a motion there.

Councilmember Raben: No. Item D, uh -- okay, move to amend the 1999 Salary Ordinance and set in the 1999 salaries for non-union members not participating in PERF should be set in at three percent increase on their gross. The county will pay the PERF for all other remaining non-union or remaining union members and they will not receive the three percent increase on their salary for `99. And then item E is move to set a December 1st 1998 as the cutoff date for amended 1999 salary ordinance. All changes occurring after December 1st will not be listed in the amended salary ordinance to be presented to the Council during the January of `99 meeting. With that, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion on items D and E, Mr. Raben; second, Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Okay, it passes seven to zero.

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

- F) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUNDS FOR WEST SIDE ROADS AND FULTON AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECTS**

President Lloyd: We'll move to item F, resolution. I am going to turn that over to Mr. Raben since he was the author.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last week we had a discussion about the COIT money that is coming back to the city and the county from the state which this was a glitch in the state's computer that left us with an early Christmas gift and the county's portion of it is \$612,000. It is my recommendation that we earmark these monies to be used as additional funds that may be needed for the Fulton Avenue Bridge project or to master plan and do whatever else is needed to get the wheels in motion for the new development area on the west side in the area of Highway 62 and Red Bank and Boehne Camp Road. With that, our Council Attorney, Jeff Ahlers, drew up a resolution that was given to each member last Wednesday and at this time I'd like to move approval of that resolution.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay motion on the resolution Mr. Raben, second Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? In the resolution I am assuming, Mr. Raben, this is to be kept open because last week we discussed a particular intersection, that of Red Bank and the Lloyd, but this simply says west side roads and Fulton Bridge project. So actually, that could go -- it probably should read west side roads unless you are going to specify (Inaudible) -- specification on here.

Councilmember Raben: And we can go on record as saying west side roads.

Councilmember Hoy: You just want to designate it geographically then.

Councilmember Raben: For that area, right. You know, looking back, I guess this Council was maybe second guessed for doing too little, too late in the area of Burkhardt, for instance, and what happens in an area like this or what I see happens is from the time you start discussion, through the negotiations and planning stages, what was is now ten times bigger. So I'd like to have a jump on it and that's why I am asking for this request and none of these funds can be spent without your approval. You'll still have to appropriate them. We're not giving anybody a check for anything, we're just stating that this money is earmarked for these projects. Don't touch it. When you have a real need for it for those two developments, come and see us and we'll make an appropriation for it. So again, I would appreciate the support in seeing this through.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Raben, aren't we moving -- I know we are quite excited about these funds that we've gotten. I think we all are happy to see these type of things come through and wish they would come through a lot more often. But we've got the Evansville Urban Transportation Study that does an excellent job and they lay out a prioritized list. In fact, we all probably just got a prioritized list of the different roads throughout our area that have a high priority and the Fulton Avenue Bridge project is obviously something we've had a great deal of discussion on and have been unable to get enough of the funding in place to really complete that project and get that rolling to our satisfaction and really gain the attention from the state on that particular project.

President Lloyd: Mr. Sutton, we need to change the tape, excuse me.

**(Tape change)**

President Lloyd: Okay, we're rolling again.

Councilmember Sutton: So like I say, I think that is a major issue, that Fulton Avenue Bridge, but the other area for us to just broadly say west side roads, it seems to me to be awful vague in terms of trying to designate specific areas where we want to use these funds. Like I say, if you look at the EUTS study, it's going to give specific corridors, specific areas where we're going to designate that money. Earlier when Mr. Robling was talking about that Airport Development Zone Area, I questioned him on the lack of having that extend up the 41 corridor for a specific reason. That is, there is a lot of growth and a lot of activity taking -- we've even talked, had discussions here on this Council about the need to have frontage roads all along that area and we've made some progress in that area, we've gotten some assistance with the progress we've made in that area. I think that's an area of need. We talked about frontage roads, we just haven't really had much of that in this community and some of the things that are occurring in certain areas of the west side right now, some of the things are proposed, some of the things are underway, but for us to just say we're going to designate a certain amount of funds for west side roads, I think that really makes it awful vague and very general. As so, bringing a resolution before us, I think we might be a little premature just by saying it in that particular way and we're awful general in that respect. Not to say that there isn't a need, but I think if you look along, like I say, the priority list, we're not going to find anything that stacks up along that line. So that's maybe what I am trying to say here. Maybe we can give a chance, give ourselves a chance to look at this before we begin to commit ourselves to find a course of action so hastily.

Councilmember Raben: Again, that's what makes this such an easy resolution to support is because it is somewhat vague. We are just asking that the money be earmarked for that area. It's kind of hard to actually pinpoint until development actually is further along than it is. I know the developer is working with the state on traffic signals and location of curb cuts and whatnot. I spoke with Barbara Cunningham with the Area Plan and she said that they're working, I guess, with EUTS. There is an access road that would be on the east, excuse me, the southeast corner of Red Bank and 62 where there is a frontage road that runs east and west. And that frontage road has a big kink in it at the end. And that would be right there at Taco Bell. So there may be a new entrance in and out of that frontage road, there is the curve that would be south of that intersection that is a dangerous curve where there is going to be a lot of traffic coming in and out of this development. I really, personally, I don't think it's in our best interest to say it is going to any one given area, we just know we're going to need funds available for that entire area. Again, we're not saying that after today this money is given to someone else and we're at their mercy. This money is not going anywhere, it will remain in the General Fund. We're just saying hands off. We know we've got a problem that exists out there and before it gets to be too much of a beast, we want to be able to address it.

Councilmember Sutton: How does this not commit us to a course of action if we say we're going to designate a source of funds for a particular -- how does it not designate us to that use for those funds?

Councilmember Raben: It is designating what we want it used for, but it's -- we're not stipulating that it must be used for this southeast corner or whatnot. You know, when the planning and design goes into effect, when right-of-ways need to be purchased, we're currently using our STP funds on the Fulton Avenue Bridge. This frees up money. This allows us money that we're using there. This would allow us to purchase right-of-ways for this project. Again, we're not giving it away. We're just saying hands off.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, just my points are, I think we need to utilize the resources we've got out there. EUTS spends a lot of time and money studying and evaluating all this, so I think we should really stick kind of close to them and working with them on this. I know that Fulton Avenue project is definitely a high priority with that, and then I don't know if we've gotten any discussion back from any or feedback from any other sources about the use of these funds even though we're going to ultimately make our fiscal decision as to what our responsibility -- you know, we haven't really gained any decision. And then the last and most important point is, you know, something that we saw very evident in the Burkhardt Road area and that is what the developers will bring to the table. I think we've pretty much, we've been burned in enough situations where I think the Commissioners are strongly committed to getting the developers in a particular area to do as much as they possibly can to make transportation and traffic flow smoothly in an area. So if we're going to commit the funds up -- so I don't know if we are sitting back and allowing the developers, really getting them off the hook by doing this.

Councilmember Raben: And fortunately, we are dealing with a developer that is interested in doing just that. He's already made the commitment to the state to buy traffic signals. He will put in all the curb cuts, he's even addressed up to the intersections, turning lanes, I mean, he's doing exactly that. He's putting in his own frontage road. That's something we didn't have at Burkhardt. This guy is doing that. He's doing just what you're asking. But then we'll have to carry it one step further once the traffic leaves his facility or once they get through that intersection, at some point the Council is going to have to address those traffic needs.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I just think we're maybe a little bit ahead of ourselves, maybe, on this.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

Councilmember Sutton: Just a little bit ahead of ourselves.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, and that's what I feel, too. I know last week my vote was interpreted as being against the west side. I'm not. I am a Councilman-At-Large. It puts me in a strange bind as Councilman-At-Large. You know, in fact, I am one of the Councilmen who voted against Burkhardt Road and east side development. My problem with this whole issue is that when you talk about that specific intersection of the highway with Red Bank is that we've already lost the ball game there. I mean, and here we're talking about putting up curbs and traffic lights, meanwhile we are not going to reach attainment with the EPA with our air and the worst polluter is my car and yours and everybody else's. You know, we do more damage and so we're going to be sitting at traffic lights and I see this problem as originating far earlier than when it gets to our desk and that really bothers me because I don't think we do planning, frankly. I do not think that we do adequate or good planning in this county for roads and for the environment or for anything else like that and you drive out -- I went to see my kids this past weekend. I went out 41 and I swear, there is another traffic light on 41. I mean, there is no planning. We talk about planning and I know this is turning into a sermon, Mr. Sutton, but you know, this is always -- this is after the fact. And now that Fulton Street Bridge is a live project that has only been on the boards 25 years, I think it's time to finish that one.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Raben, did you give some consideration to the US 41 north corridor?

Councilmember Raben: The US 41 north corridor?

Councilmember Sutton: Just, you know, we've been working up there and Commissioner Mourdock even came up here as recent as probably about three months ago and talked about how important that area was and what we wanted to do to try to improve transportation up there obviously with Toyota and the spinoff things that are happening there. That's obviously a key area for development and there isn't much that has been done there with the exception of things here of recent. Did we give some consideration there?

Councilmember Raben: Other than the fact, I am not in charge of overseeing projects for Gibson County. I --

Councilmember Sutton: No, I am talking about Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well Toyota is in Gibson County.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, all the businesses for Toyota aren't, that spinoff from Toyota aren't in Gibson County.

Councilmember Raben: And someday that may be a problem. I mean, right now it's not. We've got I-64 and we've got 41. Those are roads that are set up to handle large amounts of traffic. But Boehne Camp Road was designed, was probably an old horse and buggy trail a hundred years ago that has since been asphalted and the same goes for Red Bank. So, you know, you're talking about two different situations, totally different situations.

Councilmember Sutton: We just had a business even here today we approved a tax abatement for.

Councilmember Hoy: And we approved the Airport Zone which is all out there, too, and when I got, I mean, the two places where I got hung up the most on this trip were Terre Haute and Evansville because...I don't know, I didn't even see that new traffic light out on 41 until this trip and it seems like every time I go out there there's another one. I would like to see us earmark this for infrastructure. I have no problem with that...and I know what you're talking about on those roads, Mr. Raben, because I have a daughter and son-in-law who have lived out there. But if you straighten out Red Bank, and I think it's Red Bank, you're going to make a lot of

homeowners mad who have nice houses out there because you're going to have to move them to straighten the road out. I mean, I agree we have major problems because we're moving from a whole different era into an era where people want to drive a lot and do. I don't think there is a simple solution.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith and then Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Smith: A resolution is exactly what it says. It's not an ordinance. So this money can be changed if this Council decides to change it because a resolution is just a request. So it can be changed any time we get ready to change it if something comes up. I think probably this just ties it up, but we can always change that and like you said, we represent the whole city, so it's kind of hard and I realize that the west side has got some problems, but there was no planning that went into that when they started that project out there. So if we're worried about it, we still can bring it out and redesignate it somewhere else because it's just a request.

President Lloyd: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, that's all I was going to say. Betty covered it. I call for the question.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I have one more question and that is, are we going to -- are we putting the Fulton Bridge as the first priority? Because if we get in the middle of that project and run out of money, is that a fair consideration?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I think we have to -- right, again, this Council will have the ultimate say so on that. But sure, I think you have to complete one before you worry about the other.

President Lloyd: Okay, a couple comments by me. I had voted against it last week because I just had some questions and I checked with the Auditor and the state has no problem with designating this money and then also the Commissioners are in favor of this. If you look in your book from EUTS, we've got some west side projects on the top of the list. You've got St. Joe Avenue, Illinois Street to Diamond Avenue. You also have Eickhoff/Koressel Road section. You also have Fulton Avenue phase IV to Meyer Avenue and also Eickhoff/Koressel Road section B. So there are quite a number of projects, some of those would also have state money but it looks like a good use of the funds, a good designation. You know, we're talking about infrastructure and better roads and the Commissioners are the ones that really direct the projects and they are comfortable with this so I am, too. So I just wanted to point that out to you all. Any other comments?

Councilmember Sutton: Where does the west side begin?

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Sutton: When you are saying west side here, what does that mean?

Councilmember Hoy: If you are a member of the Nut Club, it's Pigeon Creek.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, since Jim has put together the resolution, I guess, I am trying to get -- where does that begin or what is your...

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on) -- I don't know if there are true boundaries for that.

Councilmember Smith: Across the creek.

Councilmember Raben: Pigeon Creek, there you go.

President Lloyd: Alright, we'll go ahead and have a roll call vote on --

Councilmember Raben: But I guess the east and the west have to meet somewhere down the middle, so maybe 41, I don't know.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Bassemier: That's what I was thinking, Jim. Anything west of Fulton Avenue, that's what I was --

Councilmember Smith: That's what I was always --

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah.

President Lloyd: Is there a true --

Councilmember Bassemier: That's what I thought we were talking --

Councilmember Hoy: This resolution is going to be full of imprecision --

Councilmember Smith: They extended the sixth ward over to part of First Avenue but it always used to be Fulton Avenue and then back.

Councilmember Hoy: I'd like to see it be the road that is nearest my kid's subdivision. They live on the west side. This is really getting imprecise here --

President Lloyd: Yeah, this is a resolution --

Councilmember Hoy: -- is that, and I think the resolution is imprecise and that bothers me a great deal. I --

Councilmember Sutton: Can't we say county road improvements? Just something like that?

President Lloyd: Okay, we've had a call for the question. We will go ahead and have the vote --

Councilmember Sutton: Jeez.

President Lloyd: -- Madam Secretary, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think the, like I say, the Fulton Avenue Bridge is an extremely important project but I just would like to see us be a little bit more specific and I think I've made my points pretty clear in our discussions here. But I am going to go ahead and vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The resolution passes five to two.

**(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Sutton and Hoy opposed)**

President Lloyd: The only other thing we have for business is Mrs. Deig has informed me that she has keys to our desk drawers so if you would stay, she can hand you your set of keys.

Councilmember Hoy: Are we going to get the P A fixed, too?

Sandie Deig: You can keep these, however, there is \$5.00 charge for replacement. That is according to the Building Authority.

President Lloyd: I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Lloyd: The Vanderburgh County Council is adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.)**

## VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Vice President Curt Wortman

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy



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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 4, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of November, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

President Lloyd: I'd like to call to order the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council November 4th, 1998. Madam Secretary, could we have the attendance roll call, please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Lloyd	X	

President Lloyd: I'll ask everyone to please stand and we'll have the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 1998</b>
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President Lloyd: The next item on our agenda, number four, approval of the minutes from our October 7th meeting, and I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben and second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion on the minutes? Seeing none, all those in favor please raise your right hand. Okay, minutes approved seven to zero.

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

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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**A) JAIL**

President Lloyd: Next we'll move on to item five, Appropriation Ordinance. The first item would be Jail/Medical.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval for Jail/Medical in the amount of \$20,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1051-2240	MEDICAL	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>

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

**B) CORONER**

President Lloyd: Item B, Coroner.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that 1070-2230, 1070-3640 be approved as listed, 1070-3650 Autopsies be set in at \$40,000, for a total of \$52,146.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>CORONER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1070-2230	GARAGE/MOTOR	1,146.00	1,146.00
1070-3640	DIAGNOSTICS	11,000.00	11,000.00
1070-3650	AUTOPSIES	50,000.00	40,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>62,146.00</b>	<b>52,146.00</b>

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

**C) PROSECUTOR**

President Lloyd: The next item C, Prosecutor. I'll take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that 1080-3901 be set in at \$8,000.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-3901	WITNESS FEES	8,000.00	8,000.00
TOTAL		8,000.00	8,000.00

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

#### **D) AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

President Lloyd: The next item is Area Plan Commission. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 1240-3610 be approved as submitted.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**E) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Lloyd: The next item is item E, County Commissioners, and I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 1300-1930 be set in at \$5,000, 1300-3280 for \$6,000 and 1300-3210 \$17,500, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, what was the total dollars on that?

Councilmember Raben: Hold on, I can tally it up.

Councilmember Raben: \$28,500.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, was it Mr. Bassemier second?

Teri Lukeman: Yes.

President Lloyd: Any discussion? Okay, we discussed this last week. Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1930	UNEMPLOYMENT	10,000.00	5,000.00
1300-3280	EXAM. OF RECORDS	4,914.00	6,000.00
1300-3210	EMERGENCY MGMT.	17,500.00	17,500.00
TOTAL		32,414.00	28,500.00

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

**F) SUPERIOR COURT**

President Lloyd: The next item would be item F, Superior Court/Office Supplies. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 1370-2600 be set in at \$4,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben and second Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOTAL		4,000.00	4,000.00

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

**G) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

President Lloyd: We'll move out of the General Fund and into Cumulative Bridge Fund/Broadway Avenue Bridge. I'll entertain a motion on that.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 2030-4383 in the amount of \$85,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Steering more road money to the west side, yes. Motion passes seven to zero.

<b>CUMULATIVE BRIDGE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2030-4383	BROADWAY AVE BR #272	85,000.00	85,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>85,000.00</b>	<b>85,000.00</b>

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

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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President Lloyd: We'll move on to Transfer Requests.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, there are several requests today. Before I take them as one lump I will ask if there are any questions on any of them or does anybody object to including all the transfers in one motion?

President Lloyd: Let's give the Councilmembers a minute to double check those.

Councilmember Raben: This is typical of late in the year. Our agenda fills up with transfers.



Is everyone comfortable with them?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I am.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that all transfers be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: That was a close one. I believe Mrs. Smith jumped in there on the second. Any other discussion on all of the transfers? Okay, seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. All the transfers pass seven to zero.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1050-1130-0057	CORPORAL	1,454.00	1,454.00
TO: 1050-1130-0005	LIEUTENANT	16.00	16.00
1050-1130-0010	SERGEANT	441.00	441.00
1050-1130-0024	SERGEANT	31.00	31.00
1050-1130-0214	PROCESS SERVER	966.00	966.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1050-3540	MAINT. CONTRACT	641.00	641.00
1050-3630	EQUIP. LEASE & RENTAL	792.00	792.00

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1050-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPT.	198.00	198.00
TO: 1050-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	1,433.00	1,433.00
1050-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	198.00	198.00

<b>CORONER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1070-2210	GAS & OIL	300.00	300.00
1070-2710	COLOR FILM	300.00	300.00
1070-3200	UTILITIES	500.00	500.00
1070-3310	TRAINING	100.00	100.00
1070-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	500.00	500.00
1070-3530	CONT. SERVICES	500.00	500.00
1070-3660	FORENSIC DENTISTRY	300.00	300.00
TO: 1070-2230	GARAGE/MOTOR	300.00	300.00
1070-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	200.00	200.00
1070-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	200.00	200.00
1070-2720	LAB SUPPLIES	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-3190	SOLID WASTE DISP.	800.00	800.00

<b>CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1110-3410	PRINTING	250.00	250.00
1110-3130	TRAVEL & MILEAGE	500.00	500.00
1110-2710	COLOR FILM	130.00	130.00
1110-2820	RED & BLUE BOOKS	100.00	100.00
1110-3390	ASSESSOR PLAT SHEETS	250.00	250.00
TO: 1110-3310	TRAINING	1,230.00	1,230.00

<b>ELECTION OFFICE</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1210-2280	PRECINCT MEALS	4,175.00	4,175.00
TO: 1210-1160	ELECTION INSPECTOR	835.00	835.00
1210-1170	ELECTION JUDGE	1,670.00	1,670.00
1210-1180	ELECTION CLERK	1,670.00	1,670.00

<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1300-3600	RENT	14,118.00	14,118.00
TO: 1300-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	3,000.00	3,000.00
1300-3140	TELEPHONE	8,000.00	8,000.00
1300-2690	DEMOLITION FUND	3,118.00	3,118.00

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1302-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	500.00	500.00
1302-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPT.	70.00	70.00
TO: 1302-2300	UNIFORMS	500.00	500.00
1302-1130	DEP. INSPECTOR	70.00	70.00

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BLDGS.**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1310-1110-1310	SUPERINTENDENT	1,750.00	1,750.00
TO: 1310-3510	OTHER OPERATING	1,750.00	1,750.00

**SUPERIOR COURT**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1370-3943	PAUPER EXPENSE	3,000.00	3,000.00
TO: 1370-3944	SPECIAL REPORTER	3,000.00	3,000.00

**LEGAL AID**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1460-3010	OTHER INSURANCE	214.00	214.00
1460-3680	MALPRACTICE INSURE.	669.00	669.00
1460-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	250.00	250.00
1460-3730	CONT. EDUCATION	17.00	17.00
1460-3410	PRINTING	130.48	130.48
TO: 1460-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	1,280.48	1,280.48

**COUNTY HIGHWAY**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2010-1053	SECRETARY	3,706.00	3,706.00
TO: 2010-1971	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	3,706.00	3,706.00

**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2030-4394	OAK HILL RD BR #117	2,000.00	2,000.00
TO: 2030-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	2,000.00	2,000.00

**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2030-4348	STRINGTOWN RD BR #72	7,000.00	7,000.00
TO: 2030-4429	ENGINEER EQUIPMENT	7,000.00	7,000.00

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2130-4290	VEHICLE EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	5,000.00
TO: 2130-2430	PROMO INCENTIVES	600.00	600.00
2130-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,000.00	4,000.00
2130-3440	ADVERTISING	280.00	280.00
2130-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	120.00	120.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2600-3510	OTHER OPERATING	1,500.00	1,500.00
2600-3530	CONT. SERVICES	1,600.00	1,600.00
TO: 2600-2720	LAB SUPPLIES	2,500.00	2,500.00
2600-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	600.00	600.00

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 4290-3990	MISCELLANEOUS	1,000.00	1,000.00
4290-3280	EXAM. OF RECORDS	200.00	200.00
4290-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPT.	5.00	5.00
TO: 4290-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	1,205.00	1,205.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Lloyd: We'll move on to item number 7 on our agenda, Amendment to Salary Ordinance. I'll turn that over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. We're going to again take these together. The Sheriff's Department salary lines to be set in as previously approved. Superintendent of County Buildings, salary line be adjusted as previously approved and County Highway salary lines be adjusted as previously approved, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second on the salary ordinance?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith.

President Lloyd: Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Do we have a copy of that in our packet?

Sandie Deig: The Salary Ordinance?

Councilmember Sutton: Those adjustments there.

Sandie Deig: No. Hold on just one second.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I've got it. Thanks.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other discussion on the amendments to the salary ordinance? Okay, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Amendments to salary ordinance passes seven to zero.

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

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**A) ANCHOR INDUSTRIES/CONFIRMING RESOLUTION**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be item 8 Old Business, Confirming Resolution Anchor Industries Tax Abatement. Please state your name.

Mary Wildeman: My name is Mary Wildeman. I'm with the Department of Metropolitan Development. I'm the Deputy Executive Director. I have here --

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I can't hear her.

Mary Wildeman: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Smith: I don't know whether that mike is on or not.

Mary Wildeman: Yeah, I wasn't speaking into it. Anchor Industries is seeking tax abatement to construct a 60,000 square foot building. This would be added to the current structure on the south side of the building for additional manufacturing warehouse space. The addition's exterior would be the same color, height and material of the current structure, the interior of the Burch Drive facility will be remodeled to increase manufacturing capacity. The entire project has a total budget of \$2,000,000. The number of employees to be hired upon completion is 40 with an annual salary of \$676,000. The number to be retained is between 350 and 450 with an annual salary of 12.9 million dollars. The Department of Metropolitan Development recommends approval of tax abatement for this property. There are representatives from the company here if you have any questions.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, we discussed this once prior. I don't have any questions. I would move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion to approve by Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. This is the same matter that came before us last month and that...okay, do any Councilmembers have

any questions of either the representative from Metropolitan Development or the people from Anchor Industries?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I did have -- this is just really one question that I wanted to ask if maybe one of the representatives from the company...

Mike Elliott: I am Mike Elliott. I'm the Controller.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, Mike. I'm Royce Sutton. Just really, I guess when we look at many of our local companies, they talk about how, when we talk about development quite often they've been maybe bypassed by maybe tax abatement and all, and it seems to be extended only to new companies so it's really good that we're able to be able to show that we are making some commitments to local companies as well. And the Airport Development Zone, I think that's going to be a very positive thing as well for you guys. But the one thing, I guess, you guys have maybe indicated at the last time you came before us, you indicated that you had at that time been looking at some other options as well because of, you know, this is a competitive environment when it comes to companies and locations of businesses and as we've maybe even looked at this, your request even today. This is a ten year abatement, am I correct?

Mike Elliott: That's correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, if you guys were to decide to move it another direction prior to that ten year commitment being run, would you be willing to consider rebating the county if you guys were to leave before those ten years were run?

Mike Elliott: First of all, I am not sure of the legality of that, so I'd have to address that, Councilmember Sutton. The best thing I can say is the fact that we've been here since 1892, so I don't see us going anywhere inside the next ten years, I think would be the best way to address it. Never say never, anything can happen, but the fact that we've been here for a hundred and six years and have got 350 - 400 people employed, I think that kind of speaks for the company's commitment to Evansville, Indiana. Of course, we've got a location in Florida, but our base is in Evansville and I can only address as far as rebating, but we have no intention of going anywhere at this point in time, and I really can't address the legality of rebating. Mark, I am not sure if you know anything about that or not?

Councilmember Sutton: We've had, really, have had just very few instances where we've had companies that have received abatement that they've actually left before the abatement has expired, just very few. I think maybe only one case, I think, but just the possibility, just the competitive environment, I just wondered what your thoughts might be on something like that.

Mark Alexander: My name is Mark Alexander. I am the Property Tax Manager of an accounting firm of Olive, and Olive is the audit firm for Anchor Industries. As far as the company's commitment to the city of Evansville, and maybe there's been maybe too much made of this, they do have a location in Florida and obviously when you make an investment such as this, you have to take a look at all your options. Florida is a state that does not have tax inventories, for instance, and their property tax rates are extremely low in comparison to those in most of Indiana and so those were some of the considerations that were being made when the decision was being made in terms of where to put this investment, certainly something they needed to look at. But the company's primary goal is to put this addition at this location and Florida, while it is a viable option, their first option really is Evansville. As far as rebating, I don't know what the Council has done in the past. There is only one community that I know of in the state of Indiana that has required taxpayers receiving abatement to agree to rebating any kind of monies that have been granted in terms of tax abatement perspective, to the date of a proposed move out and that is Marion County. Indianapolis, through their Metropolitan Development Commission and the City Council and the City of Indianapolis,

passed by resolution those guidelines and they were established and are established prior to a taxpayer entering in to or filing for a tax abatement request. In fact, once the tax abatement is approved, they are required to sign a memorandum of agreement that they will pay these back. Now, that's the only community that I know of that has done that, and legally, they've at least gone through the resolution process, process of a public hearing to establish those guidelines. So at any point in time tax abatement can always be taken away and that is statutory. However, in terms of going back and recouping abatements that have been granted previously, we'd have to leave that to, obviously, your county attorney and I think people from the legal profession to decide how that would have to be done. If you don't have that kind of a resolution in place, an ordinance in place right now, I'm not sure that you can even ask that of someone.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we do have a review process on an annual basis now where each company does come in we do have an opportunity to ask questions and if we feel like a company is complying with all the things that we ask for, it's no problem. But, if there are some problem areas we do have an opportunity to find out what those problem areas are.

Mark Alexander: And that is statutory and that is on a go-forward basis, that essentially, if they haven't met a particular requirement, that you can take the abatement away at that point. So there are safeguards in place.

Councilmember Sutton: Alright, that's the only question I have.

President Lloyd: I would mention that yeah, we do have annual review on these so that's where there are some mechanics to, if you had someone not complying with what they're supposed to do on abatement, that's where we'd have to look at going through the process of revoking it.

Councilmember Raben: An easy way of really addressing your concerns, too, would be that any type of project or investment this size dealing with an amount of money like this, that you don't do that with the intent of pulling up anchor a year or two down the road and I am sure --

Councilmember Sutton: No pun intended!

President Lloyd: Real funny.

Councilmember Raben: But..., yeah, I didn't even think about that when I said it. But they know and they expect that it's going to be a long term payout. I am sure that you're not making that much money on your project that you can pay something like this out in a year or two. They know it's going to be a long term payout anyway, so I am sure their intent is to be a corporate partner for a long time.

Councilmember Sutton: You know, I guess my point is really -- the county is making a commitment as well as they are making a significant commitment to the community. Obviously, they've shown that they are very interested in staying here and they've been here for a long period of time, but just from the county's side in terms of the commitment that we might make and responsibilities that we may have, these three gentlemen that are sitting here, they may not be here next month and the winds of change may come through and corporate headquarters may say something else, so you just never know how things may possibly change. So just for information sake, just, I think we've obviously spent a lot of time on abatement requests here and just really want to emphasize that when we grant it, we think it's a real important thing. It's a good tool for us here in the county.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I've always felt that it should be in a distressed area, but I think you said you'd have 30 new jobs?

Mike Elliott: Forty new jobs.

Councilmember Smith: Forty new jobs?

Mike Elliott: In the first year, that's correct.

Councilmember Smith: And this company has been here for a long, long time, so this is probably an exception I will make of voting for it, but I have always felt that it should be in a distressed area which 41 North isn't. But with 40 new jobs and the tax base we've got, I feel like that it's probably well worthy. I don't know where I got the 30, but 40 sounds better.

Councilmember Hoy: I am following Mr. Sutton's question on, would you be willing, Councilman Sutton, to look into what Indianapolis has? I think that probably is a good idea because I know the city has seen this happen with tax abatement, where it's been granted and then there are fewer jobs and nothing has been done. I suppose I get more complaints from the taxpayers on that sort of thing than anything else and maybe having some more teeth in it would be a good idea. Would you be willing to --

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, I am very interested in it. That's why I asked the question. Yeah, --

Councilmember Hoy: Because I'd like to see us follow through and that's not aimed at Anchor Industries, that's just aimed at the whole abatement issue in general.

President Lloyd: I guess one question I would have of interest, this is going to be in that Airport Zone, do you -- does your company import products from out of the United States? Would that duty free status help you?

Mike Elliott: I don't believe -- we do import some, but I don't believe the duty free zone is something that's going to be of great interest to us.

Mark Alexander: I know that the airport out here is trying to establish a foreign trade zone which is actually different than the Airport Development district, or Development Zone, which you guys will be involved with in a couple of months, I understand. The foreign trade zone, the way I understand it, they are looking at one particular warehouse building out in that area that may only benefit one or two companies, but the Airport Development Zone is not a duty free zone. The foreign trade zone, which I guess they are trying to get established in a couple of buildings out there is something totally different.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions? Okay, Madam Secretary, let's have a roll call vote on the motion by Mr. Wortman.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: On the basis of what I said last week and that it's not in a distressed area and the wage level, I am voting no.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to one. Mr. Hoy opposed. Thank you very much.

Mike Elliott: Thank you.

Mark Alexander: Mr. President, if you please, I could leave my card with Mr. Sutton regarding Councilman Hoy's question about Marion County and what they do. And if you want to contact me, I have some of that information in my office and I'd be more than happy to supply it to you.

President Lloyd: Is that alright with you, Mr. Sutton?

Mark Alexander: It may be something that you'd like to look at.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, that would be fine.

Mark Alexander: Thank you.

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)**

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) RESOLUTION FOR LENGTH OF DEDUCTIONS:**

- 1) **PERFECTION HYDRAULICS - 5720 OAK GROVE ROAD**
- 2) **TEMME MOLD & ENGINEERING - 2415 LOCUST CREEK DRIVE**
- 3) **O'BRYAN BARREL - 5500 OLD BOONVILLE HIGHWAY**
- 4) **KOESTER 41 PROPERTY, INC. - 14646 HIGHWAY 41 NORTH**

President Lloyd: Item nine on our agenda, New Business item A, Resolution for Length of Deductions.

Mary Wildeman: Mary Wildeman again with DMD. If you have any questions, I really don't have much to say about this one. It's all in there. And just for your information, I have Mr. Alexander's number and we can get all of that information for you, the Department can take care of that.

Councilmember Hoy: Continuing...

Mary Wildeman: Yes, these are some lengths of deductions.

Councilmember Hoy: Do we vote on these today, Mr. President?

President Lloyd: I think we are supposed to although, I mean, I don't know if we need further information or not.

Councilmember Hoy: Could we vote on them?

President Lloyd: Are you guys requesting a vote on them today?

Mary Wildeman: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: What is the difference between, is this basically a compliance review or is this...

Mary Wildeman: This is setting the length of deductions based on the number of jobs that they have created.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but I --

Councilmember Hoy: Do we have that information --

Councilmember Raben: Has DMD, I mean, they've checked that they are in compliance and --

Mary Wildeman: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: We don't have that information.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Mary Wildeman: The information on the number of jobs that they have created?

Councilmember Hoy: Correct. I didn't get anything. Did we have anything in our packet?

Councilmember Raben: I didn't, no.

Mary Wildeman: I have the number of jobs written down. We can table it and come back or I can read to you what I have.

Councilmember Raben: Do you know, does this require just one hearing or two?

Mary Wildeman: I believe just one...as far as I know. To the best of my knowledge.

Councilmember Raben: I don't recall that either of these four were ever questionable when we approved them, but again, I wouldn't mind seeing some information on it. Is there -- did you ever state, is there a deadline in passage on these?

Mary Wildeman: I am not aware of any deadline.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I move that we table this until next meeting so we can add background information.

Councilmember Smith: I second that, too.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion to defer. I know, I guess when we had looked at these, maybe some different ones, but we had a one page summary of their application and, I believe, how they had performed rather than just everything on one page. But each one had a page based on what they had sent in and how they had done, so I think if we could get that to Council prior to the December meeting, then we could take these up in December.

Councilmember Raben: This request today, is this an annual renewal, is...

Mary Wildeman: I'm not sure how this works exactly. This is outside my area of expertise.

Councilmember Smith: I don't feel like there's enough information. I've just got some names, that's all I've got and it's not enough for me to vote on.

Mary Wildeman: And I did ask some questions of the staff and I do have the number of jobs they did create, but I can understand if you'd like a summary page for each company.

Councilmember Smith: You may have seen it, but we haven't and I think when you come and ask us to cast a vote for this, we need information. And I think that you need to bring us the right information before you stand there and --

Mary Wildeman: Well, I will pass that along.

President Lloyd: Okay, there is a motion to defer and a second. Is there any other questions or discussion? I mean, it sounds like everyone on Council is just wanting to see further information on each one.

Mary Wildeman: That's fine.

President Lloyd: Okay, if not, we'll go ahead and have a roll call vote on the motion to defer, Madam Secretary.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. We'll defer that on a seven/zero vote.

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

**B) SHOE CARNIVAL - PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION**

President Lloyd: The next item, item B Preliminary Resolution Shoe Carnival, Inc.

Mary Wildeman: Mary Wildeman again. Shoe Carnival is seeking tax abatement to construct an 85,000 square foot addition to their distribution center. It will have an entire budget of 3.3 million dollars. The number of employees to be hired upon completion is 15 and they have 239 jobs to be retained. We do recommend approval of tax abatement for this project. The company representative is here if you have any questions.

President Lloyd: Okay, this is the first time that this one has been before us. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: But we do have the information on this one and we've had this in our packets, so we've had time to look at it. That makes a difference and I am sorry, you didn't probably put it together, but I think you can give them a message.

Mary Wildeman: Oh yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: I started feeling sorry for her.

Councilmember Hoy: Don't shoot the messenger.

Mary Wildeman: That's right. I have broad shoulders, though.

Councilmember Sutton: Now Mary, we do have with this particular company, they already have one abatement that has been granted to them by the Council, if I am correct.

Kerry Jackson: That is correct.

Councilmember Smith: How long as that been ago? They got one when they first built that warehouse out there, I think.

President Lloyd: Can you please come up to the microphone?

Kerry Jackson: I am Kerry Jackson, I'm the Chief Financial Officer for Shoe Carnival. I think we received the original abatement three years ago, it may have been four.

Councilmember Smith: Wasn't that when they built the warehouse there on Burkhardt Road or Baumgart Road?

Kerry Jackson: Baumgart Road. We did the second expansion to that and asked for and received an abatement on it.

Councilmember Smith: Didn't you get an abatement before when they first started that one back several years ago?

Kerry Jackson: What we call phase two of our expansion plan, we did receive, this would be phase three for us.

Councilmember Sutton: Are these jobs similar to your last abatement request basically related type of jobs or what type of jobs are we seeing here in the application? It doesn't really get into a lot of detail.

Kerry Jackson: Well, it is slightly different than our last request. Our last request also was building on additional square footage for our general administrative offices so we were having to hire additional general administrative plus help in our distribution center. At this point in time we're really just, for this expansion, it will just be dealing with the workers in the distribution center.

Councilmember Sutton: Are these jobs that will be drawn here locally or are these people that you may have to bring in from other places? What will you --

Kerry Jackson: No, it will strictly be here locally assuming we can find the people. As you know, it's a very tight labor market and we try very hard to hire people and have a difficult time and we have to supplement it with temporary help as much as we dislike it. But no, our intent should be to hire locally.

Councilmember Sutton: It looks like you may have to raise up that pay rate here with the competitive forces here locally.

Kerry Jackson: Well, we have been over time increasing that pay rate. What we really like to see is people come in, we have an entry level rate and as people are able to learn our systems, we will raise them quickly up to higher levels in responsibility and pay. And we do offer a full complement of benefits which is probably above average for a distribution center.

Councilmember Sutton: What will this enable you to do? Obviously, you are adding more space, more equipment, a few employees, what are you going to be able to do as a result of this that you aren't doing right now?

Kerry Jackson: We will be able to continue to grow. Right now, we opened 20 stores this year. As of tomorrow, we will have opened 20 stores. Our goals are to continue to grow the company. Hopefully next year, somewhere in between 25 and 30 stores. This addition to the distribution center should take us somewhere in excess of 300 stores, but right now we're at a 112. Without this increase we would have to stop growing completely and just live with approximately 120 stores which really, I don't think anyone would want to do that. Our goal is to continue to grow, continue to add jobs to the community and be a strong member of this community.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I had heard at one point in time that you guys wanted to maybe move your operations someplace else, the central operation.

Kerry Jackson: There has been a lot of rumors about that mainly due to our chairman is in Jacksonville, Florida. Those aren't founded right now. We're making a strong commitment, this warehouse is going to allow us to triple our store size. So in our eyes were making a very strong commitment to stay in the Evansville area.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I have some questions about your benefits. On the health insurance that you offer the dental, life and disability, does the company pay for that or does the employee have the opportunity to pay for that?

Kerry Jackson: We have a co-pay that the employee will pay with their paycheck, what we feel is lower than the average. When we compare it to others, we're asking a contribution of our employees that is lower than typical. But yes, they do pay into it.

Councilmember Hoy: What is that level?

Kerry Jackson: Off the top of my head, I am not really sure. If I had to -- if I remember my paycheck, I think it's for a family, it might be \$26 a pay.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, so the company is paying most of that, then?

Kerry Jackson: The vast majority, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Second, my next question is the 401(k). Does the company match, what is the breakdown on that match and how much is it?

Kerry Jackson: The match is 2% on the first 4% that the employee contributes.

Councilmember Hoy: And that would be matches 2%?

Kerry Jackson: Yes, if the employee would contribute 4% to their 401(k), we will contribute 2, but that will be the maximum we contribute.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Kerry Jackson: And that contribution goes the same for the president or anyone else in the company.

Councilmember Hoy: And on number eight, your wage range is \$6.50 to \$8.50, and temporary is \$6.50. Is that correct?

Kerry Jackson: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: And number ten, you do not have an affirmative action plan, is that correct?

Kerry Jackson: Because we don't do government work, we haven't gone through the formality. We feel that we are an equal opportunity employer and we strive to be such.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you have any idea what your percentages are? Let's say, how many minorities you might have in management roughly, or in the regular workforce?

Kerry Jackson: To be honest with you, I don't know the percentages. I didn't come prepared with that.

Councilmember Sutton: How many have you seen?

Kerry Jackson: That is -- I'd hate to even venture a guess. I could supply the data back to you but off the top of my head...I see a mixture of individuals at our corporate headquarters. I see a mixture of people applying for jobs at our company and I see a mixture of people being hired. The exact percentages, I just don't know.

President Lloyd: I wasn't on Council when the original abatement was granted, I just wondered what the original rationale was for that, on Baumgart Road. I mean, was it just a cornfield when you guys first started, moved out there?

Kerry Jackson: No, years ago, we actually purchased it back in '82 - 83. It was an existing facility, they produced dental chairs or something there. We bought it when we had some 20 stores and as we've continued to grow we've had to expand it dramatically. It was less than 40,000 square feet of warehouse and today we stand with 108,000 square feet and want to bring that up to over 190,000 square feet.

President Lloyd: So the original abatement was just as an expansion and job creation?

Kerry Jackson: It was basically job creation, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? Mr. Raben and I were discussing, I don't think they have the information on their previous abatement. It did occur, I am thinking in '95 or '96. I would like to look at what we did then and am wondering if we could defer a month. In fact, I will move to defer until next month, make a motion to that effect.

President Lloyd: Okay, there is a motion to defer. Is there a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Can I, could I ask maybe the Department of Metropolitan Development, if they could possibly mail us copies of the initial tax abatement and mail those to our homes so we have time to review those before next month?

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions or discussion? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Is this going to hurt or set you back any, this defer?

Kerry Jackson: It's not going to help. We're under a very pressing time schedule. In order to have this in production by June 1, we need to start very quickly to get it accomplished.

Councilmember Wortman: That's why I hate to hold up on it.

President Lloyd: Alright, according to I guess page three, construction in late fall '98.

Councilmember Hoy: Have you set a specific construction date or have you already started?

Kerry Jackson: We have not started construction. I am not sure of the exact date. We are very far along in the process of getting the plans and having it bid out in order to understand the cost of what it's going to take, but I don't have specific dates. It would be relatively quick.

Councilmember Hoy: But you don't have your bids yet?

Kerry Jackson: We have the bids. We're analyzing them now. We may let the contract out this week yet if they fall in line with what we think.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I might go ahead and address --

President Lloyd: Excuse me, we've got to change the tape.

**(Tape changed at 4:20 p.m.)**

President Lloyd: Please proceed.

Councilmember Raben: I believe why most Councilmembers here are a little bit questionable about this abatement request is because this is probably the lowest paying scale of any abatement or probably is the lowest paying per hour abatement that we've ever granted. Are there any -- to help us make a decision, are there any other spinoffs from this? I mean, do you guys, does Shoe Carnival transport their own product? I mean, are we looking at more truck drivers yet that's maybe not part of this formula or...

Kerry Jackson: What isn't taken into account on this, is the retention of \$8,000,000 in payroll and of 240 other employees. Without this ability to grow, we would have to -- we're going to continue to grow, and this just sets our roots in Evansville and that is going to solidify that payroll here.

Councilmember Hoy: And my problem with that is -- and I don't know where you might consider moving. If you go to Jacksonville, Florida --

Kerry Jackson: No, we won't.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, not at \$6.50 an hour you won't, because you won't be able to get anybody to work for you on the coast. I mean, I was on the coast eight years ago and they couldn't hire at \$6.50 an hour at a McDonalds. We have a much lower wage scale here and the largest thing you're going to pay, besides your construction costs are wages. And so those tradeoffs bother me because typically people in Evansville work for less money and it's not that much cheaper to live here and that -- because I deal with that segment of the population. I've said this on the floor many times, the clients of our food pantries are far from the stereotypes that people see: 39% of the people who show up at the pantries we serve have someone, at least one member of the family, working full time and they can't make it, and you can't make it on \$6.50. You're out there where transportation doesn't run past a certain time and all that and that's costly and that bothers me, the wage scale bothers me. I know you have to make money. That's what business is for, but I have to be honest with you about that.

Kerry Jackson: Well, the \$6.50 is an entry level wage and is adjusted very quickly after a person starts and learns our systems. What the average is in the D.C. is \$8.77, excluding the management, the top management of the D.C.'s. So we do have on average a much higher pay scale than the \$6.50. That is strictly an entry level wage.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, as I said last week, I run a charity and I have to raise every charitable dollar and my entry level is \$8.00 and it's a struggle for me to get -- I'm sure we're looking at comparable work duties at your place and mine since I run a warehouse and we pay the whole health premium and we pay the whole retirement on top of that and it's my job to go out in this community and raise that money and I can't sell anything to raise it, so I hope you can understand why I have problems with the levels that come in here sometimes, when I compare them with what I have to pay to get good people and to keep them.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? I guess the only comment I would add -- I think some of the Councilmembers would just like to see the data on the other abatement for Shoe Carnival, so I mean, we don't have that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I would like to move the question if nobody else has a lot of -- a bunch of questions on the deferment.

President Lloyd: Okay, you're calling for the question? Madam Secretary, roll call vote. This is to defer the matter to the December meeting.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: I'll vote yes. Motion to defer passes 5-2 and we'll get some further data from Department of Metropolitan Development and we can pick this up in December. Thank you.

Kerry Jackson: Thank you.

**(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Bassemier and Wortman opposed)**

**C) DECEMBER FILING DATE FOR JANUARY 1999 MEETING/**



**TRANSFERS FROM 100 ACCOUNTS**

President Lloyd: Okay, the next item, item C December filing date for the January 1999 meeting. Mr. Raben, we'll let you do that one.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, I was going to move that we set the December filing date for the January meeting December 4th. Also, we have in the past, we've always denied transfers out of the 100 accounts. I'd like to make a motion that we again this year take that same stance and set the November filing date for the December meeting to, I believe that was the 15th - 14th, was the date that we needed to work around? Hold on just a second -- to November the 13th. And I will make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: The December filing date, did you say December 4th?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, for the January meeting, the December filing date for the January meeting will be December the 4th and the November filing for the December meeting will be November the 13th.

Councilmember Hoy: And also the 100 accounts.

Councilmember Raben: And then that we do not accept any transfers out of the 100 accounts.

President Lloyd: Okay, is there a second to that? Oh, Mr. Hoy seconded. Any discussion on that? Historically, we send a memo, we've had Mrs. Deig send a memo out to all officeholders and department heads. All those in favor please raise your right hand. Okay, passes six to one? Did you oppose, Mr. Wortman? Oh, you're -- okay, seven to zero.

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

**D) CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**

President Lloyd: The next item is new business, would be the Convention & Visitors Bureau. I believe Mr. Hoy had gathered some data on that so I'll turn it over to him.

Councilmember Hoy: I did and so did Mrs. Deig. Thank you, Mrs. Deig. The minutes that she distributed to you and -- well, let me start from the top, you received a copy of the letter I received from the Convention & Visitors Bureau saying that they are no longer going to rent the Pagoda to private groups after hours and the reasons for doing that, the reasons are that I underlined in my letter are the staff time usage, the time it's taking for their staff, and they feel, secondly, that the building is taking a great deal of wear and tear because of the groups being in there and the third reason is they feel that the building will be a competitor for The Centre which is the auditorium and convention center and those are the main ideas. I shared that with you and Mrs. Deig, both of us provided you minutes from March 1st, 1995. In the first part, it starts in the middle of the page, New Business, and the section I would refer you to is where I did some underlining. This was a presentation that was given by the architect, which I thought focused in on usage of the building, that's on page 18. And I underlined point three:

"This is located on the greenbelt, the proposed 40 mile loop around the city of Evansville and will be the only building that will provide public restrooms and a water stop for those using the greenbelt facility."

Also, in other places in these minutes they have promised some sort of bike rental for people wanting to rent a bicycle to use the Greenway. I emphasize that because in this -- they are saying they are going to keep that in the plan and then if you'll go down a few lines where I've underlined again:

“The Pagoda will genuinely once again belong to all of our citizens.”

Well, when you do verbal communication you get some interesting verbiage, but that's what he basically was saying.

“It can be rented for wedding receptions, parties, and whatever governmental functions are necessary.”

And there are more underlinings but those are the main ones I wanted to call your attention to. I also provided you with a copy of the minutes from 1996, this is when they came back for more money for the transportation exhibit for the Museum and the speaker was Mr. Vezzoso from the board of the Convention & Visitors Bureau. I just put a little mark down the side and that's where he mentions, let's see, one, two, three, four, five, six, -- about the eighth line down, midline:

“We have caught a lot of flack from different individuals because we won't allow that facility to be used until after 5:00 at night in the summer months. It's even after 9:00 because we felt as a commission that it's a public facility and it was built and then renovated as a visitor's center and that's it's sole purpose. Secondary purpose, maybe, is if we can get some revenue through renting it out, we'll do that.”

So those are the two markers I'd like to point out that were presented to us as a Council. I was under the impression, and if I am incorrect there are other Councilmembers sitting here who were here at the same time, that this was to be available for wedding receptions and things like that after hours and that the public could use it. My first objection to Convention & Visitors Bureau was how much they charged, \$500, plus demanding incredible amounts of insurance that were unnecessary and now they have seen fit to shut it down. I don't think we as a Council can keep them from doing that since they are somewhat of a freestanding board, but I personally would like for Council to at least express to them -- I would like to express to them my displeasure at this decision and I don't know if the Council wants to or not, that's the reason I wanted it on the agenda. I'll stop there in case there are questions.

President Lloyd: I think Mr. Ahlers had a question.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, Mr. Hoy, in reference there when you were talking about on the Pagoda, well I know the Convention Bureau, their funds were used to remodel, construct, reconstruct, whatever occurred, who actually has title to it? I mean, does the county have title or do they?

Councilmember Hoy: It's very convoluted and I'd have to look that up. It's in what I passed out, I think, because that question was asked on the floor. You'll have to give me a minute to look that up, but I think the answer is in the one set of minutes here.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I just --

Councilmember Smith: Wouldn't the City of Evansville have title to that?

Councilmember Hoy: I think it's Parks & Recreation, the City of Evansville, but we...

Jeff Ahlers: That may go to the answer, I am not saying you have to find it now, I am just asking the question. I mean, that may go to answer to the question as to whether or not whether we or anyone else has the authority to do something. It's whoever owns it and I am not saying just because they put money in it, I mean, I guess it may come down to who is the title owner of it. I mean, because we use Convention Bureau funds, for example, for the auditorium, but the county owns it and runs it. And in this case maybe the Convention Bureau does own it, I don't know, but before we do anything I guess we ought to find out who owns it.

Councilmember Hoy: I thought I made that clear and probably I didn't. I am not addressing a legal question here because legally, my understanding on the structure of this entity, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, legally, they have the right to make this decision. It's not a decision we make, the only thing I am asking this Council to do is to issue an objection to a decision they've made. We make the financial decisions as to whether or not the money is spent, and maybe I am incorrect on that. I will look for that if you will grant me a moment. There are a lot of pages here but I know that in these minutes there is an answer to that question.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: They've taken the money that comes in and spent it on that, that doesn't mean they have complete control of it. I can't believe that they as a bureau would have complete control of it when they have spent the money. That is not their money.

Councilmember Hoy: And you may be absolutely right. I am just saying that they have certain board powers and --

Councilmember Smith: But if they have those board powers, then why do they even come up and ask us if they can spend the money?

Councilmember Hoy: Because the law says they have to.

Councilmember Smith: Well, then we have control over it. If we have to vote because the law says we have to vote on the money that is spent, then we have the control because if you hold the pocketbook, you have the control.

President Lloyd: Any other comments?

Councilmember Raben: Here it is. It will be on page 19 at the top. In 1981 there was a 99 year lease signed so the property is owned by the city and leased through a non-profit museum through the year 2080, so I think that pretty well answers that.

Councilmember Hoy: What they did if you will go on, what is conveyed here is an assignment of a portion of that lease which would be roughly for the area of this plus parking to a not-for-profit entity that has been named the Evansville Visitors Center. So it is leased to the center, this is their attorney speaking here on page 19. Mr. Raben is quite right.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I can probably find out the answer, but I mean, the Evansville Center, Inc. is a separate entity from the Convention Bureau.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes it is. However, all of the funding for the Visitors Center is approved by this body and that's law, and yes, they have two different meetings each month. Council can choose to do nothing, all I am asking Council to do is issue a statement saying -- because I am very disappointed in how much they charge because I felt that it was a place -- when you say the public can use, and it was promised -- you know, private parties could use it after hours and be a lovely place for a number of events.

Councilmember Smith: I went to a cocktail party or whatever you might call it over there and there was more people in there than I've ever seen during the day and this was in the evening and they were standing out on the levee and I thought that's what the facility was for. I didn't know it was for them for the Visitors Bureau for an office.

President Lloyd: Let me ask this, would we want to have Mrs. Kight or one of their board members in and ask them about this or is that something that --

Councilmember Hoy: That would be fine with me rather than issuing a statement today. I

would, if you need a motion, I move that we invite someone from the Visitors Center, since that's the board that controls this.

Councilmember Smith: I second.

President Lloyd: Okay, the other thing we could do is maybe get a list of who has rented the facility and how much revenue they have brought in because that would seem to me that would be a benefit to the county also.

Councilmember Raben: I'll tell you what I recall, and the minutes don't really truly reflect the sales pitch that was put on the day we voted on this --

Councilmember Hoy: Because they sang.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that's right. But there were illustrated drawings and there was a large party on the roof and big balloons and people mingling and they were laying pretty heavy on the fact that it was going to be open to the public for private functions. They also sold us on the fact that it was going to be used as the office for the Convention & Visitors Bureau, but there was much more emphasis put on the --

Councilmember Smith: The office is in the basement, isn't it?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, but up on the main floor -- Brad Ellsworth had a fund raiser there and it was a beautiful place and the people were out on that levee. I mean, I can't see why they couldn't rent it. Five hundred dollars I think is too much for a few hours, but we don't set the price but I still say that it should be a facility that's utilized.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, Mrs. Smith, and I would add to that and I do think -- I did make a motion. We do have a motion on the floor, do we not? But we keep saying that we want downtown to be a place for people and I'll go back to -- an absurdity thank God that didn't pass, and that was to move the bus station to McCutchanville, because all of my friends in McCutchanville take the Greyhound all the time! I mean, if we want downtown to be a place for people, then you have events at a facility like this. And if you don't, then you just keep cutting off traffic. And I am not criticizing -- I like the riverfront -- I like what was done with Dress Plaza with the -- now that you can see the river. But there again as Mr. Raben pointed out, we had drawings of that showing popcorn vendors and all of this and you don't see this. Somehow these wonderful movements to get people to downtown get short stopped and I know there is wear and tear on the building, there is wear and tear on any building. That's all I am going to say about it.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: You might want to check with the attorney over there, Mike Schopmeyer, and let him do some research and let him come up with that answer instead of a board member.

President Lloyd: About why they are wanting to cease public functions? Okay, I mean...

Councilmember Hoy: They've outlined it in the letter. This letter I gave you last week was in response to my request to express something to this Council and you have it in your hands. There is no legal issue here in terms of using the place. It could be rented or it could not be rented. The legal issue is that I don't know that we can tell them what to do but we can sure voice our opinion and that's my objective.

President Lloyd: Okay, well we have a motion and a second to lead me to make contact with

the Convention & Visitors Bureau, ask them to come for the December meeting and maybe explain the reasoning for this action. All those in favor of that, raise your right hand. It looks like seven to zero. Okay, I will make contact with Mrs. Kight and I will make contact with Mr. Schopmeyer, too. Any other business on the agenda? If not, the only thing I have to add, we've lost our audience so that's the way it goes. But what I was going to say is, you know, comments on what happened yesterday, the voters have spoken and all the district Councilmen, if you count the primaries, they all had opposition. So apparently the voters approve of the job this Council is doing since all the Councilmembers are going to be the same as of January 1st, 1999. So if you have not been a candidate, you can't imagine how difficult it is and I'd like to commend all of you and also all of the candidates who were unsuccessful. It is difficult to run for office. You take a lot and I'd just like to thank you all and I appreciate working with you.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, to add to that, I would add my congratulations to the winners and also -- and please correct me if I am incorrect, but I think the County Council races, and there were others, too, that were run very cleanly. But I don't recall negativity in the Council campaigns and that's refreshing to say the least and I appreciate that.

Councilmember Bassemier: You must have missed a couple of them.

Councilmember Hoy: On County Council?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah!

Councilmember Hoy: I must have then.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Sutton and I didn't have no negative responses.

Councilmember Sutton: We kept it on the up and up. Someone has to be the (Inaudible) bearing forth. Curt will lead the way!

Councilmember Raben: I would imagine you were walking on pins and nails yesterday just like Curt was, weren't you?

Councilmember Sutton: Eating me up. It was tearing me up all the way down to the bitter -- I stayed all the way up until the bitter end and then let the results watch me, actually, on TV. I was asleep when they came in.

President Lloyd: Any other business before Council? If not, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: We are adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.)**

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 2, 1998**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of December, 1998 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:39 p.m. by County Council President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

President Lloyd: I'd like to open the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council, December 2, 1998. Is there a member of the Sheriff's Department that would like to open the meeting please?

(Meeting was opened by Assistant Chief Deputy Brad Ellsworth.)

President Lloyd: Thank you very much. Madam Secretary, could you take the attendance roll call please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton		X
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Lloyd	X	

President Lloyd: I would like everybody to please stand so we can pledge allegiance to our flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>
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**A) CORRECT MOTION MADE ON OCTOBER 7, 1998 SETTING SALARIES FOR UNION MEMBERS NOT PARTICIPATING IN PERF AT 3% INCREASE**

President Lloyd: Item four on our agenda, item A, Minutes, is a correction. I'll turn that over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I guess during the budget session there was a question as to how a motion was made and it pertains to the 3% PERF payment, so first, I'd like to move that we rescind a motion and then I'll get into the explanation.

Councilmember Hoy: Second. Is that to rescind the October 7th?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion to rescind and a second. Any discussion? Could you be more specific on what we are doing?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let me make the motion. The new motion will read: I move to



approve the amended 1999 Salary Ordinance setting salaries for union members not participating in PERF at 3% and the county will pay the PERF for all other union employees in lieu of the 3% pay increase for 1999.

Councilmember Smith: Wasn't that the way the motion was said before?

Councilmember Raben: Evidently it wasn't very clear so this just clears it up.

Councilmember Smith: I think that's what everybody's intentions was.

Councilmember Raben: Mine too and I still feel like that's the motion that was made but this just clears it up so there's no question about it.

President Lloyd: Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, it was brought to our attention that I guess when it came out in wording it was a little convoluted and they wanted it a little clearer for the state. As you're saying, Mrs. Smith, that was the intent and that's what everybody voted on and passed, but you know how it is when you get transcripts and people are talking and butting in and this and that, it kind of got a little convoluted and he just wants to clarify it for the state because it's on the budget.

President Lloyd: I believe it's related to when the motion was made for the union employees there wasn't a provision for those that were not members of PERF, so that's what this will be clearing up. If they're not in PERF they get the regular 3% wage increase.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we'll first need to vote on rescinding the motion and I can reread the motion if we need to.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions? Seeing none -- I'll just take a show of hands -- all in favor of rescinding, please raise your right hand. Six to zero.

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

President Lloyd: Okay, and now I'll turn it back over to you.

Councilmember Raben: And again, I can reread the motion, but I think everyone is clear on it, and I'll move approval.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other discussion on the corrected motion?

Councilmember Hoy: Second the corrected motion.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben and second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? All those in favor of the corrected motion please raise your right hand. Six to zero, the corrected motion passes.

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

**B) APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 4, 1998 MINUTES**

President Lloyd: Now I'll ask for a motion to approve the November 4, 1998 minutes.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mrs. Smith, second Mr. Raben. Any discussion? All those in favor please raise your right hand. Six to zero, November 4th minutes approved.

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

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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President Lloyd: We'll move on to item five, Appropriation Ordinance. Item A, Sheriff.

**A) SHERIFF**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that we approve 1050-1300-1050 in the amount of \$10,000.00, with a question.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion to approve. Is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Questions? Representative of the Sheriff's Department?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes, Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Raben: Brad, I apologize, I was unable to attend last week's meeting, so the question I am sure has already been asked, but looking at the balance that you have today, are you sure you need this \$10,000?

Brad Ellsworth: Well, there is a certain point where we think if we don't need it we may be able to return some, but we think that's going to get us through and we're certainly going to try to stay within that parameter and we pulled that number thinking that would certainly cover us and we will return anything not used.

President Lloyd: Does anyone have what the balance of that is now?

Tana Bailey: It's about \$9,900.

Councilmember Raben: The first of November it was \$22,000.

Tana Bailey: By the end of November we spent over \$12,000, so now it's down to \$9,900.

President Lloyd: Any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Do you recall offhand what the balance was December of '97?

Brad Ellsworth: We don't have that with us, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1300-1050	OVERTIME	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	10,000.00

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

#### **B) VOTERS REGISTRATION**

President Lloyd: Next would be Voters Registration.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move approval of 1220-1900 and 1220-1910 for a total of \$210.00.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

VOTERS REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1220-1900	FICA	169.00	169.00
1220-1910	PERF	41.00	41.00
TOTAL		210.00	210.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**C) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Lloyd: Next would be County Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1300-4200 in the amount of \$120,000.00.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? I asked the Trustee to come up, we could try to call her to get here because I think Curt had some questions on this last week, so she's here and...

President Lloyd: State your name for the record.

Mary Hart: Mary Hart, Pigeon Trustee.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Hart, for appearing. In this loan, is this for what -- can you describe the breakdown for what it's for, who it's for, is it an emergency, is it for the disabled, the handicapped, what about the able to work? Does it affect any of those?

Mary Hart: It's all of the above. It's any low income, less fortunate client that lives in Pigeon Township who is in need of emergency assistance for food, shelter, utilities, medical assistance, so it covers all of the above. But it's direct assistance to the client.

Councilmember Wortman: Reason I asked the question is you see signs -- help wanted, help wanted. Now it may not be very much, but that's better than nothing. At least you are getting to be a productive citizen at least starting out and hopefully if you prove yourself, you can increase and get a better job. Now that's the way I look at it, and I know Mr. Hoy commented, like \$8.00 an hour. That's fine, that's not very good compared to maybe some skilled, but at least that's a start. And that's what I look at. And then when you go through these lines in grocery stores and see some of these people buying cigarettes or something, it kind of makes you wonder, you know what I mean?

Mary Hart: I agree with you but the largest majority of the clients we see are the working poor and they just need that little extra boost up and over above their minimum wage jobs.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, well thank you. I appreciate it.

President Lloyd: I've got a question, Mrs. Hart. Was there not enough, I guess there obviously wasn't enough budgeted for this. Was this just, some of this unanticipated or...

Mary Hart: Our expenses ran a little higher this year than we normally expect them to. We think that with this \$120,000 that we will be able to stay within our budget next year. We've had a lot of additional burials that really ate into our budget from the high rises and the nursing homes that sit in Pigeon Township.

President Lloyd: Is that something that you feel is kind of unusual or higher than normal?

Mary Hart: It has been a little more this year than we've seen in the past, but we also know that the state is looking at in the 1999 budget that's coming up in the General Assembly, at taking back over the state Medicaid burials which will make a big difference in our poor relief budget.

Councilmember Hoy: I think the other thing that we're seeing in Pigeon Township, which has the highest rate of low income people, we're seeing the results of Welfare to Work. I mean, we kidded ourselves in thinking that this is working wonderfully and it's not.

Mary Hart: Unfortunately, it's not.

Councilmember Hoy: We serve 33 counties and we see nothing in our 33 counties and the pantries we serve, increase upon increase of traffic. In our national survey, as I mentioned last week, 39% of the families seeking aid in a pantry have at least one member of the family working. You just can't make it on a low paying job and we have too many of those.

Mary Hart: That's correct. That's what's happening in Pigeon Township. Our clients are working, they're working minimum wage jobs and it's just not enough to survive.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? I might point out, you went before the County Commissioners and they did approve the loan based on the information you gave them.

Mary Hart: Yes sir. The County Commissioners have approved it and we're now waiting for approval for additional appropriations from the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

President Lloyd: If this would be defeated by Council, it gets a lot more complicated but it can be appealed to the state, so if for some reason the Council would vote against it, that doesn't mean that the money won't be dispersed, it just goes through the state bureaucracy.

Councilmember Wortman: I think it goes before the State Tax Adjustment Board, if I recall.

Mary Hart: Right, it does go to the State Tax Adjustment Board on appeal process.

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Okay, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Mary Hart: Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes 5-1.

<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1300-4200	LOAN TO PIGEON TRUSTEE	120,000.00	120,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>120,000.00</b>	<b>120,000.00</b>

**(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)**

**D) SUPERIOR COURT**

President Lloyd: The next item is Superior Court. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move 1370-3903 in the amount of \$10,000, 1370-4220 in the amount of \$17,575, for a total of \$27,575, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: I need those numbers again, I'm sorry.

President Lloyd: Can you repeat those please?

Councilmember Raben: Petit Jurors is \$10,000, Office Machines \$17,575.

President Lloyd: Total \$27,575. Any questions on this? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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1370-3903	PETIT JURORS	10,000.00	10,000.00
1370-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	20,000.00	17,575.00
TOTAL		30,000.00	27,575.00

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

#### **E) DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda, Drug and Alcohol Deferral. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that 1371-3930 Other Contractual be set in at \$1,500.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

<b>DRUG &amp; ALCOHOL DEFERRAL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1371-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL		1,500.00	1,500.00

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

#### **F) AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda, we'll go to the Airport Authority Fund, Equipment, and I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move we approve 2140-4250 Equipment in the amount of \$13,520.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion by Mr. Raben, second Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion? We didn't have the Airport Authority representative here last week. We do have him here now, so if anyone has any questions you can direct those. Any questions? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

<b>AIRPORT AUTHORITY</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2140-4250	EQUIPMENT	13,520.00	13,520.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13,520.00</b>	<b>13,520.00</b>

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

**G) SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of 2780-1910 in the amount of \$332.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2780-1910	PERF	332.00	332.00
TOTAL		332.00	332.00

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

**H) CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU/TOURISM CAP. IMPROVEMENT FUND**

President Lloyd: We'll move on to Tourism Capital Improvement Fund, Business & Professional Conference Center, \$250,000. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 3600-4063 in the amount of \$250,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: They are fighting over the seconds. Motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Bassemier, I believe, was first. We had a presentation on this last week. Are there any other questions or discussions on this? Okay, seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes five to one. Thank you.

<b>EVANSVILLE CONVENTION &amp; VISITORS BUREAU</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
3600-4063	BUSINESS & PROFESSION. CONFERENCE CENTER	250,000.00	250,000.00
TOTAL		250,000.00	250,000.00

**(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)**

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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President Lloyd: Now we'll move on to transfer requests and I'll entertain a motion on those.

- A) COUNTY CLERK**
- B) AUDITOR (TWO REQUESTS)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I am going to take County Clerk and both Auditor requests at one time and I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion is for County Clerk, Auditor and Auditor: \$300, \$1,000, \$1,400. We have a motion by Mr. Raben and second Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Okay, seeing none on those three, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Those three transfers pass six to zero.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1010-1590-1010	TICKET CLERK	300.00	300.00
TO: 1010-1250-1010	COUNTER CLERK	300.00	300.00

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1020-1360-1020	POST & ADDRESS CLERK	1,000.00	1,000.00
TO: 1020-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	1,000.00	1,000.00

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1020-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	1,400.00	1,400.00
TO: 1020-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	1,400.00	1,400.00

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

### C) SHERIFF (TWO REQUESTS)

President Lloyd: We move on to the Sheriff and I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I spoke with our newly elected Sheriff, Brad Ellsworth, on these two requests and he has agreed to withdraw these at this time, and so I'll make that in the form of a motion that they be set in at zero.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion on the two Sheriff requests, \$1,270 and \$1,000 to set those in at zero by Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Mr. Wortman, do you have a question?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes. Jim, do you want to explain the reason for that so everybody understands that about the 100 accounts? You know, you can't take out --

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, my reasoning isn't quite so much that it's a 100 account, but these are individuals that we approve as 20 hour per week employees at a single lump sum and it's not been the practice of this Council in the past to go above and beyond what we budget on that type of part-time employee and just in an effort to keep us from setting a precedent here, it's my recommendation that we explore other avenues in the Sheriff's Department and work out something different on these individuals.

Councilmember Wortman: When we talk about part-time, that could be a minimum wage part-time, unless it is designated something else.

President Lloyd: Mr. Ellsworth?

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff's Department. I might clarify, at least our department's thinking on this, is that because these are part-time employees, the ability to regulate their vacation and time off is a little tougher. Some of the members had close relatives die and then were in a bereavement period, so in order to get the papers served, it would not actually go above their set amount of the \$8,000 per year or whatever it is, however, we would not pay the one who was off on leave and we did let the other part-timers make up thinking that we weren't going over their limit. And that was our belief in that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? Also in the rules that we just adopted and we voted last month, is that we don't do transfers in 100 accounts this late in the year anyhow, so...that is the

second reason for deleting it.

President Lloyd: Any other questions or discussion? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just to make sure I understand both you and Curt. We have in the past transferred within the 100 accounts but never out of them. Did we vote on that, Mr. President?

President Lloyd: No sir. Any other questions? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please. This is to set them in at zero.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Motion passes six to zero.

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1050-1130-0057	CORPORAL	1,270.00	0.00
TO: 1050-1130-0199	PART-TIME CLERK	1,270.00	0.00

<b>SHERIFF</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1050-1130-0044	PATROLMAN	1,000.00	0.00
TO: 1050-1130-0223	PROCESS SERVER	1,000.00	0.00

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

- D) CORONER**
- E) PROSECUTOR IV-D**
- F) GERMAN ASSESSOR**
- G) PERRY ASSESSOR**
- H) PIGEON ASSESSOR (TWO REQUESTS)**
- I) CIRCUIT COURT**
- J) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**
- K) LEGAL AID**
- L) COUNTY COUNCIL**
- M) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**N) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

President Lloyd: I'll entertain a motion for the Coroner's Transfer.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr President, I will take this one here and the rest of them unless anyone wants to break them up. Some of these other ones are large transfers. Does anybody want to take them one at time or would you like me to lump them together?

President Lloyd: The only one I would question would be the Health Department, one of the last ones. Since they weren't here last week we might want them to explain that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we'll do that. I will take from the Coroner's Office through page 3, down to Cum Bridge on page 4 and I would take all those transfers and make the motion that they be approved as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion to approve as submitted. Just to summarize, Coroner, Pigeon Township Assessor, Circuit Court, Community Corrections, Legal Aid Society, County Council, Highway Department, and Cumulative Bridge. Motion by Mr. Raben and second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. I did make an error. On page 3, Prosecutor IV-D, German Township Assessor, Perry Township Assessor, and Pigeon Township Assessor, those would all be included, so does anybody want to change their vote? I'll vote yes, six to zero.

<b>CORONER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1070-3660	FORENSIC DENTISTRY	300.00	300.00
1070-2740	CHEMICALS	22.00	22.00
1070-3200	UTILITIES	100.00	100.00
1070-3520	EQUIP. REPAIR	900.00	900.00

FROM: 1070-3660	FORENSIC DENTISTRY	300.00	300.00
1070-2740	CHEMICALS	22.00	22.00
1070-3530	CONT. SERVICES	100.00	100.00
1070-3540	MAINT. CONTRACT	200.00	200.00
1070-4271	MORGUE EQUIPMENT	100.00	100.00
TO: 1070-2720	LAB SUPPLIES	1,722.00	1,722.00

<b>PROSECUTOR IV-D</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1081-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	800.00	800.00
1081-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	540.00	540.00
1081-3120	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	1,493.00	1,493.00
1081-3410	PRINTING	1,198.00	1,198.00
1081-3720	LAB TEST	2,519.00	2,519.00
TO: 1081-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	3,830.00	3,830.00
1081-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	2,720.00	2,720.00

<b>GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1120-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	600.00	600.00
1120-3540	MAINT. CONTRACT	600.00	600.00
1120-3520	EQUIP. REPAIR	200.00	200.00
1120-3310	TRAINING	760.00	760.00
1120-3410	PRINTING	318.79	318.79
1120-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	442.36	442.36
TO: 1120-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	2,921.15	2,921.15

<b>PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1140-3310	TRAINING	400.00	400.00
1140-3380	PHOTOGRAPHY	211.00	211.00
1140-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	250.00	250.00
TO: 1140-3200	UTILITIES	861.00	861.00

<b>PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 1150-3410	PRINTING	1,938.73	1,938.73
1150-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	455.80	455.80
1150-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	82.27	82.27

FROM: 1150-3410	PRINTING	1,938.73	1,938.73
1150-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	455.80	455.80
1150-3310	TRAINING	76.56	76.56
1150-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	946.45	946.45
TO: 1150-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	3,499.81	3,499.81

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1150-2820	RED & BLUE BOOKS	86.03	86.03
TO: 1150-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	86.03	86.03

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1360-3902	GRAND JURORS	1,000.00	1,000.00
1360-3903	PETIT JURORS	9,400.00	9,400.00
TO: 1360-2270	JUROR MEALS	1,000.00	1,000.00
1360-3943	PAUPER EXPENSE	5,000.00	5,000.00
1360-3944	SPECIAL REPORTER	4,400.00	4,400.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1361-1980	OTHER PAY	1,560.00	1,560.00
TO: 1361-1950	EDUCATIONAL FUND	1,560.00	1,560.00

LEGAL AID SOCIETY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1460-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	500.00	500.00
1460-3540	MAINT. CONTRACT	1,121.40	1,121.40
TO: 1460-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	1,621.40	1,621.40

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1480-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	421.00	421.00
TO: 1480-2600	OTHER SUPPLIES	421.00	421.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-3370	COMPUTER (DATA MGT.)	975.00	975.00
TO: 2010-2570	HARDWARE & TOOLS	975.00	975.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2030-2210	GAS & OIL	7,000.00	7,000.00
TO: 2030-2230	GARAGE & MOTOR	7,000.00	7,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**O) HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

President Lloyd: Now we'll move on to the bottom of page 4 and page 5, Health Department.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of the Health Department's transfer from account 2130-3930 in the amount of \$57,000 to account 2130-2700, 2130-3440, 2130-4210, 2130-4220 in the amount of \$57,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, we have a motion Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Is there anyone from the Health Department? There he is.

Sam Elder: Sam Elder, County Health Department.

President Lloyd: That Other Contractual account, what do you normally use that for?

Sam Elder: Well, it covers a multitude of sins. Part of the money in it was for the revision of the ventilation system was put in that. That's been put in every year. That was put in, initially, we did not comply with the ventilation regulations of the state and federal government for the TB Clinic. They require that it be under negative pressure when it is open. And there were two ways to fix it and one was to do it the cheapest way and then the other one was quite a bit more expensive. It amounted to several hundred thousand dollars and they put in the \$75,000 and we completed it the cheap way. At that time they had thought that they would, the possibility of moving the Health Department if you can remember it. It's not a real good place for clinics because of the parking problem. A lot of emphasis is put on tuberculosis, especially the multi-drug resistant tuberculosis. If you contract that, you'd be better off to catch AIDS, because you'll be dead a lot quicker with multi-drug resistant tuberculosis. We haven't had any in Vanderburgh County. There has been some in the adjoining counties and it's quite rampant in some of the large metropolitan areas. That's the reason the \$75,000 was left in there to accumulate. But last year they adjusted the tax rate and took part of the surplus that had been accumulating from this \$75,000. Eventually when they change the regulation, they're going to require more air exchange than we're going to be able to comply with here and the possibility, if that was done, would be to privatize it and place these people in the hospital in quarantined areas. But that's the reason the extra money is in there for that. We've, over the last four or five years, we've updated some of the facilities, the furnishings in the Health Department. One of the problems with the area that this is a nursing section is, I suppose all of you know that all of the student nurses from both of the universities and Ivy Tech take their public health training, and this really jams that place up and they feel that by redoing some of the things, the file cabinets will be changed to wall files and some of the desks will be changed. It will give us a little more room to move around. I think if you have not went down there and looked at it when all of the students are there, you just can't appreciate how crowded it is and some of the small offices, I think they are about 10 by 12, real small, we've got four people sitting in there back in the nursing section. Of course, they are field people and they're not in there all day. They're just in there to fill out their reports and then they leave, but this is the last section that we have to redo with the furnishings. It's the only one left that has the initial furnishings from when we moved in the Civic Center.

President Lloyd: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Elder, did you take bids on this office furniture? Is that where you come up with that figure?

Sam Elder: I'll tell you. There are companies that design that, and we had several of them do a design with the price on it and that's the way we arrived at what we need. We don't have any contract to do it. We know that the cheapest one, that's what we're asking for. What the price is of the cheapest one that we've received.



Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I just, being the Councilman who is the assigned to this department as the liaison, I can vouch for how crowded it is. Even when the student nurses aren't there, it probably is one of the most crowded offices in this building and I want to take advantage of this moment, this public moment, to say I hope that in the future we consider moving this department to its own building. I think that's what we really need to do, get it nearer the street, make it much, much more user friendly because the traffic in there is incredible and the work that they do is vital to the health of our county. Thank you.

President Lloyd: The CD Nurse, is that a new position?

Sam Elder: The what?

President Lloyd: The CD Nurse.

Sam Elder: Yes.

President Lloyd: Was that added during the budget or...

Sam Elder: Yes, it was added during the budget. We had kind of a trade off on it.

President Lloyd: That's what I thought. Any other questions for this request? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes.

Sam Elder: Thank you.

President Lloyd: Passes six to zero.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

FROM: 2130-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	57,000.00	57,000.00
TO: 2130-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	4,200.00	4,200.00
2130-3440	ADVERTISING	200.00	200.00
2130-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	39,600.00	39,600.00
2130-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	13,000.00	13,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

- P) AIRPORT AUTHORITY
- Q) LOCAL ROADS & STREETS
- R) PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT
- S) CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
- T) CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER
- U) VOTERS REGISTRATION
- V) LEVEE AUTHORITY

President Lloyd: Next would be Airport Authority. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that we approve the Airport Authority, Local Roads & Streets, Pigeon Township Assessor/Reassessment, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation and Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender all as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, Airport Authority, Local Roads & Streets, Pigeon Township Assessor/Reassessment, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation and Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender.

Councilmember Raben: There is one late transfer as well.

President Lloyd: There's two.

Councilmember Raben: Two, correct. Voters Registration and the Levee Authority, I would also like to include those in my motion if my seconder will accept.

Councilmember Wortman: And I'll second that motion.

President Lloyd: Alright, included in that motion, the \$100.00 for Voters Registration, \$37,720.09 Levee Authority. The motion is to approve all as submitted, Mr. Raben; second, Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The rest of the transfers pass six to zero.

<b>AIRPORT AUTHORITY</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2140-3530	CONT. SERVICES	22,000.00	22,000.00
TO: 2140-2240	MEDICAL	3,000.00	3,000.00
2140-2230	GARAGE/MOTOR	5,000.00	5,000.00
2140-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,000.00	2,000.00
2140-4250	MISC. EQUIPMENT	12,000.00	12,000.00

<b>LOCAL ROADS &amp; STREETS</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2160-4310	ROAD EQUIPMENT	50,000.00	50,000.00
TO: 2160-2220	TIRES & TUBES	10,000.00	10,000.00
2160-2230	GARAGE & MOTOR	10,000.00	10,000.00
2160-3830	ROAD EQUIP. REPAIR	30,000.00	30,000.00

<b>PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2492-1150-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1150-3400	PRINT PLAT SHEETS	219.71	219.71
TO: 2492-1150-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,219.71	1,219.71

<b>CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2600-1980	OTHER PAY	188.00	188.00
TO: 2600-1940-2600	EDUCATION, TRAINING, CHARITABLE FUND	188.00	188.00

<b>CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
FROM: 2760-1990	EXTRA HELP	126.00	126.00
TO: 2760-1960-2760	TEAMSTER EDUC., TRAIN- ING, CHARITABLE FUND	126.00	126.00

#### **VOTERS REGISTRATION**

FROM: 1220-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	100.00	100.00
TO: 1220-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	100.00	100.00

#### **LEVEE AUTHORITY**

FROM: 408	1980 BOND FUND CASH BALANCE	37,720.09	37,720.09
TO: 401	OPERATING FUND	37,720.09	37,720.09

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Lloyd: That moves us through the transfer portion of the agenda and that takes us to Amendment to Salary Ordinance and I will turn that over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

- A) SHERIFF
- B) CLERK
- C) AUDITOR
- D) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
- E) CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
- F) CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we have items A, B, C, D, E & F. First I'll move that in the Sheriff's Department, that we amend the Salary Ordinance as previously adopted by this Council; the County Clerk, to amend the Salary Ordinance as previously approved; the Auditor, as previously approved; Community Corrections, as previously approved; Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, amend the Salary Ordinance as previously approved; and Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender, as previously approved, and I make those in the form of a motion.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion to amend Salary Ordinance Mr. Raben, second Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Amendment to Salary Ordinance passes six to zero.

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

President Lloyd: Now we're going to change the tape before we move on to item eight.

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**A) RESOLUTION FOR LENGTH OF DEDUCTIONS**

- 1) **Perfection Hydraulics**
- 2) **Temme Mold & Engineering**
- 3) **Koester 41 Property, Inc.**

President Lloyd: Okay, agenda item number eight, old business. We have a resolution for length of deductions for tax abatements. To speak on behalf of these is Mr. Robling.

Mike Robling: You should have gotten a revised -- an amended copy of that resolution. The one that was given to you last month erroneously had O'Bryan Barrel listed on it which is located in the city. This is basically a housekeeping matter to establish the length of deductions for these tax abatements that have previously been approved based on your 1992 resolution. For new manufacturing equipment to achieve a ten year length of deduction they need to increase employment by at least 50 percent and Perfection Hydraulics has done that. Temme Mold & Engineering did not do that so therefore they fall into the five year category. On real estate, to achieve a ten year length of deduction you have to create at least 50 jobs or have an investment over \$5 million and Koester has created 53 jobs, so they qualify for the ten year length of deduction on their real estate improvements.

President Lloyd: Okay, the question, or we're voting on the length of deduction. Could you just go through them one, two, three, four and summarize the length of deduction, please? Like Perfection Hydraulics, that was ten years?

Mike Robling: Right, that was ten years on manufacturing equipment. Temme Molding is five years on manufacturing equipment. Koester 41 property is ten years on real estate improvements.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I see all these are--

Councilmember Smith: What about O'Bryan?

Mike Robling: O'Bryan was located in the city and shouldn't have been on the resolution last month. You should have an amended version of the thing without O'Bryan on it.

Councilmember Raben: We don't have jurisdiction over O'Bryan Barrel.

Mike Robling: Right.

President Lloyd: Any questions on this to approve these length of deductions? We can take them all at once or one at a time. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval that we just take them all at once, Mr. President.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll second it.

President Lloyd: Okay, the motion is to approve the requested length of deduction on all three as submitted by Mr. Raben, second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Okay, seeing none, Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. The deductions are approved six to zero.

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

**B) PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION - SHOE CARNIVAL 8233 BAUMGART ROAD**

President Lloyd: We'll move on to item B, preliminary resolution Shoe Carnival, Inc. deferred from the November 4th meeting. I'll let Mr. Robling speak again.

Mike Robling: Yes, you had asked this to be deferred. We provided you with the information concerning their 1993 tax abatement and their compliance and so forth on that. They have -- when they originally applied they had 150 employees. They currently have 239 employees representing an increase of 89 since their original application. They did at one point have 289 employees which was a couple of years ago, but I know they've explained that to you during compliance hearings last year, I believe it was. I'm sure there is someone from the company here if you have any questions of them.

Councilmember Raben: Their original abatement was also a ten year abatement, correct? Their first one back in, what '93?

Mike Robling: Uh, I'm not sure. It probably was because they created more than 50 jobs. They are making a substantial new investment.

Councilmember Raben: Mike, the last compliance review on their initial abatement was when? Do you recall that?

Mike Robling: It was in April.

Councilmember Raben: April of this year?

Mike Robling: This year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. It may be helpful for some of the Councilmembers, I know it would be helpful for myself, at that particular time if I recall your recommendation was to approve that abatement or that continuation, but in terms of compliance where were they at on employment again, back in April?

Mike Robling: They were at the 239 level. They started at 150. I think the issue arose because they had more, had greater employment in previous years and their employment had actually gone down from 289 to 239.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. That's all the questions I have. I don't know if anyone else has some.

President Lloyd: Okay, are there any other questions on this Shoe Carnival abatement? Just looking at the application, initially this would add 15 full-time employees, but over a five year period 85 full-time employees.

Councilmember Smith: They have a current employment of 289.

Mike Robling: It's 239, I believe.

President Lloyd: Yeah, according to this, 239.

Councilmember Hoy: I do have a--

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: --request. Mr. Robling, because we are all up here shuffling a lot of papers it would be helpful if that top copy had a date on it. If it's on there I haven't found it and that would make it a little easier for us to line these up sequentially.

Mike Robling: Are you talking about the compliance forms?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Mike Robling: Normally we only give those to you one year at a time.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I know. If you could just add that to the top page that would help me out and I would appreciate it.

Mike Robling: Yeah, I found that myself, discovered that problem as well.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thanks.

President Lloyd: I mean, one thing looking at this that north side, I think the Council needs to be careful approving the abatements out there based on the -- with the Toyota plant going and some of the other projects developing out there, I think we need to be selective on our approval of abatements because we're going to have a tremendous amount of growth out there and the question is -- you know we want to support job growth and preferably, you know, manufacturing type activities that have a lot of spin-off vendors and suppliers and this type of project we do have some employment addition, I guess. Maybe a representative of the Shoe Carnival might want to comment on that, but I am just wondering if this is, you know, a box type warehouse, if this is the type of project that we want to abate because this area is really going to have tremendous growth. I don't know if any Councilmembers want to comment on that. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, then, you know, that's five years ago when it was okayed, so I think you're stopping about middle of the stream. If you were going to stop it, it should have

been five years. As the new ones come in I think we have to look further at that, but it is kind of a shame when the man -- they have 239 or 249 employees and I don't know if any of you have been there in that warehouse but I have, and there is a lot of activity there and there is a lot of people working. We might need to look further in the new ones coming in, but after you give them five years then I think it's kind of a shame to take another five years away from them after you have already started.

President Lloyd: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: My problem, I've expressed this before, is the wage level because that's located way out there and transportation is difficult. It's impossible to live on this kind of wage and have any kind of vehicle. I also don't think that's a depressed area. I think we're -- I mean, originally this was set up for that sort of thing and Highway 41 is not depressed any more unless you get depressed with stoplights.

President Lloyd: I know in 1993 things were a lot different. I think it was not near as developed out there. Of course, no one knew that Toyota was going to be coming in out there either, so since that time we've had a tremendous amount of growth. Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I want to clear up something, too, Mrs. Smith, that we're not looking at short-circuiting that original abatement today. This is a whole brand new project, so the abatement that was approved, I think back in '93, will continue. This will not short-circuit that, it will just -- if we vote no today it will just not grant abatement for the new project.

President Lloyd: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't know whether that helps or not, but they are two different things.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

President Lloyd: That's correct. What the Council did in 1993, I would not be for rescinding that. You know, times were different and this was a good project back then. I'm just saying that we need to take a careful look at this project now which is another warehouse right next door. Any other questions?

Mike Robling: I would point out--

President Lloyd: Mr. Robling.

Mike Robling: --this will likely, because the first year they are only going to be creating 15 jobs, this will likely only be a three year abatement rather than a ten year.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Do we have a motion on the floor?

President Lloyd: Oh, we don't have a motion, we need one.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll make a motion for approval.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?



Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion Councilman Wortman, second Councilwoman Smith. Any other discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: No. Motion fails three to three tie.

**(Motion fails 3-3/Councilmembers Bassemier, Hoy & Lloyd opposed)**

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR VANDERBURGH COUNTY SHERIFF RETIREES**

President Lloyd: The next item on the agenda would be new business, item 9A, proposed ordinance Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Retirees. This is something that was discussed at the Personnel & Finance meeting. Does anyone have any other questions on the Sheriff's Retiree changes in the formula? I might point out I did contact Chief Deputy Woodall and one of the questions that had been brought to me was, as you look at the list of retirees there was -- this amendment was for retirees that retired between December 31, 1984 and July 1, 1997, but due to the way the statute was written it only affects the three that were presented to us even though there are other ones on that list that fall within those dates. Based on the way that law was written these people would not be eligible for any change in their formula, so it only affects the three that we saw on the presentation that was given to us, so he had clarified that. We had Mr. Ahlers research a copy of the statute and he would be in agreement with that.

Councilmember Hoy: I move approval, Mr. President.

President Lloyd: Okay, is there a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Lloyd: Okay, any other questions or discussion? Madam Secretary, roll call vote please on approval for the amendment to the proposed ordinance Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Retirees.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: Yes. Ordinance is approved six to zero. Thank you very much.

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

**B) PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION FOR EAP LLC, 9000 NORTH KENTUCKY AVE.**

President Lloyd: We'll move on to item 9B, preliminary resolution EAP LLC located at 9000 North Kentucky Avenue tax abatement. We have Mr. Robling again.

Mike Robling: EAP LLC is planning to construct a 20,000 square foot building to handle sales, service, rebuilding parts and rental of generator sets, air compressors and diesel engines. It will have an 8,500 square foot office and showroom and parts department, with the warehouse being approximately 18,500. The total budget for this project is \$1.2 million. They plan to hire one new employee and retain 25 employees upon completion and plan on hiring an additional five employees within the next five years. The business that would be housed in this building is Evansville Auto Parts and they are the source of the employment. I believe the county has also requested that they dedicate part of this property for right-of-way for part of the proposed frontage roads that the Commissioners adopted a month or two ago and it is my understanding they have agreed to do that.

President Lloyd: You had indicated that your department recommends approval.

Mike Robling: Uh-huh.

President Lloyd: What is the basis for that decision?

Mike Robling: It's the expansion of an existing industry, new investment, retention of jobs and their cooperation on the right-of-way issue.

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

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: --approval.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion to approve the tax abatement for EAP LLC. Is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second it to get it on the floor.

President Lloyd: Okay, motion to approve the tax abatement request Mr. Raben, second Mr. Bassemier. Now we have discussion. Any questions on this one? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: That's a new one on the strip.

President Lloyd: Right, pretty close to the Shoe Carnival. I guess one question I would have, what's going to happen to the old property?

Mike Robling: They do not own the old property. They acquired the business but not the real estate.

President Lloyd: Because the old property is like on Southeast Riverside, isn't that correct?

Councilmember Smith: Where is it?

President Lloyd: Southeast Riverside. Evansville Auto Parts.

Mike Robling: Right where Riverside turns, like at the big curve or whatever.

President Lloyd: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: You know, this -- other than the fact that this is a local small business and it's not like you're giving in to another corporate giant.

Councilmember Smith: I can't hear you, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: I said, you know, the only thing that would compel you to take a look at something like this is that it is a small business and it is not a corporate giant. You know, sometimes we have to look at these differently than you do some of the others, so that is all I have to say.

President Lloyd: It's one thing and the fact that they don't own the real estate downtown I can see that as a problem, but you just hate to see a business move out of, you know, the downtown area and go out to the -- way out to the airport, although I mean I can understand the business reasons for doing that. We have an attorney moving up to the microphone.

Councilmember Smith: The average salary is \$14.36 an hour.

President Lloyd: Okay, please state your name.

Marco DeLucio: Marco DeLucio. Just to respond real briefly to that, they bought the business five years ago and they have about doubled the employment in five years and they've just outgrown that facility. They would love to stay downtown, but that is why they're moving and want to move to a different location so they can expand their facility and hopefully their employment.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. DeLucio, there is really not room to expand where they are presently located?

Marco DeLucio: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: That's my understanding.

Marco DeLucio: They're landlocked in essence.

Councilmember Hoy: I have -- on benefits, I have some notes here, but I'm not sure about them. On benefits offered, they pay 50 percent of the medical?

Marco DeLucio: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm not clear as to who pays the 401K. Is that the employee, is it shared or?

Marco DeLucio: It's a matching.

Councilmember Hoy: What is the match?

Marco DeLucio: David, do you want to come up? David Dazey is with EAP, Evansville Auto Parts, and he can answer those questions more directly.

David Dazey: What all were the questions?

Councilmember Hoy: The 401K, the company matches how much?

David Dazey: Yes, it's a 25 percent match. An employee puts in four percent, the company puts in one percent. In addition to the 401K we also have a profit sharing plan where we put in additional funds that are not tied to the 401K.

President Lloyd: Please state your name for the record.

David Dazey: David Dazey.

Councilmember Hoy: Your average is \$14.36. Can you tell us your range there is \$7.75 to \$35.75.

David Dazey: The vast majority of the employees are in the \$11 to \$15 an hour range.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, \$11 to \$15, okay, thank you. You do I see -- you've already answered that you have an affirmative action plan.

President Lloyd: Does that location, would that assist your business as far as being close to the highway?

David Dazey: Well, our business is not retail, it's all industrial. Visibility will help just from an awareness standpoint. We do very little walk-in business, so the location will help on visibility but not necessarily walk-in business.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm struggling with this one because there is so much land inside the city limits, you know, that is useful and I know the problems attendant to that because I'm located on some of that. You can have some environmental problems. I'm struggling with this one because I really think where we ought to be putting our money is into assisting with, you know, the abatement of environmental problems on all this vacant land that is in the city, you know, because the sewers are there and so on. I know it's a problem for you because that is not offered to you right now, I don't believe.

David Dazey: Yeah, and to expand upon the discussion about the facility, and basically we don't have a problem with the location we're at other than the fact that we've outgrown it, but also there is an environmental problem with that land. There is adjacent land to that facility, if it wasn't for the environmental problem it would be possible for us to purchase land and the existing facility and expand where we're at, but obviously a bank is not going to loan us any

money to buy an environmental problem.

Councilmember Hoy: That was previously a dump wasn't it?

David Dazey: Yes, the environmental problem has nothing to do with our business.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I mean the adjacent land was.

David Dazey: Yeah, the adjacent land was a city dump 80 years ago or whatever.

Councilmember Hoy: Not that long.

David Dazey: Okay.

Marco DeLucio: If I may, one of the things that the county has asked us to consider doing is they have the Highway 41 North road corridor planned to try to take and funnel some of the traffic off and they have asked EAP to donate some of that right-of-way. This makes it more affordable for us if we can get the tax abatement to work with the county in that regard.

President Lloyd: That was going to be my other question, if there was any way you looked at expanding downtown, but I see -- I know just from the business I'm in if you have a pollution problem you just don't want to touch it. I mean, the legalities are just too iffy. I mean, I hate to hear that, but I can understand that. Once again I'll remind Council, too, this is a booming area out there and, you know, we just have to look hard at some of these abatements. You know, do we want to abate the property out there in this booming north side area because I think we're going to have a lot more of these coming down the way. Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: You know, you're getting closer and closer to the promised land out there!

President Lloyd: Any other questions? Okay, we have -- Mr. Raben, I believe you made the motion to approve and it was seconded, Mr. Wortman. Oh, second Mr. Bassemier. Okay, we'll have the roll call vote on the approval of the tax abatement EAP LLC, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I would like to vote yes, but I am going to stick by my principles and vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Lloyd?

President Lloyd: No. The motion fails three to three.

**(Motion fails 3-3/Councilmembers Bassemier, Hoy & Lloyd opposed)**

**C) CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU DISCUSSION**

President Lloyd: Okay, the next item on the agenda would be item C, Convention & Visitors Bureau discussion. This is regarding the rental of the Pagoda. We had a lengthy discussion last week and the Convention & Visitors Bureau is going to take what Council requested back to their Board and discuss that, so that will be brought up at a later time. I wanted to remind everybody the December Personnel & Finance meeting will be 3:30, December 16th, which is only two weeks from now. We moved it up due to the holidays. Is there anything else, any other business that a Councilmember wants to bring up?

Councilmember Hoy: That always is a difficult meeting for me because that is also my Board meeting date, so I'll see if I can make arrangements for being here.

President Lloyd: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: When did you expect an answer from the Visitors Bureau or did they give you any?

President Lloyd: Mrs. Kight was up here before the meeting and she indicated that their Board has not had time to discuss this yet, so they'll have a Board meeting I'm sure before the 16th so maybe we can check with them and see if they have anything to report. I mean, I am hoping that Council got the message to them and they need to look hard at that, what they were doing there. Any other discussion before we close the meeting? I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Lloyd: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Lloyd: All those in favor please raise your right hand. We are adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.)**

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